

# Problem Sheet One

1. Which of the following are linear equations in  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ ?

(a)  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 7x_3 = 6$       (b)  $x_1x_3 + x_2 = 3$   
 (c)  $x_1 + 3x_3 = -2x_2 + \frac{1}{5}$       (d)  $x_1 = 3\sqrt{x_3} + x_2^2$   
 (e)  $x_1 = x_2$       (f)  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 = 3^2$

2. For each of the following systems, classify them as non-linear or linear.

Further classify those systems which are linear as non-homogenous or homogenous, and form the augmented matrix of the system.

(a) 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & - & 2x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 & + & 4x_2 = -1 \\ 2x_1 & - & x_2 = 3 \end{array}$$
      (b) 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & - & 3x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 5x_1 & - & 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \\ -7x_1 & + & x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$
  
 (c) 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x_1 & - & 3x_2^2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -5x_1 & - & 5x_2^2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 3x_1 & + & x_2^2 + x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$
      (d) 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & & + x_3 = 1 \\ -x_1 & + & 2x_2 - x_3 = 3 \end{array}$$

3. Using elementary row operations, convert the following matrices to reduced row-echelon form.

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Solve the following homogenous system by finding the reduced row-echelon form of the coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 5x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

5. Solve the following homogenous system by finding the reduced row-echelon form of the coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -3x_1 & + & x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 & - & 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 & + & x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 & + & x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

6. Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove the following statements.

- (a) If  $A^2 = 0$ ,  $A$  is singular.  
 (b) If  $A^2 = A$  and  $A \neq I_n$ ,  $A$  is singular.

7. Calculate  $A^9$ ,  $A^T$  and  $A^{-1}$  when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem Sheet Two

1. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  belong to a real vector space  $V$ . Let

$$U_1 = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m)$$

$$U_2 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$$

Prove that

$$U_1 + U_2 = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$$

2. If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  belong to the real vector space  $V$ , prove that

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u}) = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

3.  $U$  and  $V$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$U = \{(x, y, z) \mid x + y + z = 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad V = \{(x, y, z) \mid x - y - z = 0\}$$

Find spanning families for  $U$  and  $V$  and prove that  $U + V = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

4. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

(a)  $\{(x, y) \mid x = 3y\}$

(b)  $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 = y^2\}$

(c)  $\{(x, y) \mid x + y = 1\}$

(d)  $\{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0\}$

5. Which of the following sets of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are linearly independent?

(a)  $(2, -1, 2), (3, 0, 1), (2, 2, 2)$

(b)  $(3, 1, 1), (2, -1, 5), (1, 7, -17)$

(c)  $(6, 0, -1), (1, 1, 4)$

(d)  $(1, 3, 3), (0, 1, 4), (5, 6, 3), (7, 2, -1)$

6. Which of the following sets of vectors in  $P_2$  are linearly independent?

(a)  $2 - x + 4x^2, 3 + 6x + 2x^2, 2 + 10x - 4x^2$

(b)  $3 + x + x^2, 2 - x + 5x^2, 4 - 3x^2$

(c)  $6 - x^2, 1 + x + 4x^2$

(d)  $1 + 3x + 3x^2, x + 4x^2, 5 + 6x + 3x^2, 7 + 2x - x^2$

7. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be distinct real numbers. Prove that the vectors  $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2), (1, \beta, \beta^2)$  and  $(1, \gamma, \gamma^2)$  are linearly independent.

8. Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be a linearly independent family of vectors in  $V$  and let vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m \in V$  be defined by

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_j, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

Prove that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent if and only if the rows of the matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  are linearly independent.

## Problem Sheet Three

1. Explain why the following sets of vectors are *not* bases for the indicated vector spaces. (Solve this problem by inspection).

(a)  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2), \mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 3), \mathbf{u}_3 = (2, 7)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

(b)  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 1), \mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 3, 2)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(c)  $\mathbf{p}_1 = 1 + x + x^2, \mathbf{p}_2 = x - 1$  for  $P_2$

2. Which of the following sets of vectors are bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(a)  $(1, 0, 0), (2, 2, 0), (3, 3, 3)$

(b)  $(3, 1, -4), (2, 5, 6), (1, 4, 8)$

(c)  $(2, -3, 1), (4, 1, 1), (0, -7, -1)$

(d)  $(1, 6, 4), (2, 4, -1), (-1, 2, 5)$

3. Which of the following sets of vectors are bases for  $P_2$ ?

(a)  $1 - 3x + 2x^2, 1 + x + 4x^2, 1 - 7x$

(b)  $4 + 6x + x^2, -1 + 4x + 2x^2, 5 + 2x - x^2$

(c)  $1 + x + x^2, x + x^2, x^2$

(d)  $-4 + x + 3x^2, 6 + 5x + 2x^2, 8 + 4x + x^2$

4. Show that the following set of vectors is a basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -12 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Questions 5 and 6 determine the dimension of and a basis for the solution space of the homogeneous system.

5. 
$$\begin{array}{rrrr} 3x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 2x_3 & = & 0 \\ 4x_1 & & & + & 5x_3 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

6. 
$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 3x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & = & 0 \\ 5x_1 & - & x_2 & + & x_3 & - & x_4 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

7. Determine bases for the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) The plane  $3x - 2y + 5z = 0$

(b) The plane  $x - y = 0$

(c) The line described by the parametric equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & = & t \\ y & = & -t \\ z & = & 4t \end{array} \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

8. Determine the dimension of the subspace of  $P_3$  consisting of all polynomials  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  for which  $a_0 = 0$ .

9. Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is also a basis, where  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$ .

