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Midterm 1

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1. Define $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ as $T(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A$.
 - a. (5 pts.) Prove T is linear and compute $[T]_{\beta}$, where β is the standard basis of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$.
 - b. (5 pts.) Give bases for $N(T)$ and $R(T)$.
 - c. (5 pts.) Let $\beta' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. Compute $[T]_{\beta'}$.
 - d. (5 pts.) Find an invertible matrix Q such that $[T]_{\beta'} = Q^{-1}[T]_{\beta}Q$. You do NOT need to compute Q^{-1} .

SOLUTION:

- a. Linearity: Let $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $T(cA+B) = C(cA+B) = cCA+CB = cT(A)+T(B)$. Next, a simple computation shows

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- b. $[T]_{\beta}$ row reduces to

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus the null space and range of $[T]_{\beta}$ have bases $\{(1, 0, -1, 0), (0, 1, 0, -1)\}$ and $\{(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0, 1)\}$, respectively. Taking the inverse coordinate maps, we see that $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ are respective bases of the null space and range of T .

- c. Let $\beta' = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$. A simple computation shows that $T(A_i) = 0$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$ and $T(A_i) = 2A_i$ for $i \in \{3, 4\}$. Thus

$$[T]_{\beta'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- d. In general we have $[T]_{\beta'} = Q^{-1}[T]_{\beta}Q$ where $Q = [I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$. In this case

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= [I_{M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})}]_{\beta'}^{\beta} \\ &= ([A_1]_{\beta} \ [A_2]_{\beta} \ [A_3]_{\beta} \ [A_4]_{\beta}) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let $S = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_5\} \subseteq P_3(\mathbb{R})$, where $p_1 = 1 + 0x - x^2 + x^3$, $p_2 = 1 + x + 0x^2 + 3x^3$, $p_3 = 1 + 2x + x^2 + 5x^3$, $p_4 = 2 + 3x + x^2 + 8x^3$, $p_5 = 1 + x + 3x^2 + 3x^3$.
- a. (15 pts.) Let $W = \text{span}(S)$. Select a basis for W FROM AMONG THE ELEMENTS OF S .

SOLUTION: First set $v_i = [p_i]_\beta$, where β is the standard basis, and then put the v_i as columns into a matrix to get

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can row reduce B to

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since a basis for the column space of U consists of the 1st, 2nd and 5th columns of U , the vectors v_1, v_2, v_5 form a basis for $\text{span}\{v_i\}$. Translating this back in terms of matrices, we conclude that $\{p_1, p_2, p_5\}$ is a basis for W .

- b. (5 pts.) Is $W = P_3(\mathbb{R})$? Explain.

SOLUTION: No. $\dim W = 3$ and $\dim P_3(\mathbb{R}) = 4$.

3. Let $T: V \rightarrow W$, $U: W \rightarrow Z$ be linear. Assume V, W and Z are finite-dimensional.
- a. (10 pts.) Prove: T onto $\Rightarrow r(UT) = r(U)$.
- b. (10 pts.) Prove: U one-to-one $\Rightarrow r(UT) = r(T)$. [HINT: the Dimension Theorem will help here.]

SOLUTION:

- a. Suppose T is onto. I claim that $\text{R}(UT) = \text{R}(U)$, from which it follows immediately that $r(UT) = r(U)$. Take $z \in \text{R}(UT)$. Then there is a $v \in V$ such that $UT(v) = U(T(v)) = z$. But then $z = U(w)$, where $w = T(v)$. Thus $z \in \text{R}(U)$. Going the other way, suppose $z \in \text{R}(U)$. Then there is a $w \in W$ such that $U(w) = z$. Since T is onto, there is a $v \in V$ such that $T(v) = w$. But then $UT(v) = U(T(v)) = U(w) = z$. Thus $z \in \text{R}(UT)$.
- b. Suppose U is one-to-one. I claim that $\text{N}(UT) = \text{N}(T)$, in which case $n(UT) = n(T)$ and by the dimension theorem

$$\begin{aligned} r(UT) &= \dim V - n(UT) \\ &= \dim V - n(T) \\ &= r(T) \end{aligned}$$

So to prove the claim, first take $v \in \text{N}(T)$. Then $UT(v) = U(T(v)) = U(0_W) = 0_Z$. Thus $v \in \text{N}(UT)$. Similarly take $v \in \text{N}(UT)$. Then since $UT(v) = U(T(v)) = 0_Z$, we see that $T(v) \in \text{N}(U)$. But then $T(v) = 0_W$ since U is one-to-one. Thus $v \in \text{N}(T)$.