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Problem 1: (20 points) TRUE or FALSE? If the statement is true then give a proof. If the statement is false then give a counterexample.

(a) (5 points) Let A and B be 2×2 matrices then $AB = BA$.

Solution: FALSE. Let us consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly $AB \neq BA$.

(b) (5 points) $V = \{c(1, 3) : c > 0\}$ is a vector space.

Solution: FALSE. It is not a vector space because the additive identity $(0, 0, 0) \notin V$ (Also notice that V does not have additive inverses).

(c)(5 points) If $\{v_1, v_2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is an orthonormal set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 then v_1, v_2 are independent.

Solution: TRUE. Let $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 = 0$. Taking inner product with v_1 on both sides we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_1\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle + c_2\langle v_2, v_1 \rangle &= \langle 0, v_1 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow c_1 &= 0 \quad (\text{since } \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = 1, \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle = 0). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, taking inner product with v_2 we have $c_2 = 0$. Therefore $\{v_1, v_2\}$ are independent.

(d)(5 points) A linear map $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ can not be injective.

Solution: TRUE. Using the dimension formula

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{null}(T)) + \dim(\text{range}(T)) &= \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) \\ \Rightarrow \dim(\text{null}(T)) &= 3 - \dim(\text{range}(T)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{range}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, $\dim(\text{range}(T)) \leq 2$. Therefore $\dim(\text{null}(T)) \geq 1$ i.e., $\text{null}(T) \neq \{0\}$. So T is not injective.

Problem 2: (20 points) Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (2 points) The matrix A can be considered as a linear map $A : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$. What are the values of p and q ?
- (b) (3 points) Define the null space of the linear transformation A .
- (c) (8 points) Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (d) (3 points) What is a basis of $\text{null}(A)$?
- (e) (2 points) Then what is the dimension of the null space of A ?
- (f) (2 points) Therefore the dimension of $\text{Range}(A)$ is -----.

Solution:

- (a) Since A is a 3×3 matrix, we have $p = 3, q = 3$.¹
- (b) $\text{null}(A) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^3 : Av = 0\}$.
- (c) From the matrix itself we can say that x_1, x_3 are pivot variables and x_2 is a free variable. Let us assign $x_2 = 1$. Then the system of equations become

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution of the above system is $x_3 = 0, x_1 = -2$. We have already assigned $x_2 = 1$. Therefore $(-2, 1, 0)$ is a solution to the above system of equations. Note that there was only one free variable so we have only one independent solution, namely $(-2, 1, 0)$. All other solutions are given by $\{c(-2, 1, 0) : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

- (d) From the above we can say that the basis of $\text{null}(A)$ is $\{(-2, 1, 0)\}$.
- (e) Since there is only one vector in the basis of $\text{null}(A)$, $\dim(\text{null}(A)) = 1$.
- (f) From the dimension formula

$$\dim(\text{range}(A)) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) - \dim(\text{null}(A)) = 3 - 1 = 2.$$

¹If A is an $m \times n$ matrix then $p = n, q = m$

Problem 3: (20 points) Let U and W be subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space V over \mathbb{R} .

- (a) (3 points) Take $u, w \in U \cap W$. Show that $au + bw \in U \cap W$ for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (b) (2 points) Conclude that $U \cap W$ is a subspace of U as well as $U \cap W$ is also a subspace of W .
- (*) Assume that $\dim(U \cap W) = k$, $\dim(U) = k + m$, and $\dim(W) = k + n$.
- (c) (2 points) Take a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ of $U \cap W$. Extend \mathcal{B} to a basis \mathcal{B}_U of U . Also extend \mathcal{B} as a basis \mathcal{B}_W of W .
- (d) (3 points) Write down $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$. How many vectors are there in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$?
- (e) (2 points) Argue that $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W) \subset U + W$.
- (f) (3 points) Prove that $U + W \subset \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W)$.
- (g) (1 points) Conclude that $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W) = U + W$.
- (h) (4 points) Conclude that $\dim(U + W) \leq \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W)$.

Solution:

- (a) Let $u, w \in U \cap W$. Since $u, w \in U$ and it is given to us that U is a subspace, we have $au + bw \in U$ for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Also $u, w \in W$ and W is a subspace, therefore $au + bw \in W$ for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Consequently $au + bw \in U \cap W$.
- (b) It is obvious that $U \cap W \subset U$ also $U \cap W \subset W$. From the part (a), we can conclude that $U \cap W$ is a subspace of U as well as $U \cap W$ is a subspace of W .
- (c) Since $U \cap W$ is a subspace of U and $U \cap W$ is also a subspace of W we can extend the basis $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ of $U \cap W$ to a basis $\mathcal{B}_U = \{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ of U . Also we can extend \mathcal{B} to a basis $\mathcal{B}_W = \{u_1, \dots, u_k, w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ of W .
- (d)

$$\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W = \{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\}.$$

The number of vectors in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ is $m + n + k$.

