

**Math S-21b – Summer 2024 – Homework #4**

**Problems due Friday, July 12:**

Find a **basis** for each of the spaces in Problems 1 to 3 and determine its **dimension**.

**Problem 1.** The space of all matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  such that  $a + d = 0$ .

**Problem 2.** The space of all polynomials  $f(t)$  in  $P_3$  such that  $f(1) = 0$  and  $\int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt = 0$ .

**Problem 3.** The space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Problem 4. (a)** Is the transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  linear?

If it is, determine whether it is an isomorphism.

**(b)** Find the kernel and nullity of the transformation in 4(a).

**Problem 5. (a)** Is the transformation  $[T(f)](t) = f''(t) + 4f'(t)$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$  linear?

**(b)** Find the image, rank, kernel and nullity of the transformation in (a).

**(c)** Find the matrix of the linear transformation  $T(f) = f'' + 4f'$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$  relative to the basis

$\mathcal{U} = \{1, t, t^2\}$ . Is  $T$  an isomorphism? Why or why not?

**Problem 6.** Find the kernel and nullity of the transformation  $T(f) = f - f'$  from  $C^\infty$  to  $C^\infty$ .

[ $C^\infty$  denotes the linear space consisting of all infinitely differentiable functions of one variable.]

**Problem 7. (a)** Find the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [T]_{\mathcal{U}}$  of the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}$  from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$

with respect to the (standard) basis  $\mathcal{U} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Is  $T$  an isomorphism? If not find bases for the kernel and image of  $T$ , and thus determine the rank of  $T$ .

**(b)** Find the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}$  from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  with

respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

**(c)** Find the change of basis matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  from coordinates relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  in 7(b) to coordinates relative to the standard basis  $\mathcal{U}$  considered in 7(a). [Note:  $[\mathbf{M}]_{\mathcal{U}} = \mathbf{S}[\mathbf{M}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ ]

**(d)** Verify the formula  $\mathbf{SB} = \mathbf{AS}$  (that is,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{AS}$ ) for the matrices  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  you found in 7(a) and 7(b), respectively.

**Problem 8. (a)** Find the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [T]_{\mathcal{U}}$  of the linear transformation  $[T(f)](t) = f(2t - 1)$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$

relative to the basis  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, t, t^2\}$ . Is  $T$  an isomorphism? If not, find bases for the kernel and image of  $T$ , and thus determine the rank of  $T$ .

**(b)** Find the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of the linear transformation  $[T(f)](t) = f(2t - 1)$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, t - 1, (t - 1)^2\}$ .

**(c)** Find the change of basis matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  from coordinates relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  in 8(b) to coordinates relative to the standard basis  $\mathcal{U}$  considered in 8(a). Then find the change of basis matrix from  $\mathcal{U}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**(d)** Verify the formula  $\mathbf{SB} = \mathbf{AS}$  (that is,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{AS}$ ) for the matrices  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  you found in 8(a) and 8(b), respectively.

**For additional practice:**

**Section 4.1:**

Which of the subsets of  $P_2$  given in Exercises 1, 2, and 3 are subspaces of  $P_2$ ? Find a basis for those that are subspaces. [ $P_2$  is the linear space consisting of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2.]

1.  $\{p(t) : p(0) = 2\}$       2.  $\{p(t) : p(0) = 0\}$       3.  $\{p(t) : p'(1) = p(2)\}$  ( $p'$  denotes the derivative.)

Which of the subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^{3 \times 3}$  such given in Exercises 9, 10, and 11 are subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^{3 \times 3}$ ?

9. The  $3 \times 3$  matrices whose entries are all greater than or equal to zero.

10. The  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  such that the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the kernel of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

11. The  $3 \times 3$  matrices in reduced row-echelon form.

25. Find a basis for the space of all polynomials  $f(t)$  in  $P_2$  such that  $f(1) = 0$  and determine its dimension.

29. Find a basis for the space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and determine its dimension.

**Section 4.2:**

2. Is the transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = 7\mathbf{M}$  from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  linear? If so, determine whether it is an isomorphism.

4. Is the transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \det(\mathbf{M})$  from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  linear? If so, determine whether it is an isomorphism.

67. For which constants  $k$  is the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$  an isomorphism from  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

81. In this exercise, we will outline a proof of the Rank-Nullity Theorem: If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ , where  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then  $\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) + \dim(\text{ker}(T)) = \text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T)$ .

a. Explain why  $\text{ker}(T)$  and  $\text{im}(T)$  are finite dimensional. *Hint*: Use Exercises 4.1.54 and 4.1.57.

