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Extra Credit Problem: 10

You can use the theorems from the book or proved in class, but you should indicate which theorems you are using. You can use the fact that a vector space with a finite spanning set has a basis. **If you give a counterexample in the proof or counterexample problems, you should explain why your example is a counterexample**

$V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces over a field  $F$ . Both  $V$  and  $W$  are not the zero vector space. You can assume  $F$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear,  $R(T)$  is the range of  $T$  and  $N(T)$  is the null space of  $T$ .

1) a) Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is linear. Define what it means for  $T$  to be onto, a.k.a. surjective. Be very careful to use complete sentences and phrases such as "there exist" (or  $\exists$ ) and "for all" (or  $\forall$ ).

If  $T$  is onto,  
for all  $\alpha \in V$ ,  $\exists \beta \in V$  such that  $T\beta = \alpha$ .



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$$R(T) = V$$

b) Suppose  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in V$ . Define what it means to say  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are linearly independent. Complete sentences!

If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are linearly independent,  
the equation with scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = 0$$

is satisfied only if  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ .  
(trivial solution)



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2) Suppose the dimension of  $V$  is  $n$ . Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear and suppose  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset V$ . Either provide a tight rigorous proof with complete sentences if the following are true or an explicit counterexample.

a) True or false: If  $T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_k)$  are linearly independent, then  $T$  is one to one, aka injective.

True.

~~We show if  $T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_k)$  are linearly independent, then  $T(\beta_1) = T(\beta_2) \Rightarrow \beta_1 = \beta_2$  for all  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in V$ .~~

False. Let  $n=2$ .

Let  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ;  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha^2$ . **not linear.**  
 It is obvious that  $T\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly independent.

However,  $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(We also see that  $T$  is <sup>not</sup> non-singular i.e.  $N(T) \neq \{0\}$  so ~~it is~~ it is not one-to-one).

b) True or false: If  $T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_k)$  span  $W$ , then  $T$  is onto.

True. We show if  $T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_k)$  span  $W$ ,  $T$  is onto (i.e. for all  $w \in W$ ,  $\exists \alpha \in V$  such that  $T\alpha = w$ ) i.e. range of  $T = W$ .

Since  $T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_k)$  span  $W$ , for all  $w \in W$ ,

$$w = c_1 T(\alpha_1) + c_2 T(\alpha_2) + \dots + c_k T(\alpha_k) \text{ for some scalars } c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Since  $T$  is linear,

$$w = T(c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_k \alpha_k)$$

Since  $V$  is a vector space, and  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset V$ ,

$$\alpha = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_k \alpha_k \in V.$$

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So  $T\alpha = w$  and for all  $w \in W$ ,  $\exists \alpha \in V$  s.t.  $T\alpha = w$  (i.e.  $T$  is onto).

~~By definition,  $T$~~

~~is~~

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\beta=0$

3) Suppose  $\dim V = 2$  and  $\dim W = 3$  and that  $T: V \rightarrow W$  and  $U: W \rightarrow V$  are linear.

a) Can you find an example of  $U$  and  $T$  so that  $UT$  is invertible? Either find an example or prove that there is no such example.

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$UT: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{equivalent to } \underline{\text{Id.}}$$

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b) Can you find an example of  $U$  and  $T$  so that  $TU$  is invertible? Either find an example or prove that there is no such example.

No,  $TU$  cannot be invertible.

It suffices to show  $TU$  cannot be onto.

Assume by contradiction that  $TU$  is onto.

Then,  $T$  is also onto, by a theorem for linear transformations  $T, U$ .

Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  be a basis for  $V$ .

(A theorem states that <sup>any bases</sup> a vector space of finite dimension  $n$  have exactly  $n$  vectors.)

Then,  $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2\}$  is a basis for  $W$  (which by a theorem,  $T$  is onto is equivalent to the statement "if  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  be a basis for  $V$ ,  $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2\}$  is basis for  $W$  for linear  $T: V \rightarrow W$ ")

But  $\dots 2 < \dim W = 3$ ;  $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2\}$  cannot be a basis for  $W$ .  
so we have a contradiction

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Thus,  $T$  cannot be onto,  $TU$  cannot be onto.

Hence,  $TU$  cannot be invertible.  $\checkmark$

$\square$

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4) Suppose  $T: V \rightarrow V$  is linear and  $V$  has dimension  $n$ .

a) Suppose  $n = 3$ . Can you find an example of a  $T$  so that  $R(T) = N(T)$ ?  
Either find an example or show that none exists.

None exists.

By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim R(T) + \dim N(T) = \dim V$

Assume, by contradiction  $R(T) = N(T)$ .