- (e) Since $u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m \in U$ and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$, we have $u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n \in U + W$. Therefore $\text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \subset U + W$.
- (f) Take a vector $v \in U + W$, we want to show that $v \in \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W)$. Since $v \in U + W$, by the definition of $U + W$ we can write $v = u + w$, where $u \in U$ and $w \in W$. Since $u \in U$ and \mathcal{B}_U is a basis of U , there exist scalars $a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$u = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_ku_k + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m.$$

Similarly we know that $w \in W$ and \mathcal{B}_W is a basis of W . Therefore there exist scalars $c_1, \dots, c_k, d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$w = c_1u_1 + \dots + c_ku_k + d_1w_1 + \dots + d_nw_n.$$

So finally we have

$$\begin{aligned} v &= u + w \\ &= [a_1u_1 + \dots + a_ku_k + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m] \\ &\quad + [c_1u_1 + \dots + c_ku_k + d_1w_1 + \dots + d_nw_n] \\ &= (a_1 + c_1)u_1 + \dots + (a_k + c_k)u_k + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m + d_1w_1 + \dots + d_nw_n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $v \in \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W)$. Consequently $U + W \subset \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W)$.

(g) From *part (e)* and *part (f)* we can conclude that $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W) = U + W$.

(h) Since $U+W = \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W)$ and $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ has $k+m+n$ many vectors, we have $\dim(U+W) \leq k+m+n$.² On the other hand from the assumption (\star) we see that

$$\dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W) = (k+m) + (k+n) - k = k+m+n.$$

Therefore

$$\dim(U+W) \leq \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W).$$

²If the vectors in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ are independent then we would have $\dim(U+W) = k+m+n$. But we do not know whether the vectors in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ are independent or not. If the vectors in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ are dependent then we can throw out the dependent vectors from $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ and still the remaining vectors will span $U+W$. The dimension of $U+W$ is equal to the number of *independent* vectors in $\mathcal{B}_U \cup \mathcal{B}_W$ which is less or equal to $k+m+n$. So in any case $\dim(U+W) \leq k+m+n$.

Problem 4: (20 points) Consider the vectors $f_1 = (1, 0, 0)$, $f_2 = (1, 2, 0)$, $f_3 = (1, 1, 3)$.

- (a) (2 points) Construct a 3×3 matrix M such that columns of A are given by the above vectors.
 (b) (6 points) Is M a normal matrix?
 (c) (2 points) Compute the determinant of M .
 (d) (2 points) Is $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .
 (e) (8 points) Using Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization on $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$, find an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution:

- (a) The matrix A is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Since all the entries of A are real numbers,

$$A^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can see that

$$\begin{aligned} AA^* &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ A^*A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 11 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $AA^* \neq A^*A$, the matrix A is not normal.

- (c)

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6.$$

- (d) Since $\det(A) \neq 0$, the columns of A i.e., f_1, f_2, f_3 are independent. So $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ is a set of three independent vectors in a three dimensional vector space \mathbb{R}^3 . Therefore $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

- (e)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_1 &= (1, 0, 0). \\ \tilde{f}_2 &= f_2 - \frac{\langle f_2, \tilde{f}_1 \rangle}{\langle \tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_1 \rangle} \tilde{f}_1 \\ &= (1, 2, 0) - \frac{1}{1}(1, 0, 0) \\ &= (0, 2, 0). \\ \tilde{f}_3 &= f_3 - \frac{\langle f_3, \tilde{f}_2 \rangle}{\langle \tilde{f}_2, \tilde{f}_2 \rangle} \tilde{f}_2 - \frac{\langle f_3, \tilde{f}_1 \rangle}{\langle \tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_1 \rangle} \tilde{f}_1 \\ &= (1, 1, 3) - \frac{2}{4}(0, 2, 0) - \frac{1}{1}(1, 0, 0) \\ &= (0, 0, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Now the vectors $\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2, \tilde{f}_3$ are orthogonal to each other but they are not normalized. To normalize them we divide each vector by its norm. And finally the orthonormal basis we obtained by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization is $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$.