Now, consider a basis  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  of  $\text{ker}(T)$ , where  $n = \text{nullity}(T)$ , and a basis  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_r\}$  of  $\text{im}(T)$ , where  $r = \text{rank}(T)$ . Consider vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r\}$  in  $V$  such that  $T(\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Our goal is to show that the  $r + n$  vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  form a basis of  $V$ . This will prove our claim.

b. Show that the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent. *Hint*: Consider a relation

$$c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_r \mathbf{u}_r + d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_n \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0},$$
 apply linear transformation  $T$  to both sides, and take it from there.

c. Show that the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  span  $V$ . *Hint*: Consider an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$ , and write

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = d_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_r \mathbf{w}_r.$$
 Now show that the vector  $\mathbf{v} - d_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + d_r \mathbf{u}_r$  is in the kernel of  $T$ , so that

$$\mathbf{v} - d_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + d_r \mathbf{u}_r$$
 can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ .

**Section 4.3:**

1. Are the polynomials  $f(t) = 7 + 3t + t^2$ ,  $g(t) = 9 + 9t + 4t^2$ , and  $h(t) = 3 + 2t + t^2$  linearly independent?

**TRUE or FALSE?**

1. The space  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  is 5-dimensional.
2. If  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is a basis of a linear space  $V$ , then any element of  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$ .
3. The space  $P_1$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .
4. If the kernel of a linear transformation  $T$  from  $P_4$  to  $P_4$  is  $\{0\}$ , then  $T$  must be an isomorphism.
5. If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of a linear space  $V$ , then the intersection  $W_1 \cap W_2$  must be a subspace of  $V$  as well.
6. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $P_6$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , then the kernel of  $T$  must be 3-dimensional.
7. The polynomials of degree less than 7 form a 7-dimensional subspace of the linear space of all polynomials.
8. The function  $T(f) = 3f - 4f'$  from  $C^\infty$  to  $C^\infty$  is a linear transformation.
9. The lower triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrices form a subspace of the space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
10. The kernel of a linear transformation is a subspace of the domain.
11. The linear transformation  $T(f) = f + f''$  from  $C^\infty$  to  $C^\infty$  is an isomorphism.
12. All linear transformations from  $P_3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  are isomorphisms.
13. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $V$ , then the intersection of  $\text{im}(T)$  and  $\text{ker}(T)$  must be  $\{0\}$ .
14. The space of all upper triangular  $4 \times 4$  matrices is isomorphic to the space of all lower triangular  $4 \times 4$  matrices.
15. Every polynomial of degree 3 can be expressed as a linear combination of the polynomial  $(t - 3)$ ,  $(t - 3)^2$ , and  $(t - 3)^3$ .
16. If a linear space  $V$  can be spanned by 10 elements, then the dimension of  $V$  must be  $\leq 10$ .
17. The function  $T(M) = \det(M)$  from  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a linear transformation.
18. There exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that the space of all matrices commuting with  $A$  is 1-dimensional.
19. All bases of  $P_3$  contain at least one polynomial of degree  $\leq 2$ .
20. If  $T$  is an isomorphism, then  $T^{-1}$  must be an isomorphism as well.
21. If the image of a linear transformation  $T$  from  $P$  to  $P$  is all of  $P$ , then  $T$  must be an isomorphism.
22. If  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  is a basis of a linear space  $V$ , then  $f_1, f_1 + f_2, f_1 + f_2 + f_3$  must be a basis of  $V$  as well.
23. If  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are distinct real numbers, then the polynomials  $(x - b)(x - c)$ ,  $(x - a)(x - c)$ , and  $(x - a)(x - b)$  must be linearly independent.
24. The linear transformation  $T(f(t)) = f(4t - 3)$  from  $P$  to  $P$  is an isomorphism.
25. The linear transformation  $T(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} M$  from  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  has rank 1.
26. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  (with respect to some basis) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then there must exist a nonzero element  $f$  in the domain of  $T$  such that  $T(f) = 3f$ .
27. The kernel of the linear transformation  $T(f(t)) = f(t^2)$  from  $P$  to  $P$  is  $\{0\}$ .
28. If  $S$  is any invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix, then the linear transformation  $T(M) = SMS$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .
29. There exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that the space of all matrices commuting with  $A$  is 2-dimensional.
30. There exists a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  that consists of four invertible matrices.
31. If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , and if  $W$  is finite dimensional, then  $V$  must be finite dimensional as well.
32. There exists a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  whose kernel consists of all lower triangular  $3 \times 3$  matrices, while the image consists of all upper triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
33. Every two-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  contains at least one invertible matrix.
34. If  $\mathfrak{A} = (f, g)$  and  $\mathfrak{B} = (f, f + g)$  are two bases of a linear space  $V$ , then the change of basis matrix from  $\mathfrak{A}$  to  $\mathfrak{B}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
35. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  with respect to a basis  $(f, g)$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $(g, f)$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
36. The linear transformation  $T(f) = f'$  from  $P_n$  to  $P_n$  has rank  $n$ , for all positive integers  $n$ .
37. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  (with respect to some basis) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $T$  must be an isomorphism.
38. There exists a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$  that is isomorphic to  $P_9$ .
39. There exist two distinct subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  whose union  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  as well.
40. There exists a linear transformation from  $P$  to  $P_5$  whose image is all of  $P_5$ .
41. If  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are polynomials such that the degree of  $f_k$  is  $k$  (for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ), then  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  must be linearly independent.
42. The transformation  $D(f) = f'$  from  $C^\infty$  to  $C^\infty$  is an isomorphism.
43. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $P_4$  to  $W$  with  $\text{im}(T) = W$ , then the inequality  $\dim(W) \leq 5$  must hold.

