

## Solutions to practice problems for the Final

### Systems of linear equations

1. Find the general solution of the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 5x_4 + x_5 &= 5 \\+ x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 &= 4 \\2x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_4 + x_5 &= 3\end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION.

$$\begin{aligned}& \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 7 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -1 & -7 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = -6 + 2s + t, \quad x_2 = 2 - s + t, \quad x_3 = s, \quad x_4 = 1 - t, \quad x_5 = t$$

2. Solve the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\4x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 &= 1 \\6x_1 + 5x_2 + 5x_3 &= -3\end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION.

$$\begin{aligned}& \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 5 & -3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & -6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = -3, \quad x_2 = 1, \quad x_3 = 2$$

3. Consider the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 &= a \\2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 &= b \\3x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &= c\end{aligned}$$

For any fixed values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  we obtain a system of 3 equations in 3 unknowns.

- (a) Find a set of values for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  so that the system is inconsistent.  
(b) For  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = 2$ , find the general form of the solution.

SOLUTION. Consider the following row reduction

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & a \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & b \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & c \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2a+b \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -3a+c \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2a+b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-2b+c \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2a-b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-2b+c \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -a+b \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2a-b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-2b+c \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- (a) From the last line of the last matrix above we see that any choice of  $a, b, c$  with  $a - 2b + c \neq 0$  makes the system inconsistent. For a specific example we can take  $a = 1, b = c = 0$ .
- (b) For  $a = 0, b = 1, c = 2$  the system is consistent and the general form of the solution of the system is  $x_1 = 1 - t, x_2 = -1 - 2t, x_3 = t$ .
4. Explain why a homogeneous system of linear equations with more unknowns than equations always has nontrivial solutions.

SOLUTION.

### Matrix algebra

5. Either compute the inverse of the matrix  $A$  below, or explain why  $A$  is not invertible.

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

SOLUTION. We row reduce the matrix  $[A \mid I]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 2 & 5 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 & -5 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Either compute the inverse of the matrix  $B$  below, or explain why  $B$  is not invertible.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION. We row reduce the matrix  $[B | I]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the rank of  $B$  is 2, so  $B$  is not invertible.

7. Find all values of  $\lambda$  for which the matrix below is singular (i.e., not invertible).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION. The determinant of the matrix is

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda(0 - (-2)) - (0 - 2) + (-1)(1 - (-2)) = 2\lambda - 1$$

The matrix is singular if and only if its determinant is 0. This happens if and only if  $\lambda = 1/2$ .

8. Find the determinant of the matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION.

$$\det Q = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = (1)(-2)(2) = -4$$

9. Find the determinant of the matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION.

$$\begin{aligned} \det N &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -12 \end{bmatrix} = 2(-12) = -24 \end{aligned}$$

10. Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with rows  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \vec{r}_4$ , in that order. If  $\det(A) = 4$ , find

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_2 - 2\vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ 3\vec{r}_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

SOLUTION.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_2 - 2\vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ 3\vec{r}_4 \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 - 2\vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ 3\vec{r}_4 \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ 3\vec{r}_4 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vec{r}_3 \\ \vec{r}_4 \end{bmatrix} = -3(4) = -12$$

11. If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same size and  $\det A = 2$  and  $\det B = 3$ , find  $\det(A^2B^{-1})$ .

SOLUTION.

$$\det(A^2B^{-1}) = (\det(A))^2 \frac{1}{\det(B)} = 2^2 \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

### Vector spaces

12. Let  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ , where  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 2, 0, 4)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (1, 1, 1, 3)$ . Determine which of the two vectors  $\vec{w}_1 = (1, 4, -2, 6)$  and  $\vec{w}_2 = (2, 6, 0, 9)$  is in  $\text{Span}(X)$  and write that vector as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .

SOLUTION. We row reduce the matrix  $[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \mid \vec{w}_1 \mid \vec{w}_2]$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

This shows that  $\vec{w}_1$  is in  $\text{Span}(X)$  and  $\vec{w}_2$  is not in  $\text{Span}(X)$ . Further, the unique way of writing  $\vec{w}_1$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  is

$$\vec{w}_1 = 3\vec{v}_1 - 2\vec{v}_2.$$

13. Determine whether  $q(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 2$  is a linear combination of  $p_1(x) = x^3$ ,  $p_2(x) = x^2 + 3x$ , and  $p_3(x) = x^2 + 1$  in  $P_3$  and, if so, find scalars  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  such that  $q(x) = c_1p_1(x) + c_2p_2(x) + c_3p_3(x)$ . Are these scalars unique?

