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1. (10 points) Let  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \right\}$  and  $W = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (3 points) What is the dimension of  $V$ ?

**Solution:**  $V$  is in fact the null space of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We see that there is only one pivot and three free variables. Thus, the dimension of  $V$  is 3.

(b) (3 points) What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

**Solution:** The matrix row reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

which has two pivots and two free variables. Thus, the dimension of  $W$  is 2.

(c) (4 points) What is the dimension of the intersection of  $V$  and  $W$ ?

**Solution:** The intersection of these two null spaces will be the null space of the matrix below with rows coming from both matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can row reduce this matrix to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which shows that there are three pivots and only one free variable. Thus, the dimension of the intersection of  $V$  and  $W$  (the null space of this matrix) is 1.

2. (a) (5 points) Find all values of  $c$  such that the following matrix is diagonalizable

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The matrix is upper triangular so its eigenvalues are the elements of the diagonal. The only repeated eigenvalue is  $-1$  with multiplicity 2. The corresponding eigenspace is

$$E_{-1} = \text{Nul}(A - (-1)I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which has dimension 2 only when  $c = 0$ . Therefore the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable only when  $c = 0$ .

- (b) (5 points) For the values of  $c$  found in part (a), find an invertible matrix  $P$  and diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

**Solution:** We need to find a basis of eigenvectors when  $c = 0$ . We have

$$E_1 = \text{Nul}(A - I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E_{-1} = \text{Nul}(A + I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

We can then write  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (10 points) Label the following statements as True or False. The correct answer is worth 1 point and a brief justification is worth 1 point. Credit for the justification can only be earned in conjunction with a correct answer. No points will be awarded if it is not clear whether you intended to mark the statement as True or False.

- (a) (2 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices with  $\det(A) = \det(B) = 0$ , then  $\{A, B\}$  is linearly dependent in the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices,  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

**Solution:** False.

For example, take  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $c_1A + c_2B = 0$  implies  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ . In fact,  $A$  and  $B$  are part of the standard basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

- (b) (2 points) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

**Solution:** False.

The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has 0 as an eigenvalue but is diagonalizable (it is already diagonal).

- (c) (2 points) Suppose  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $u$  is orthogonal to  $v$  and  $v$  is orthogonal to  $w$ , then  $u$  is orthogonal to  $w$ .

**Solution:** False.

Consider  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $u \cdot v = v \cdot w = 0$ , but  $u \cdot w = 1 \neq 0$ .

- (d) (2 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable  $2 \times 2$  matrices, then  $A + B$  is diagonalizable.

**Solution:** False.

For example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are both diagonalizable since they have two distinct eigenvalues. However  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not since the only eigenvalue is 1 and its eigenspace  $E_1$  is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,  $\dim(E_1) = 1$  so there is no basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A + B$ .

- (e) (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$  and  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  are the change of coordinates matrices from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  and from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ , respectively, then  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

**Solution:** True.

$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}} P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1} P_{\mathcal{C}} P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} = P_{\mathcal{B}} P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} = I_n$  where  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $P_{\mathcal{C}}$  are the matrices of the coordinate transformations.

4. (a) (2 points) State the rank theorem for an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ . (*Hint*: This theorem might be useful in both parts (b) and (c).)

**Solution:** The rank theorem states that

$$n = \text{Rank}(A) + \dim \text{Nul}(A).$$

- (b) (4 points) Suppose that  $B$  is a  $3 \times 3$  diagonalizable matrix whose characteristic polynomial is  $\lambda^2(1 - \lambda)$ . Find the rank of  $B$ .

**Solution:** Since  $B$  is diagonalizable, the dimension of the eigenspace  $E_0$  is 2 (the multiplicity of 0 as an eigenvalue). But,  $E_0$  is simply the null space of  $A$ . Thus, the rank theorem gives

$$\text{Rank}(B) = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

- (c) (4 points) Suppose that  $C$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix such that  $C^2 = 0$ . Show that  $\text{Rank}(C) \leq 2$ . (*Hint*: Show that  $\text{Col}(C) \subset \text{Nul}(C)$  and look at the hint in part (a).)

