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Math 225, Exam II, Term 241

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- [8 points]** Determine whether the set  $S = \{f \in C[-2, 1]: f(-2) = 0 \text{ and } f(1) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $C[-2, 1]$ , the vector space of all continuous functions on  $[-2, 1]$ .
- [12 points]** Find a basis for the subspace  $W$  of the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  given by  $W = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}: A^T = A\}$ .
- [7 points]** Let  $V$  be a vector space such that  $V = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ . Show that if  $v \in V$  and  $v \neq v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then the vectors  $v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly dependent.
- [14 points]** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x + x^2\}$  be two ordered bases for  $\mathbb{P}_3$ , the vector space of all polynomials of degree less than 3.
  - Find the transition matrix from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .
  - Use part (a) to write  $p(x) = 2 - x + 3x^2$  in terms of the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

5. **[20 points]** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find a basis for  $N(A)$ , the null space of  $A$ .
  - Find a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ , the row space of  $A$ .
  - Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$ , the column space of  $A$ .
  - Find  $\text{rank}(A)$ .
6. **[12 points]** Find the kernel and the range of the linear transformation  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. **[12 points]** Consider the linear transformation  $L: \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  defined by  $L(p(x)) = p'(x) + p(0)$ .

- a. Find the matrix representation of  $L$  with respect to the ordered bases  $\{x^2, x, 1\}$  and  $\{2, 1 - x\}$  for  $\mathbb{P}_3$  and  $\mathbb{P}_2$ , respectively.
- b. Use part (a) to find the coordinates of  $L(4x^2 + 2x)$  with respect to the basis  $\{2, 1 - x\}$ .

**8. [15 points] True or False?**

- a. The set  $S = \{\text{all polynomials of degree } 2\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_4$ , the set of all polynomials of degree less than 4.
- b. The set  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- c. If  $\dim(V) = 5$  and  $V = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5)$ , then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  is a basis for the vector space  $V$ .
- d. The mapping  $L: M_{n \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times n}$  defined by  $L(A) = A + I$  is a linear operator on  $M_{n \times n}$ .
- e. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices. If  $A$  is similar to  $B$ , then  $A^2$  is similar to  $B^2$ .

Good luck,

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