Then,  $\dim R(T) = \dim N(T)$ .

Then,  $\dim R(T) + \dim N(T) = \dim R(T) + \dim R(T) = \dim V = 3$

But, then  $2 \dim R(T) = 3$  and  $\dim R(T)$  must be an integer,  
so we have a contradiction.

Thus, no such  $T$  exists.

□

b) Suppose  $n = 2$ . Can you find an example of a  $T$  so that  $R(T) = N(T)$ ?  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$   
Either find an example or show that none exists.

The rank-nullity theorem tells us that  $\dim R(T) + \dim N(T) = \dim V = 2$

Thus,  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{nullity}(T) = 1$ , assuming there exists such a  $T$  as requested.

Let  $\left\{ T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2; x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $R(T)$

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is ~~a~~ a basis for  $N(T)$

(e.g.  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  gives us  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ )

$R(T) = N(T)$ .

5) Suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces of  $V$  and that  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are a basis of  $W_1$  and that  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are a basis of  $W_2$ . Suppose  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ . True or false: The set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  is linearly independent. Proof or counterexample.

True

We show that  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\} \Rightarrow \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  are linearly independent.

Since  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are basis of  $W_1$ ,  $c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = 0$  iff  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .

Since  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  are basis of  $W_2$ ,  $d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2 = 0$  iff  $d_1 = d_2 = 0$ .

$$\alpha = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2$$

Suppose  $\alpha \in W_1 \cap W_2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in W_1$  and  $\alpha \in W_2$ .

Then  $\alpha = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2$  for <sup>some</sup> scalars  $c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Since we are given  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ , so

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2 = 0$$

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2$$

Prob: Only shows  $c_1 = c_2 = d_1 = d_2 = 0$  if  $c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2$

This is only satisfied if  $c_1 = c_2 = d_1 = d_2 = 0$  (from above).

Rearranging the equation, we have that

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2 = 0$$

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 - d_1\beta_1 - d_2\beta_2 = 0$$

$$\text{if } c_1 = c_2 = d_1 = d_2 = 0.$$

Rearranging the equation, we have

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = -d_1\beta_1 - d_2\beta_2 = -(d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2)$$

$$\text{But } c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 = d_1\beta_1 + d_2\beta_2$$

$$\text{iff } c_1 = c_2 = d_1 = d_2 = 0$$

$$c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\beta_3 + c_4\beta_4 = 0$$

as above.

Hence,  $\{c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2\}$  are linearly independent.

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$$

Alt. approach  
Show  $W_1 + W_2$  is subspace w/ dim 4,  
 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  span  $W_1 + W_2$ , so it is basis  $\Rightarrow$  so linearly ind.

Extra credit (10pts): Suppose  $\dim V = 4$  and that  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is linear. Suppose the rank of  $T$  is two, i.e. the dimension of  $\dim R(T) = 2$ . Suppose  $T^2 = T$ . Show there is a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $V$  so that  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad [T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} [T]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ \hline & \end{array} \right)$$

We show if  $T^2 = T$ ,  $\exists$  basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $V$  s.t.  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = A$ .

Work on this

By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim R(T) + \dim N(T) = \dim V$   
and thus  $\dim N(T) = \dim V - \dim R(T) = 4 - 2 = 2$ .

Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  be a basis for  $R(T)$  and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  be a basis for  $N(T)$ .

We show for all  $\alpha \in R(T)$ ,

$$T\alpha = \alpha.$$

Let  $\alpha \in R(T)$ .

Then,  $T\gamma = \alpha$  for some  $\gamma \in V$ .

Since  $T^2 = T$ ,

$$T\alpha = T(T\gamma) = T^2\gamma = T\gamma = \alpha.$$

Thus, for all  $\alpha \in R(T)$ ,  $T\alpha = \alpha$ .

Then,  $T\beta_1 = T\beta_2 = 0$ .

Since  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in R(T)$ ,  $T\alpha_1 = \alpha_1, T\alpha_2 = \alpha_2$ .

Since  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in N(T)$ ,  $T\beta_1 = 0, T\beta_2 = 0$ .

It is obvious that  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  is an ordered basis of  $V$ .  
(we simply show they are linearly independent using  $T^2 = T$ ).

We have

$$\begin{aligned} T\alpha_1 &= \alpha_1 \\ T\alpha_2 &= \alpha_2 \\ T\beta_1 &= 0 \\ T\beta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} [T\alpha_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T\alpha_2]_{\mathcal{B}} & \dots & [T\beta_2]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T\alpha_1 &= \alpha_1 \\ T\alpha_2 &= \alpha_2 \end{aligned}$$