SOLUTION. We need to look for scalars  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  so that

$$q(x) = c_1p_1(x) + c_2p_2(x) + c_3p_3(x).$$

Substituting the values of  $q, p_1, p_2, p_3$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 2 &= c_1(x^3) + c_2(x^2 + 3x) + c_3(x^2 + 1) \\ &= (c_1)x^3 + (c_2 + c_3)x^2 + (3c_2)x + (c_3), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 1 \\ c_2 + c_3 &= 1 \\ 3c_2 &= -3 \\ c_3 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the unique solution to this system is  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = -1$ ,  $c_3 = 2$ . Thus,

$$q(x) = p_1(x) - p_2(x) + 2p_3(x).$$

14. Let  $X = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3, \vec{u}_4)$ , where

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that the list  $X$  is linearly dependent by

- finding a linear dependence relation on  $X$ .
- writing one of the vectors in  $X$  as a linear combination of the other vectors in  $X$ .

SOLUTION. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $A$  has rank 3, the list  $X$  is linearly dependent. To find a specific linear dependence relation on  $X$  first note that the general solution of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is

$$x_1 = t, \quad x_2 = -2t, \quad x_3 = t, \quad x_4 = t.$$

Using  $t = 1$  we get the linear dependence relation

$$\vec{u}_1 - 2\vec{u}_2 + \vec{u}_3 + \vec{u}_4 = \vec{0}.$$

You can solve this relation for any one of the vectors.

$$\vec{u}_1 = 2\vec{u}_2 - \vec{u}_3 - \vec{u}_4$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}_3 + \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}_4$$

$$\vec{u}_3 = -\vec{u}_1 + 2\vec{u}_2 - \vec{u}_4$$

$$\vec{u}_4 = -\vec{u}_1 + 2\vec{u}_2 - \vec{u}_3$$

15. Determine whether the list  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  is linearly independent, where  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 3, 3)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (2, 2, 3)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (3, 1, 3)$ . If  $X$  is linearly dependent, then find a specific linear dependence relation on  $X$ .

SOLUTION. Let  $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ . We row reduce  $A$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the rank of  $A$  is  $2 < 3$ , the list  $X$  is linearly dependent. From the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  we see that the general solution of the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = t$ ,  $x_2 = -2t$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that

$$\vec{v}_1 - 2\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

is a specific linear dependence relation on  $X$ .

16. Determine whether the list  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  is linearly independent, where  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 5, 2)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (1, 1, 7)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (0, -3, 4)$ . If  $X$  is linearly dependent, then find a specific linear dependence relation on  $X$ .

SOLUTION. Let  $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ . We row reduce  $A$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the rank of  $A$  is 3,  $A$  is invertible and hence the list  $X$  is linearly independent.

17. Let  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$ , where  $\vec{v}_1 = (2, 5, -3, 6)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (1, 0, 0, 1)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (4, 0, 9, 6)$ . Is  $X$  linearly independent? Does  $X$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Is  $X$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

SOLUTION.  $X$  is linearly independent.  $X$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  $X$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

18. Let  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$ , where  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 1, 2)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (2, 0, 1)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (3, 1, 0)$ . Is  $X$  linearly independent? Does  $X$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Is  $X$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

SOLUTION.  $X$  is linearly independent.  $X$  does span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  $X$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

19. Let  $X = (p_1(x), p_2(x), p_3(x))$ , where  $p_1(x) = x^2 + 1$ ,  $p_2(x) = x + 1$ , and  $p_3(x) = x^2 + x$ . Is  $X$  linearly independent? Does  $X$  span  $P_3$ ? Is  $X$  a basis for  $P_3$ ?

SOLUTION. Let  $X$  is linearly independent in  $P_3$ .  $X$  does not span  $P_3$ .  $X$  is not a basis for  $P_3$ . (Note that  $X$  does span  $P_2$  and hence is a basis for  $P_2$ .)

20. Consider the list  $S = ((3, 0, 0, -1), (3, 3, 3, 2), (0, 1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2, 1))$  of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Let  $W = \text{Span}(S)$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $S$ . Find a basis for  $W$ .

SOLUTION. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\text{Span}(S) = \text{Col } A$ . The reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the pivot columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $\text{Col } A$  and this shows that the pivot columns of  $A$  are the first, second, and fourth columns, a basis for the span of  $S$  is  $X = ((3, 0, 0, -1), (3, 3, 3, 2), (0, 1, 2, 1))$ .

