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1) (10 points) Consider a linear system of four equations with three unknowns. We are told that the system has a unique solution. What does the reduced row-echelon form of the coefficient matrix of this system look like? Explain your answer carefully (no credit for right answer for wrong reason).

The coefficient matrix $A$ is $4 \times 3$.

Unique solution $\Rightarrow$ each column of $\text{rref}(A)$ has leading 1.

So only possibility is

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
2) (10 points) Are the vectors below linearly independent? Explain your answer carefully (no credit for right answer for wrong reason).

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 4 & 0 \\
0 & 5 & 0 \\
7 & 7 & 1 \\
9 & 2 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Must check if matrix A below has rank 3:

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Let's find \text{ref}(A).

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 4 & 0 \\
0 & 5 & 0 \\
7 & 7 & 1 \\
9 & 2 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\stackrel{\text{-7} (\text{I})}{\longrightarrow}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 4 & 0 \\
0 & 5 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 2 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\stackrel{\text{-7} (\text{II})}{\longrightarrow}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\stackrel{\text{\text{q}ump}}{\longrightarrow}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

So rank A = 3

\boxed{\text{Answer: Yes}}
3) (10 points) Suppose that $T$ is the linear transformation from $\mathbb{R}^2$ to $\mathbb{R}^2$ corresponding to the reflection in the line $L$ spanned by the vector

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the matrix $B$ of $T$ with respect to the basis $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$, where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note that $\vec{v}_1$ and $\vec{v}_2$ are orthogonal to each other.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} [T(\vec{v}_1)]_B & [T(\vec{v}_2)]_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
4) (10 points) Suppose that \( A \) and \( B \) are invertible \( n \times n \) matrices. Can one conclude that \((ABA^{-1})^9 = AB^9A^{-1}\)? Explain your answer carefully (no credit for right answer for wrong reason).

\[
(ABA^{-1})^9 = \underbrace{ABA^{-1}ABA^{-1}ABA^{-1} \ldots ABA^{-1}}_{9 \text{ times}} \\
= ABBBBBBBBBBBA^{-1} = AB^9A^{-1} \\
\uparrow \\
\text{cancel terms } A'A = I_n
\]

**Answer:** Yes
5) (10 points) Consider an $m \times n$ matrix $A$ and an $n \times p$ matrix $B$. If \( \ker(A) = \text{im}(B) \), what can you say about the product $AB$? Explain your answer carefully (no credit for right answer for wrong reason).

Let's look at $AB \hat{z}$ for some $\hat{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$AB \hat{z} = A(B \hat{z})$.

$B \hat{z} \in \text{im}(B) = \ker(A)$

But this means that

$A(B \hat{z}) = \mathbf{0}$

So $AB \hat{z} = \mathbf{0}$ for every $\hat{z} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

This means $AB$ is the matrix $m \times p$ which has all entries 0.
6) (10 points) If $V$ and $W$ are subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^2$, is their union $V \cup W$ necessarily also a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$? Explain your answer carefully (no credit for right answer for wrong reason).

Answer: No

For instance, we have:

$V = \{ \begin{bmatrix} k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : k \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$W = \{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ k \end{bmatrix} : k \in \mathbb{R} \}$

But $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W$

While $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin W$
7) (10 points) Find a basis of the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$ defined by the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0.$$ 

Can take $x_2 = s$ arbitrary.

Get $x_1 = -s - 2t$

So this subspace is

$$\{ \begin{bmatrix} -s - 2t \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$= \{ s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer: $$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
8) (10 points) Do the 3 polynomials below form a basis of \( P_2 \)? (Recall that \( P_2 \) is the set of polynomials of degree at most 2.) Explain your answer (no credit for right answer for wrong reasoning).

\[
f(x) = 2x^2 - x + 5 \quad g(x) = x^2 + 1 \quad h(x) = 3x
\]

This is the same as asking if the vectors

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
2 \\
-1 \\
5
\end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
0 \\
1
\end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
3 \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

form a basis of \( \mathbb{R}^3 \). For this we check if the matrix

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
2 & 1 & 0 \\
-1 & 0 & 3 \\
5 & 1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

is invertible. Indeed, its determinant is

\[
\det(A) = 15 - 6 = 9 \neq 0.
\]

