## Mich. 2024 LINEAR ALGEBRA – PRELIMINARY SHEET G. Taylor

- 1. For each case below, let U be the subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of all vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  satisfying the given condition. In which cases is U a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
  - (a)  $x_1 \ge 0$ (b) either  $x_1 = 0$  or  $x_2 = 0$ (c)  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$
- 2. Let  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the set of all real sequences, which you may assume is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine which of the following sets of sequences of real numbers  $(x_n)$  form subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . (You may assume any results from Part IA Analysis I.)
  - (a)  $x_n$  is bounded (b)  $x_n$  is convergent (c)  $x_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ (d)  $x_n \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ (e)  $x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} + x_n$  for all n(f) there exists N such that  $x_n = 0$  for n > N(g)  $\sum |x_n|$  is convergent (h)  $\sum x_n^2$  is convergent.
- 3. Let  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  be the set of all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , with addition and scalar multiplication defined pointwise, which you may assume is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine which of the following sets of functions f form subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ .
  - (a) f is a polynomial (b) f is a polynomial of even degree (c) f is constant on  $\mathbb{Z}$ (d) f is a solution of  $(f'(t))^2 - f(t) = 0$ (e) f is a solution of  $(f''(t))^4 + (f(t))^2 = 0$ (f) f is periodic.
- 4. For each of the vector spaces found in questions 1–3, determine whether it is finite-dimensional or not. When it is finite-dimensional, state the dimension and find a basis. When it is not finite-dimensional, demonstrate why is it not.
- 5. Which of the following are bases for the given spaces?

(a) For 
$$\mathbb{R}^3 : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$
  
(b) For  $\mathbb{R}^4 : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
(c) For  $\mathbb{R}^3 : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\0\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
(d) For  $\mathbb{R}^4 : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\0\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ 

6. For each following matrix A, find bases for the kernel and image of the linear map  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} , \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} .$$

- 7. (a) Let P denote the vector space of all polynomial functions  $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $P_n$  denote the subspace of P consisting of polynomials of degree at most n. Which of the following define linear maps  $P_n \to P$ ?
  - (i)  $S(p)(t) = p(t^2 + 1)$ (ii)  $T(p)(t) = p(t)^2 + 1$ (iii)  $U(p)(t) = p(t^2) - tp(t)$ (iv)  $E(p)(t) = p(e^t)$ (v) D(p)(t) = p'(t)(vi)  $I(p)(t) = \int_0^t p(s) ds$ .

For those that are linear maps, find their rank and nullity.

- (b) Let Q(p) and R(p), respectively, be the quotient and remainder when p is divided by  $t^2 + 1$ . Show that Q and R are linear maps  $P_n \to P$ . Find their rank and nullity.
- 8. The linear map  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} -5x + 9y \\ -4x + 7y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the matrix of  $\alpha$  relative to the basis  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3\\2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Write down the matrix of  $\alpha$  relative to the basis  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

9. Let  $V_1, V_2$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with bases

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$$V_{1} : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\2\\3\\4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\\2\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2\\3\\-2\\3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } V_{2} : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\-4\\-3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\3\\2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4\\4\\1\\2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$
  
sis for the subspace  $V_{1} \cap V_{2}$  of the form  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a\\b\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c\\d\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , for suitable  $a, b, c, d$ 

(You should find that a, b, c, d are all small integers.)

- 10. Let A, B be  $n \times n$  real matrices. If AB = 0, must BA = 0? If  $(AB)^n = 0$ , must  $(BA)^n = 0$ ?
- 11. (Optional.) A magic square is a square matrix whose rows, columns and two main diagonals all sum to the same total. Convince yourself that the set of  $3 \times 3$  magic squares with real entries form a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . What is its dimension? Find a nice basis.