

Math 262 Problems
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1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \\ 4 & 15 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

a. Compute A^{-1}

b. Use to A^{-1} solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

2. Let $C[-1,1]$ be the vector space of all real-valued functions that are continuous on the interval $[-1,1]$.

a. Let $W = \{f \in C[-1,1] \mid f(-x) = -f(x), \text{ for all } x \in [-1,1]\}$. Prove W is a subspace of $C[-1,1]$.

b. Let $W = \{f \in C[-1,1] \mid f(-1) = 0 \text{ or } f(1) = 0\}$. Give a counterexample to show that W is not a subspace of $C[-1,1]$.

3. Classify each of the following statements as *always true*, *sometimes true*, or *never true*. No justification required.

a. If $\dim(V) = 3$, and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$ are vectors in V , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is a linearly independent set.

b. If $\dim(V) = 3$, and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ are vectors in V , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is a linearly independent set.

c. If $\dim(V) = 3$, and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$ are vectors in V , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ spans V .

d. If $\dim(V) = 3$, and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in V , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ spans V .

e. If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for V , then $\{3\mathbf{v}_1, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2, -2\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is also a basis for V .

f. If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for V , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for V .

4. Let L be a linear transformation from a vector space V into a vector space W where $\ker(L) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$. If $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ are linearly independent vectors in V , prove that $L(\mathbf{v}_1), L(\mathbf{v}_2), L(\mathbf{v}_3)$ are linearly independent vectors in W . (Indicate in your proof where you use the fact that $\ker(L) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.)

5. Let P_2 be the vector space of polynomials of degree less than **or equal to** 2. If $L: P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ is given by $L(p(x)) = p(0)x + p(1)$,

- Prove that L is a linear transformation.
- Find a basis for the kernel of L .
- Find a basis for the range of L .
- Is L onto? Explain.

6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find the eigenvalues of A .
- Find bases for the eigenspaces of A .
- Express A in the form $A = XDX^{-1}$ where D is a diagonal matrix.
- Use part c.** to compute A^6 .

7. Let $L: P_1 \rightarrow P_3$ be the linear transformation given by $T(p(x)) = (x^2 + 1)p(x)$.

- Find the matrix representation of L relative to the ordered bases B, B' where $B = \{1, 2x + 4\}$ and $B' = \{4, 3x, 2x^2, x^3\}$.
- Let $q(x) = 2x + 10$. Find $[q(x)]_B$, the coordinate vector of $q(x)$ relative to B .
- Use your answer from part a.** to find $[L(q(x))]_{B'}$.
- Use your answer from part c.** to find $L(q(x))$.

8. (12 pts.) Let $B = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ and $B' = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ be ordered bases for R^3 .

- Find the transition matrix P such that $P[\mathbf{v}]_B = [\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$ for every $\mathbf{v} \in R^3$.

b. If $\mathbf{v} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, find $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$