Alternatively, let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\text{Span}(S) = \text{Row } A$ . The reduced row echelon form of  $B$  is

$$\mathcal{R}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the nonzero rows of  $\mathcal{R}(B)$  are a basis for  $\text{Row } B$ , a basis for the span of  $S$  is  $Y = ((1, 0, 0, -1/3), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 0))$ .

21. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & -7 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & -9 & 5 & -9 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find a basis,  $X$ , for the column space of  $A$ .  
 (b) Find a basis,  $Y$ , for the null space of  $A$ .  
 (c) Find a basis,  $Z$ , for the row space of  $A$ .

SOLUTION. The reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a)  $X = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$

(b)  $Y = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$

(c)  $Z = (\left[ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \right], \left[ 0 \ 1 \ -2 \ 0 \ 3 \right], \left[ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ -5 \right])$

22. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .  
 (b) Find a basis for the null space of  $A$ .  
 (c) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .

SOLUTION. (a) A basis for the column space of  $A$  is  $X = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$

(b) A basis for the null space of  $A$  is  $Y = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$

(c) A basis for the row space of  $A$  is  $Z = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$

23. If the null space of a  $5 \times 6$  matrix  $A$  is 4-dimensional,
- what is the dimension of the row space of  $A$ ?
  - for what value of  $k$  is the column space of  $A$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ?
  - for what value of  $m$  is the null space of  $A$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ?

SOLUTION. If the null space of a  $5 \times 6$  matrix  $A$  is 4-dimensional,

- the dimension of the row space of  $A$  is 2,
- the column space of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , and
- the null space of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .

24. A  $26 \times 37$  matrix has a 13 dimensional nullspace. What is the rank of the matrix?

SOLUTION. If  $A$  is a  $26 \times 37$  matrix with a 13 dimensional nullspace, then the rank of  $A$  is  $37 - 13 = 24$ .

25. Consider a linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . If  $A$  is  $7 \times 4$  and the dimension of the null space of  $A$  is 0, how many solutions can this system have?

SOLUTION. If  $A$  is a  $7 \times 4$  whose nullity (the dimension of the null space) is 0, then any linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  can have either 0 or 1 solution.

26. Consider the bases  $X = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3)$  and  $Y = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\vec{u}_1 = (2, 1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{u}_2 = (2, -1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{u}_3 = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 = (3, 1, -5)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (1, 1, -3)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (-1, 0, 2)$ .

- Find the change of basis matrix,  ${}_Y I_X$ , that changes from coordinates with respect to  $X$  to coordinates with respect to  $Y$ .
- Find the change of basis matrix,  ${}_X I_Y$ , that changes from coordinates with respect to  $Y$  to coordinates with respect to  $X$ .
- Compute the coordinate vector,  $K_Y(\vec{w})$ , of  $\vec{w} = (-5, 8, -5)$  with respect to the basis  $Y$ .
- Use your answers from parts (b) and (c) to compute the coordinate vector,  $K_X(\vec{w})$ , of  $\vec{w}$  with respect to the basis  $X$ .
- Check your work by directly computing the coordinate vector of  $\vec{w}$  with respect to the basis  $X$ .

SOLUTION. (a) By definition,

$${}_Y I_X = [ K_Y(\vec{u}_1) \quad K_Y(\vec{u}_2) \quad K_Y(\vec{u}_3) ] = [ K_Y((2, 1, 1)) \quad K_Y((2, -1, 1)) \quad K_Y((1, 2, 1)) ]$$

$$\text{Now, } K_Y((x_1, x_2, x_3)) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ if and only if}$$

$$y_1(3, 1, -5) + y_2(1, 1, -3) + y_3(-1, 0, 2) = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

This is equivalent to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3y_1 + y_2 - y_3 &= x_1 \\ y_1 + y_2 &= x_2 \\ -5y_1 - 3y_2 + 2y_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned}$$

We can calculate  $K_Y(\vec{u}_1)$ ,  $K_Y(\vec{u}_2)$ , and  $K_Y(\vec{u}_3)$  simultaneously by row reducing the triply augmented matrix  $[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3 \mid \vec{u}_1 \mid \vec{u}_2 \mid \vec{u}_3]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -5 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -5 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 6 & -4 & 11 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So

$${}_Y I_X = [ K_Y(\vec{u}_1) \quad K_Y(\vec{u}_2) \quad K_Y(\vec{u}_3) ] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & \frac{5}{2} \\ -2 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 5 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad {}_X I_Y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{35}{2} & \frac{19}{2} & -\frac{13}{2} \\ -\frac{19}{2} & -\frac{11}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \\ -13 & -7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad \text{By definition, } K_Y(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ if and only if } c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{w}.$$