So \( A \) is invertible and the answer is yes.
10) (10 points) Find the orthogonal projection of

\[ \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \]

onto the subspace \( W \) of \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) spanned by \( \vec{x} \) and \( \vec{y} \) given below.

\[ \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

\( W = \text{span}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \). First we find an orthonormal basis of \( W \): \( \hat{w}_1, \hat{w}_2 \)

\( \| \vec{x} \|=1 \), so can take \( \hat{w}_1 = \vec{x}, V_1 = \text{span}(\vec{x}) \)

\[ \vec{y} - \text{proj}_{V_1} \vec{y} = \vec{y} - (\vec{y} \cdot \hat{w}_1) \hat{w}_1 = \vec{y} - \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \hat{w}_2 = \frac{\vec{y} - \text{proj}_{V_1} \vec{y}}{\| \vec{y} - \text{proj}_{V_1} \vec{y} \|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

Now we have

\[ \text{proj}_{W}(\vec{u}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \hat{w}_1) \hat{w}_1 + (\vec{u} \cdot \hat{w}_2) \hat{w}_2 = 1 \hat{w}_1 + 3 \hat{w}_2 \]

\[ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \]
11) (10 points) For which choices of $x$ is the matrix $A$ given below invertible?

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 1 & x \\
1 & x & x \\
x & x & x
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\det(A) = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 - x^3 - x^2 - x \\
= -x^3 + 2x^2 - x \\
= x(-x^2 + 2x - 1) = -x(x-1)^2
\]

\[
\det(A) \neq 0 \implies x \neq 0, \ x \neq 1
\]

**Answer:** every $x \neq 0$ and $\neq 1$. 

12) (10 points) Consider a $5 \times 5$ matrix $A$ with rows $\vec{v}_1$, $\vec{v}_2$, $\vec{v}_3$, $\vec{v}_4$, $\vec{v}_5$. Suppose that $\det(A) = 7$. Compute $\det(B)$, where the matrix $B$ is given below. (Explain carefully your computation.)

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\vec{v}_3 \\
\vec{v}_2 \\
\vec{v}_1 \\
\vec{v}_4 - \vec{v}_1 \\
2\vec{v}_5
\end{bmatrix}
$$

To obtain $B$ from $A$ one can

- Subtract 1st row from 4th. $\det$ does not change.
- Multiply last row by 2. $\det$ is multiplied by 2.
- Switch rows 1 and 3. $\det$ is multiplied by -1.

So $\det B = -2 \det A = -2 \times 7 = -14$
13) (10 points) Suppose that $A$ is a $n \times n$ matrix, and $\vec{v}$ is an eigenvector with associated eigenvalue $\lambda$. Is $\vec{v}$ also an eigenvector of $B = 2A^2 + I_n$ (where $I_n$ is the $n \times n$ identity matrix)? If so, what is the corresponding eigenvalue? Explain your answer and your computations carefully.

\[ A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v} \]

So
\[ B\vec{v} = (2A^2 + I_n)\vec{v} = 2AA\vec{v} + I_n\vec{v} \]
\[ = 2A\lambda \vec{v} + \vec{v} = 2\lambda \vec{v} + \vec{v} \]
\[ = 2\lambda \vec{v} + \vec{v} = (2\lambda^2 + 1)\vec{v} \]

**Answer:** Yes, with eigenvalue $2\lambda^2 + 1$
14) (10 points) Find the eigenvalues and eigenspaces of the matrix

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

Upper Triangular. Eigenvalue 1 (only)

\[ E_1 = \ker (I_3 - A) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{cases} 
-x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\
-2x_3 = 0 
\end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 
 x_2 = x_3 = 0
\end{cases} \]

So \( E_1 = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \).
15) (10 points) Find a basis for the image of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ corresponding to the matrix

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

Find $\text{rref}(A)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta \end{bmatrix} = \text{rref}(A)$$

Pivot columns:

Basis of $\text{im}(T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
9) (10 points) Provide the definition of the kernel of a linear transformation $T$ from the linear space $V$ to the linear space $W$.

$$\ker(T) = \{ \psi \in V : T(\psi) = 0 \}.$$