44. The kernel of the linear transformation

$$T(f(t)) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

from  $P$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is finite dimensional.

45. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $V$ , then  $\{f \in V : T(f) = f\}$  must be a subspace of  $V$ .
46. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $P_6$  to  $P_6$  that transforms  $t^k$  into a polynomial of degree  $k$  (for  $k = 1, \dots, 6$ ), then  $T$  must be an isomorphism.
47. There exist invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  such that the linear transformation  $T(M) = PM - MQ$  is an isomorphism.
48. There exists a linear transformation from  $P_6$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  whose kernel is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .
49. If  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  is a basis of a linear space  $V$ , and if  $f$  is any element of  $V$ , then the elements  $f_1 + f, f_2 + f, f_3 + f$  must form a basis of  $V$  as well.
50. There exists a two-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  whose nonzero elements are all invertible.
51. The space  $P_{11}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ .
52. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ , and if both  $\text{im}(T)$  and  $\text{ker}(T)$  are finite dimensional, then  $W$  must be finite dimensional.
53. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  with  $\text{ker}(T) = \{0\}$ , then the inequality  $\dim(V) \leq 4$  must hold.

54. The function

$$T(f(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_2^{3t+4} f(x) dx$$

from  $P_5$  to  $P_5$  is an isomorphism.

55. Any 4-dimensional linear space has infinitely many 3-dimensional subspaces.
56. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  (with respect to some basis) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then there must exist a nonzero element  $f$  in the domain of  $T$  such that  $T(f) = 4f$ .
57. If the image of a linear transformation  $T$  is infinite dimensional, then the domain of  $T$  must be infinite dimensional.
58. There exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that the space of all matrices commuting with  $A$  is 3-dimensional.
59. If  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are noninvertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices, then the matrices  $AB, AC$ , and  $AD$  must be linearly dependent.
60. There exist two distinct 3-dimensional subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $P_4$  such that the union  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace of  $P_4$  as well.
61. If the elements  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  (where  $f_1 \neq 0$ ) are linearly dependent, then one element  $f_k$  can be expressed *uniquely* as a linear combination of the preceding elements  $f_1, \dots, f_{k-1}$ .

62. There exists a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $P$  such that the linear transformation  $T(M) = MP - PM$  from  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is an isomorphism.
63. If  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$  are elements of a linear space  $V$ , and if there are exactly two redundant elements in the list  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$ , then there must be exactly two redundant elements in the list  $f_2, f_4, f_5, f_1, f_3$  as well.
64. There exists a linear transformation  $T$  from  $P_6$  to  $P_6$  such that the kernel of  $T$  is isomorphic to the image of  $T$ .
65. If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ , and if both  $\text{im}(T)$  and  $\text{ker}(T)$  are finite dimensional, then  $V$  must be finite dimensional.
66. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  (with respect to some basis) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then there must exist a nonzero element  $f$  in the domain of  $T$  such that  $T(f) = 5f$ .
67. Every three-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  contains at least one invertible matrix.