10. Find the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{v} = (7, 4)^T$  relative to the basis  $(3, 2)^T, (1, 1)^T$  of  $\mathfrak{R}^2$ .
11.  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T, \mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 3, 2)^T, \mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 5, 4)^T$  form a basis  $\beta$  for  $\mathfrak{R}^3$ . Vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 0)^T, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 2, 0)^T, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 2, 1)^T$  form a basis  $\gamma$  for  $\mathfrak{R}^3$ . Find the change of basis matrix  $[P]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ . Use this matrix to find  $[3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3]_{\gamma}$ .
12. Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace of  $\mathfrak{R}^4$  spanned by

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)^T, \mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1)^T, \mathbf{u}_3 = (0, 0, 1, 1)^T$$

Extend this to an orthonormal basis for  $\mathfrak{R}^4$ .

## Problem Sheet Four

1. Find bases for the row space, the column space and the null space of the following matrices. Verify for each matrix that  $\dim(R(A)) = \dim(C(A))$  and that  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 & 10 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Find a basis for the subspace of  $\mathfrak{R}^4$  spanned by the given vectors  
 (a)  $(1, 1, -4, -3), (2, 0, 2, -2), (2, -1, 3, 2)$   
 (b)  $(-1, 1, -2, 0), (3, 3, 6, 0), (9, 0, 0, 3)$   
 (c)  $(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1), (-2, 0, 2, 2), (0, -3, 0, 3)$

3. Find a basis for the subspace of  $P_2$  spanned by the given vectors.  
 (a)  $-1 + x - 2x^2, 3 + 3x + 6x^2, 9$   
 (b)  $1 + x, x^2, -2 + 2x^2, -3x$   
 (c)  $1 + x - 3x^2, 2 + 2x - 6x^2, 3 + 3x - 9x^2$

4. Find a basis for the subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathfrak{R})$  spanned by the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5.  $U$  and  $V$  are subspaces of  $\mathfrak{R}^5$  where,  $U = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3)$ ,  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$ , where  $u_1, u_2, u_3, v_1, v_2, v_3$  are the respective columns of the matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 & 6 & 8 & 3 \\ -3 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -5 & -2 & -6 & -5 \\ -4 & -2 & -2 & 3 & -5 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assuming that  $A$  has reduced row-echelon form

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

find bases for each of the subspaces  $U, V, U + V$ .

## Problem Sheet Five

1.  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation which maps  $(1, 2)^T$  to  $(-2, 3)^T$  and  $(1, -1)^T$  to  $(5, 2)^T$ . Find  $T(\mathbf{v})$  when  $\mathbf{v} = (7, 5)^T$ .
2. Let  $U$  be a vector space with basis  $\beta = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ .  $T : U \rightarrow U$  is the linear transformation defined by

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{u}_1) &= \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 \\ T(\mathbf{u}_2) &= \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 \\ T(\mathbf{u}_3) &= 2\mathbf{u}_1 + 2\mathbf{u}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Find bases for  $\text{Ker}(T)$ ,  $\text{Im}(T)$ . Also find  $\text{rank}(T)$  and  $\text{nullity}(T)$ .

3. Let  $U$  be a vector space with basis  $\beta = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ .  $T : U \rightarrow U$  is the linear transformation defined by

$$T(\mathbf{u}_1) = \mathbf{u}_3 \quad T(\mathbf{u}_2) = -\mathbf{u}_3 \quad T(\mathbf{u}_3) = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2$$

Find bases for  $\text{Ker}(T)$ ,  $\text{Im}(T)$ . Also find  $\text{rank}(T)$  and  $\text{nullity}(T)$ .

4. Suppose  $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\beta : E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}$  is the standard basis for  $V$ . Mappings  $S, T : V \rightarrow V$  are defined by

$$T(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T), \quad S(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$$

- (a) Prove that  $S$  and  $T$  are linear.
  - (b) Find  $[S]_\beta^\beta$  and  $[T]_\beta^\beta$ .
  - (c) Find bases for  $\text{Ker}(S)$  and  $\text{Im}(S)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(T)$  and  $\text{Im}(T)$ .
  - (d) Prove that  $S^2 = S$ ,  $T^2 = T$ ,  $ST = 0$  and  $TS = 0$ .
  - (e) Prove that  $S + T = I_V$ , where  $S + T$  is the linear mapping defined by  $(S + T)(\mathbf{v}) = S(\mathbf{v}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ .
5. Let  $\gamma : \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$  be the standard basis of unit vectors for  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $\beta : \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  be the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 1, -1]^T, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = [2, 1, 3]^T, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = [0, 1, 1]^T$$

Find  $[I_V]_\beta^\gamma$  and  $[I_V]_\gamma^\beta$ .

6. Let  $T : P_4[\mathbb{R}] \rightarrow P_4[\mathbb{R}]$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(f(x)) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) + f(-x)).$$

- (a) Prove that  $T^2 = T$ .
- (b) For the basis  $\beta : 1, x^2, x^4, x, x^3$  of  $P_4[\mathfrak{R}]$ , find  $[T]_\beta^\beta$ .
7. Let  $\beta = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  and  $\gamma = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  be two bases for  $\mathfrak{R}^2$ , where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  and use Theorem 6.12 to calculate  $[T]_\gamma^\gamma$  where  $T : \mathfrak{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^2$  is defined by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2x_2 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem Sheet Six

1. For each of the following matrices, determine if they are diagonalizable. If so, find a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $A$ , and determine  $P^{-1}AP$ .

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

2. Evaluate  $A^m$  where

(a)

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

(b)

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

3. Solve the following system of linear differential equations by using an appropriate change of variables.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 0x_3 \\ x_2' &= 3x_1 + 0x_2 + -4x_3 \\ x_3' &= 0x_1 + -4x_2 + 2x_3 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^TAP = D$  where  $D$  is diagonal.