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Time: 60 min

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I- Give a *precise* definition of the following expressions.

(a) (4 points) Vector Space

A vector space  $V$  is a nonempty set with 2 operations: addition and scalar multiplication that satisfy the following axioms: for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and scalars  $k, m$ .

(1)  $u + v \in V$

(2)  $u + v = v + u$

(3)  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

(4) there is  $0_V \in V$  such that  $0_V + u = u$  for all  $u \in V$

(7)  $(k+m)u = ku + mu$

(8)  $k(u+v) = ku + kv$

(9)  $k(mu) = (km)u$

(10)  $1u = u$

(5) there is  $-u \in V$  for all  $u \in V$  such that  $u + (-u) = 0_V$

(6)  $ku \in V$

(b) (4 points) Span  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

Span  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is the set of all linear combinations

of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , i.e.,

$$\text{Span} \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = \left\{ k_1 v_1 + k_2 v_2 + \dots + k_n v_n \mid k_1, \dots, k_n \text{ are scalars} \right\}$$

(c) (4 points) Linear Transformation

A linear transformation is a function  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  that can be represented by a matrix, that is  $T(x) = Ax$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

or

It is a function  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v) \quad \text{and} \quad T(cu) = cT(u)$$

for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

(d) (4 points) Column Space of a matrix  $A$

The column Space of a matrix  $A$  is the span of the column vectors of  $A$ .

II- Consider the vector space  $M_{22}$  with standard addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $W$  be the subspace of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y+z \\ 3y & 2z-x \end{bmatrix}$$

such that  $(x, y, z) \in \text{NullSpace}_B$  where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 & -30 \\ -5 & -10 & 25 \\ 2 & 4 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (9 points) Find a basis for  $W$ .

Step 1:  $(x, y, z) \in \text{NullSpace}_B \Rightarrow B \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 6 & 12 & -30 & 0 \\ -5 & -10 & 25 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x+2y-5z=0$

$y=t$

$z=s$

$x=-2t+5s$

3  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y+z \\ 3y & 2z-x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t+5s & t+s \\ 3t & 2t-3s \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

2 Step 2:  $k_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2k_1 + 5k_2 = 0 \\ 3k_1 + k_2 = 0 \\ 3k_1 = 0 \\ 2k_1 - 3k_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow k_1 = k_2 = 0$

Step 3:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

(b) (2 points) Find  $\dim(W)$ .

$$\dim(W) = 2$$

(c) (4 points) Find a set of 4 vectors that spans  $W$ .

① Take any linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . So, we can take

③  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

**III- Part A:**

(10 points) Given the vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$$\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = \{k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n \mid k_1, \dots, k_n \text{ are scalars}\}$$

① Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are in  $V$  then  $k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n \in V$   
so  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$

② If  $u, v \in \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

$$u = k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n \quad u + v = (k_1 + c_1) v_1 + \dots + (k_n + c_n) v_n \\ v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \quad \in \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

③ If  $u \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$u = k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n \quad k u = k k_1 v_1 + \dots + k k_n v_n \in \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

Therefore,  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subspace of  $V$

Part B:

Let  $v_1 = (1, 3, 1, -3)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 7, 3, -6)$ ,  $v_3 = (-4, -15, -7, 12)$ ,  
 $v_4 = (5, 17, 7, -15)$ .

3 points for  
the rule

(a) (12 points) Find a basis for the space spanned by  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  that is a subset of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & -15 & 17 \\ 1 & 3 & -7 & 7 \\ -3 & -6 & 12 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Row operations}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Row operations}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R \quad 6$$

Therefore,  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$

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(b) (10 points) Write each vector that is not in the basis as a linear combination of elements in the basis.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_3 = 2v_1 - 3v_2} \quad 5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_4 = v_1 + 2v_2} \quad 5$$

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7 points for the correct answer using systems and without showing  
the solution.

IV- (18 points) Consider two linear transformations  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  where the standard matrices representing them are  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively. Given that the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ , we know the following:

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(e_2) &= T_1(3e_1) + (2, 1, 1, 5) \\ T_2(2e_2) - 5T_1(e_1) &= (5, 0, 3, 10) \end{aligned}$$

Find all possible one-to-one linear transformations  $T$  such that if  $A$  is the standard matrix representing  $T$  then the first column of  $A - A_1$  and the second column of  $A - A_2$  are all zeros.

(Note: To determine a group of linear transformations it is enough to give the general form of their standard matrix.)

Let  $T_2(e_2) = x$ ,  $T_1(e_1) = y$        $b_1 = (2, 1, 1, 5)$        $b_2 = (5, 0, 3, 10)$

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = b_1 \\ 2x - 5y = b_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & -3 \\ b_2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}} = -5b_1 + 3b_2 \\ = (-10, -5, -5, -25) + (15, 0, 9, 30) \end{math>$$

and  $x = (5, -5, 4, 5)$       (5)

and  $y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b_1 \\ 2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}} = b_2 - 2b_1$

$$= (5, 0, 3, 10) + (-4, -2, -2, -10)$$

$y = (1, -2, 1, 0)$       (5)

The first column of  $A$  is equal to the first column of  $A_1$ , so it is  $T_1(e_1)$  similarly the second column of  $A$  is  $T_2(e_2)$

so  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & a \\ -2 & -5 & b \\ 1 & 4 & c \\ 0 & 5 & d \end{bmatrix}$       (5)

For  $T$  to be one-to-one  $Ax = 0$  should have only the trivial solution.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & a & 0 \\ -2 & -5 & b & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & d & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2a+b & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & c-a & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & d & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a-c & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a+b-d & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a-c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5a+5c+d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a+b-d & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So we need  $-5a+5c+d$  and  $2a+b-d$  not both zero.

V- Answer the following questions

- (a) (8 points) If the row vectors of a matrix  $A$  are linearly independent, and the column vectors are also linearly independent, explain why  $A$  is a square matrix.

Say  $A$  is  $m \times n$   $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$

There are  $n$  column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  that are linearly independent so  $n \leq m$

Also, there are  $m$  row vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that are linearly independent so  $m \leq n$

Hence,  $m = n$

- (b) (10 points)  $W$  is a space spanned by the elements  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of a vector space  $V$ . We know that if we want to check the linear independence of  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  we have to solve a system of 4 equations. Moreover, if we put  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  as rows of a matrix  $A$ , then the row echelon form of  $A$  has exactly 4 non-zero rows. Determine  $W$  precisely. Justify your conclusion.

To check linear independence we need to put  $k_1 v_1 + k_2 v_2 + \dots + k_n v_n = 0$

So if we have 4 equations then

$v_1, \dots, v_n$  have 4 components.

Notice that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are vectors in a Euclidean space since we could put them as rows of a matrix  $A$ . Since REF of  $A$  has exactly 4 nonzero rows, so it has exactly 4 leading 1's.

So  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

Hence,  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,

and its dimension is 4

Therefore,  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = \mathbb{R}^4$ .