Substituting the values of the vectors in this equation gives

$$c_1(3, 1, -5) + y_2(1, 1, -3) + y_3(-1, 0, 2) = (-5, 8, -5).$$

This is equivalent to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3y_1 + y_2 - y_3 &= -5 \\ y_1 + y_2 &= 8 \\ -5y_1 - 3y_2 + 2y_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

We can calculate  $K_Y(\vec{w})$  by row reducing the augmented matrix  $[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3 \mid \vec{w}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ -5 & -3 & 2 & -5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ -5 & -3 & 2 & -5 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -29 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 35 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -29 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{29}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{23}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{23}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So

$$K_Y(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{23}{2} \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) K_X(\vec{w}) = ({}_X I_Y)K_Y(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(e) \text{ By definition, } K_X(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ if and only if } c_1\vec{u}_1 + c_2\vec{u}_2 + c_3\vec{u}_3 = \vec{w}.$$

Substituting the values of the vectors in this equation gives

$$c_1(2, 1, 1) + c_2(2, -1, 1) + c_3(1, 2, 1) = (-5, 8, -5).$$

This is equivalent to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 &= -5 \\ y_1 - y_2 + 2y_3 &= 8 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

We can calculate  $K_X(\vec{w})$  by row reducing the augmented matrix  $[\vec{u}_1 \ \vec{u}_2 \ \vec{u}_3 \ | \ \vec{w}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 & -21 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -13 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -13 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 & -21 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{13}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So

$$K_X(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

27. Let  $X = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3)$ , where

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $E = (\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3)$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- Show that  $X$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Find the change of basis matrix,  ${}_E I_X$ , that changes from coordinates with respect to  $X$  to coordinates with respect to  $E$ .
- Find the change of basis matrix,  ${}_X I_E$ , that changes from coordinates with respect to  $E$  to coordinates with respect to  $X$ .

SOLUTION. We know that  ${}_X I_E = ({}_E I_X)^{-1}$  and that  ${}_E I_X = [ \vec{u}_1 \ \vec{u}_2 \ \vec{u}_3 ]$ . We compute this inverse in the usual way

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \\ \rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So

$${}_X I_E = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Linear transformations

28. If  $T: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation, what are the possible dimensions for the kernel of  $T$ ? For each of these possibilities, what is the dimension of the image of  $T$ ?

SOLUTION. If  $T: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation, then either  $\dim \text{Kernel } T = 3$ ,  $\dim \text{Image } T = 2$  or  $\dim \text{Kernel } T = 4$ ,  $\dim \text{Image } T = 1$  or  $\dim \text{Kernel } T = 5$ ,  $\dim \text{Image } T = 0$ .

29. Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$F \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find the matrix of  $F$  with respect to the standard bases on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (b) Determine whether  $F$  is one-to-one and, if not, find a basis the kernel of  $F$ .
- (c) Determine whether  $F$  is onto and, if not, find a basis for the image of  $F$ .
- (d) Find the matrix of  $F$  with respect to the bases  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $Y = (\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

SOLUTION.

- (a) Let  $E_3$  and  $E_2$  be the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , respectively. Then the matrix of  $F$  with respect to  $E_3$  and  $E_2$  is

$${}_{E_3}F_{E_2} = [ K_{E_3}(F(\vec{e}_1)) \ K_{E_3}(F(\vec{e}_2)) ] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) The rank of the matrix  ${}_{E_3}F_{E_2}$  is 2, so  $F$  is one-to-one but not onto.

30. Consider the transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ , given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 \\ -3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) Determine whether  $T$  is one-to-one and, if not, find a basis the kernel of  $T$ .
- (c) Determine whether  $T$  is onto and, if not, find a basis for the image of  $T$ .
- (d) Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $Y = (\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3, \vec{w}_4)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ -5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

SOLUTION. (a) Let  $E_3$  and  $E_4$  be the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , respectively. Then the matrix of  $F$  with respect to  $E_3$  and  $E_4$  is

$${}_{E_4}F_{E_3} = [ K_{E_4}(F(\vec{e}_1)) \ K_{E_4}(F(\vec{e}_2)) \ K_{E_4}(F(\vec{e}_3)) ] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) The reduced row echelon form of  ${}_{E_4}F_{E_2}$  is

$$\mathcal{R}({}_{E_4}F_{E_2}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So a basis for the column space of  ${}_{E_4}F_{E_2}$  is

$$X = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

and a basis for the null space of  ${}_{E_4}F_{E_2}$  is

$$Y = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

Since the coordinate transformations  $K_{E_3}$  and  $K_{E_4}$  are the identity transformations on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , respectively,  $X$  and  $Y$  are also bases for the image and kernel of  $F$ , respectively.