**Solution:** Suppose that  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  is a basis of the column space of  $C$  so that  $\text{Rank}(C) = k$ . Then, each  $w_i$  is equal to  $Cv_i$  for some  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Since  $C^2 = 0$ ,

$$Cw_i = C^2v_i = 0$$

for all  $i$ . Thus,  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\} \subset \text{Nul}(C)$  so  $\dim \text{Nul}(C) \geq k$ . The rank theorem then gives

$$4 = k + \dim \text{Nul}(C) \geq 2k$$

so  $k \leq 2$  as desired.

5. (10 points) Consider the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  below.

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- (a) (5 points) Apply the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to produce an orthogonal basis of  $W$ .

**Solution:**  $W$  is given to us as  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  so we apply the algorithm to  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  to get an orthogonal basis  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ .

$$u_1 = v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{v_2 \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \frac{v_3 \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 - \frac{v_3 \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the resulting orthogonal basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

- (b) (5 points) Find the distance between  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $W$ .

**Solution:** The distance is given by  $\|v - \text{Proj}_W(v)\|$  where  $\text{Proj}_W$  is orthogonal projection onto  $W$ . We have

$$\text{Proj}_W(v) = \frac{v \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 + \frac{v \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 + \frac{v \cdot u_3}{u_3 \cdot u_3} u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \|v - \text{Proj}_W(v)\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^2} = 2.$$

6. (a) (5 points) Show that

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1 + 5t^2, 2 + t + 6t^2, 3 + 4t\}$$

is a basis for the vector space  $\mathbb{P}_2$  of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2.

**Solution:** We wish to show that these polynomials are linearly independent and span  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . It is enough to check that the coordinates of these polynomials in the standard basis  $\mathcal{S} = \{1, t, t^2\}$  are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The coordinates are

$$[1 + 5t^2]_{\mathcal{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad [2 + t + 6t^2]_{\mathcal{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad [3 + 4t]_{\mathcal{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so we only need to show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible. The matrix is invertible since

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -15 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -4 & -15 \end{vmatrix} = -15 + 16 = 1 \neq 0.$$



- (b) (5 points) Compute the change of coordinates matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 + 5t^2, 2 + t + 6t^2, 3 + 4t\}$  is as in part (a) and  $\mathcal{C}$  is the following basis of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

$$\mathcal{C} = \{1 + t, t + t^2, 1\}$$

**Solution:** Recall that the columns of  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  are  $[b_1]_{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $[b_2]_{\mathcal{C}}$ , and  $[b_3]_{\mathcal{C}}$  where  $b_1, b_2$ , and  $b_3$  are the vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$ . We find all these coordinates simultaneously (using  $\mathcal{S}$ ) as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 7 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 7 & -1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. (a) (5 points) If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with real entries such that 2 and  $3 - i$  are eigenvalues of  $A$ , compute  $\det(A)$ . (Note: It is **NOT** enough to get full credit if you only compute the determinant on a specific example that has these eigenvalues.)

**Solution:** Since  $A$  has real entries, its non-real eigenvalues come in complex conjugate pairs. Thus, the third eigenvalue of  $A$  must be  $3 + i$ . Further, the determinant of  $A$  is the product of all the eigenvalues of  $A$ . This gives

$$\det(A) = 2(3 + i)(3 - i) = 20.$$

- (b) (5 points) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices and  $B$  is invertible. Show that there is a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $A + \lambda B$  is not invertible.

**Solution:** Since  $A + \lambda B$  is square, the invertible matrix theorem tells us that  $A + \lambda B$  is invertible if and only if its null space is trivial. Thus, we want to show that there is a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $v \neq 0$  such that

$$(A + \lambda B)v = 0.$$

Multiplying by  $B^{-1}$  on the left gives

$$(B^{-1}A + \lambda I)v = 0.$$

Thus, our problem is reduced to the fact that  $B^{-1}A$  has an eigenvalue in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We know (via the fundamental theorem of algebra) that every matrix has at least one eigenvalue in  $\mathbb{C}$  so we are done.

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