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1(25pts)  $A$  is a  $3 \times 6$  matrix whose reduced row echelon form is equal to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(1) Find a basis for the null space  $N(A)$ .

(2) Assume that  $A = (v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_6)$  where  $v_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th column.

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Recover the matrix  $A$ . (Be careful of the subscripts of column indices)

$$(1) \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in N(A) \Leftrightarrow Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 + 3x_6 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_4 + 2x_6 = 0 \\ x_5 + x_6 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_6 \\ x_3 = -x_4 - 2x_6 \\ x_5 = -x_6 \end{cases} \quad \text{$x_2, x_4, x_6$ are free variables.}$$

$$\Rightarrow N(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(2) From the rref( $A$ ), we get the linear relation:

$$v_2 = 2v_1, \quad v_4 = -v_1 + v_3, \quad v_6 = 3v_1 + 2v_3 + v_5$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = 2v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v_5 = v_6 - 3v_1 - 2v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2(30pts) Let  $T : P_2(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbf{R})$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(f) = xf'(x) + f''(x) + f(0).$$

Let  $\beta = \{1, x, x^2\}$  be the standard basis.

(1) Calculate the matrix representation  $A = [T]_\beta$  w.r.t. the standard basis  $\beta$ .

(2) Find a matrix  $Q$  such that  $QAQ^{-1}$  is diagonal (note: not  $Q^{-1}AQ$ ).

$$(1) \quad [T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} [T(1)]_\beta & [T(x)]_\beta & [T(x^2)]_\beta \\ \text{||} & \text{||} & \text{||} \\ 0+0+1 & x \cdot 1 + 0+0 & x \cdot 2x + 2+0 \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right) & \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}\right) & \left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{array}\right) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) Find eigenvalues: characteristic polynomial:

$$f(t) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-t & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1-t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-t \end{vmatrix} = (-t)^2(2-t) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

Find eigenvectors:  $\lambda=1$ ;  $A-1\mathbb{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\textcircled{3} + \textcircled{3}$

$\Rightarrow$  basis for  $E_1 = N(A-\mathbb{I})$ :  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\lambda=2: A-2\mathbb{I} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = P^{-1} \text{ calculation:} \quad \Rightarrow Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

3(25pts) Let  $V$  be the subspace of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  spanned by

$$1+x+x^2, \quad 2x+x^3, \quad 2+2x^2-x^3, \quad 1+x^3$$

(1) Find a basis for  $V$ .

(2) Is  $f(x) = 2-x^2+x^3$  in the subspace  $V$ ? Write down reason and calculations.

choose standard basis  $\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ . (4)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} [1+x+x^2]_{\beta} & [2x+x^3]_{\beta} & [2+2x^2-x^3]_{\beta} & [1+x^3]_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = A.$$

Under the linear transformation  $f(x) \mapsto [f(x)]_{\beta}$ ,  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$V$  is isomorphic to the column space of  $A$ . (2)

$2-x^2+x^3$  is in  $V \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the column space of  $A$ .

Solve (1) and (2) together:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right)$$

$\downarrow$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$
(2)

$\Rightarrow$  leading 1's are in 1st, 3rd, 4-th column.

$\Rightarrow$  (1) basis for  $V$ :  $\{1+x+x^2, 2+2x^2-x^3, 1+x^3\}$ . (6)

(2)  $\text{rank}(A|b) = 4 > \text{rank}(A) = 3 \Rightarrow b$  is not in the column space of  $A$

$\Rightarrow 2-x^2+x^3$  is not in the subspace  $V$ . (5)

4(20pts) Let  $S : V \rightarrow W$  and  $T : W \rightarrow V$  be linear transformations between two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . Let  $T \circ S : V \rightarrow V$  be the composition.

- (1) Prove that if  $S$  is surjective (i.e onto), then  $\text{Rank}(T \circ S) = \text{Rank}(T)$ .
- (2) If  $S$  is injective (i.e. one-to-one), is  $\text{Rank}(T \circ S) = \text{Rank}(T)$  always true?  
Prove this statement or find a counterexample.

(Recall: The rank of a linear transformation is the dimension of its range)

(1) Proof: Consider the range of linear transformations.

$$R(T \circ S) = T \circ S(V) = T(S(V)) = T(W) = R(T) \quad (6)$$

$$\uparrow \\ S \text{ surjective} \Leftrightarrow S(V) = W \quad (7)$$

In general

$$(2) R(T \circ S) = T \circ S(V) = T(S(V)) \subseteq T(W) = R(T) \quad (4)$$

$\leq$  injective  $\Rightarrow S(V) = W$  and  $T(S(V)) \subseteq T(W)$  can be strict smaller

Example:  $S: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $\quad S(x) = (x, 0)$

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad T(x, y) = y. \quad (6)$$

$$T \circ S(x) = T(S(x)) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Rank}(T \circ S) = 0 \quad \times$$

$$\text{Rank}(T) = 1$$