

1. (15 pts. - 5 pts. each) A matrix  $A$  and its reduced row echelon form  $U$  are:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 & -10 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Give a basis for the nullspace of  $A$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow U\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = z-w \\ y = -2z+w \\ v = 0 \\ z, w \text{ free} \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = z-w \\ y = -2z-w \\ v = 0 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z-w \\ -2z-w \\ 0 \\ w \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{basis} = \{(1, -2, 1, 0, 0), (-1, 1, 0, 1, 0)\}$$

(b) Give a basis for the rowspace of  $A$ .

$$\text{basis} = \{(1, 0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 2, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)\}$$

(c) Give a basis for the columnspace of  $A$ .

$$\text{basis} = \{(1, 3, 1, 2, 1, 4), (0, 1, 1, 1, 1, -3), (1, 2, 0, 1, -3, 7)\}$$

2. (6 pts.) What is the rank of the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ ? Show your work.

$$B \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(B) = 3$$

3. (12 pts.) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) (6 pts.) Compute  $|A|$  using elimination. (No credit for other methods.)

$$A \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{row} \\ \text{exchange}}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A = (-1)(1)(-2)(-5) = -10$$

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(b) (2 pts.) What is  $|A^{-1}|$ ?

$$|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = -\frac{1}{10}$$

(c) (2 pts.) What is  $|2A|$ ?

$$|2A| = 2^3 |A| = -80$$

(d) (2 pts.) What is  $|A^4|$ ?

$$|A^4| = |A|^4 = 10,000$$

4. (9 pts.) Use Cramer's rule to solve the system of equations  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 1, \\ 7x + 11y = 3. \end{cases}$  (No credit for other methods.)

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 11 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2 \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$$

5. (10 pts.) Find the inverse of  $C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  using the formula involving cofactors. (No credit for other methods.)

$$C^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det C} \left( \text{Cofactor}(C) \right)^T \quad \text{Cofactor}(C) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -4 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det C = (-1)(3) + 0(1) + 2(-1) = -5$$

$$C^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -3/5 & 4/5 & 2/5 \\ -1/5 & 3/5 & -1/5 \\ 1/5 & 2/5 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. (6 pts.) For a computer graphics system, the point  $(x, y)$  in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is encoded by  $(x, y, 1)$  so that  $3 \times 3$  matrices can be used to rotate and translate points. Give a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that will produce the combined action of first translating by 2 units in the  $y$ -direction, and then rotating by  $90^\circ$  clockwise.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

7. (12 pts. - 4 pts. each) For the vector space  $\mathbb{P}_5$  of polynomials of degree at most 5, answer the following.

- (a) Is the subset of  $\mathbb{P}_5$  whose elements are those polynomials with a quadratic term of  $2x^2$  a subspace? Explain why or why not.

No.  $2x^2$  is in the set but  $2(2x^2) = 4x^2$  is not, so the set is not closed under scalar multiplication.

-OR-  $2x^2$  and  $2x^2 + 1$  are in the set but  $(2x^2) + (2x^2 + 1) = 4x^2 + 1$  is not, so set is not closed under addition.

-OR- the zero polynomial is not in the set.

- (b) Is the subset of  $\mathbb{P}_5$  whose elements are those polynomials with no quadratic term a subspace? Explain why or why not.

Yes. Adding two polynomials with no  $x^2$  term, or multiplying one by a constant, gives a polynomial with no  $x^2$  term. Thus the set is closed under both addition and scalar multiplication.

- (c) What is the dimension of  $\mathbb{P}_5$ ? Why?

$\dim(\mathbb{P}_5) = 6$  because  $\mathbb{P}_5$  has as a basis  $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^5$  which has 6 elements

8. (12 pts. - 6 pts. each) Consider the bases  $B = \{(1, -2), (3, 1)\}$  and  $C = \{(-2, 1), (3, 7)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (a) If  $v = (-1, -5)$ , find the coordinates  $[v]_B$  of  $v$  with respect to  $B$ .

Solve  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} [v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$  by any method (GE, Cramer, finding  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ )

$$[v]_B = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Give a matrix  $P_{B \rightarrow C}$  such that  $[x]_C = P_{B \rightarrow C}[x]_B$  for all vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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$$P_{B \rightarrow C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -13/17 & -18/17 \\ -3/17 & 5/17 \end{pmatrix}$$

-OR-

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & | & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 & | & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & | & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & | & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & | & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 17 & | & -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & | & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -3/17 & 5/17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & -13/17 & -18/17 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -3/17 & 5/17 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } P_{B \rightarrow C} = \begin{pmatrix} -13/17 & -18/17 \\ -3/17 & 5/17 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. (18 pts. - 6 pts. each) Give short answers, with explanations.

- (a) An  $18 \times 23$  matrix  $A$  has a 7-dimensional nullspace. Will  $Ax = b$  be solvable for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{18}$ ? Briefly explain your reasoning.

No.  $\dim \text{Null}(A) = 23 - \text{rank}(A)$  so  $\text{rank}(A) = 16$ . Thus  $\dim \text{Col}(A) = 16$ . Therefore  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is only solvable for  $\vec{b}$  in a 16-dim subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{18}$

-OR-

GE on  $A$  must produce 7 free variables, so  $23-7=16$  pivots. Thus it produces 2 rows of 0's, so  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  will not be solvable for all  $\vec{b}$ .

- (b) If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and the linear transformation  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is onto, what can you say about the rank of  $A$ ? Briefly explain your reasoning.

$\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ , so  $A$  has rank  $m$

-OR-

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is solvable for all  $\vec{b}$ , so GE must produce a pivot in every row, so  $A$  has rank  $m$ .

- (c) Suppose  $A$  is a non-zero  $3 \times 3$  matrix, with rows  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . If  $\det A = 0$ , then what are the possible dimensions of  $\text{Span}\{a, b, c\}$ ? (List all possibilities.) Briefly explain your reasoning.

$\det A = 0$  tells us the rows are dependent, so their span has dimension  $< 3$ . Since  $A$  is non-zero, some row is non-zero so the dimension of the span is  $> 0$ . So the possible dimensions are 1, 2 and any examples show both occur (e.g.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ )

-OR-

$\det A = 0$  tells us the volume of the parallelepiped determined by  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is 0, so the 3 must lie in a plane. Since at least one is non-zero, the span must be 1 or 2 dimensional.