31. Let  $X = (p_1(x), p_2(x), p_3(x))$ , where

$$p_1(x) = 1 + 2x, \quad p_2(x) = x - x^2, \quad p_3(x) = x + x^2,$$

and let  $T: P_2 \rightarrow P_2$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(p(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}p(x) - p(x)$ .

- Show that  $X$  is a basis for  $P_2$ .
- Let  $q(x) = 1 + 3x + x^2$ . Compute  $K_X(q(x))$ .
- Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $X$ .
- Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard basis,  $S = (1, x, x^2)$ , of  $P_2$ .
- Verify that  ${}_X T_X = ({}_X I_E)({}_E T_E)({}_E I_X)$ .
- Use your answers from parts (b) and (c) to find  $K_X(T(q(x)))$ .
- Compute  $K_E(T(q(x)))$ .
- Verify that  $K_X(T(q(x))) = {}_X I_E \cdot K_E(T(q(x)))$ .

SOLUTION. (a)  $\text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3$

(b)  $K_X(q(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  ${}_X T_X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(d) {}_E T_E = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(e) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(f) K_X(T(q(x))) = {}_X T_X K_X(T(q(x))) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(g) K_E(T(q(x))) = K_E((3+2x) - (1+3x+x^2)) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(h) {}_X I_E K_E(T(q(x))) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

For each of the matrices below

- (a) calculate the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ,
- (b) find the eigenvalues of  $A$ ,
- (c) find a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ , and
- (d) determine whether or not  $A$  is diagonalizable. If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then find a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal. If not, explain why  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

$$32. A = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & -5 \\ 29 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$33. A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$34. A = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 25 \\ -4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$35. A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$36. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$37. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$38. A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & -3 \\ -4 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$39. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 & -5 \\ -3 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION.

1. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} -12 - \lambda & -5 \\ 29 & 12 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-12 - \lambda)(12 - \lambda) - (-5)(29) \\ &= \lambda^2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $A$  has no eigenvalues.

(c)  $A$  has no eigenvectors because it has no eigenvalues.

(d)  $A$  is not diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $0 < 2$ .

2. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & -2 \\ 6 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda) - (-2)(6) \\ &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 \\ &= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3)\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $A$  has eigenvalues 2 and 3, each with multiplicity 1.

(c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2 is the null space of the matrix  $A - 2I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - 2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}t$ ,  $x_2 = t$ .

Using  $t = 3$  we get that  $X_2 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2.

The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 3 is the null space of the matrix  $A - 3I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}t$ ,  $x_2 = t$ .

Using  $t = 2$  we get that  $X_3 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 3.

- (d)  $A$  is diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces of  $A$  is  $1 + 1 = 2$ . Further, if we set

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $P$  is invertible and

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 11 - \lambda & 25 \\ -4 & -9 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (11 - \lambda)(-9 - \lambda) - (25)(-4) \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $A$  has eigenvalue 1, with multiplicity 2.

- (c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1 is the null space of the matrix  $A - I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 25 \\ -4 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -\frac{5}{2}t$ ,  $x_2 = t$ .

Using  $t = 2$  we get that  $X_1 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1.

- (d)  $A$  is not diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $1 < 2$ .

4. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \lambda & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 - \lambda & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 4 \\ &= -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2\end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $A$  has eigenvalues 1 and 2, with multiplicities 1 and 2, respectively.

- (c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1 is the null space of the matrix  $A - I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = 3t$ ,  $x_2 = -3t$ ,

$x_3 = t$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_1 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1.

The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2 is the null space of the matrix  $A - 2I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - 2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -s - t$ ,  $x_2 = s$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $s = 1$ ,  $t = 0$  and then  $s = 0$ ,  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_2 = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2.

- (d)  $A$  is diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $1 + 2 = 3$ . Further, if we set

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $P$  is invertible and

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 5 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda + 2 \\ &= -(\lambda + 1)^2(\lambda - 2) \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $A$  has eigenvalues  $-1$  and  $2$ , with multiplicities 2 and 1, respectively.  
(c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is the null space of the matrix  $A - (-1)I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - (-1)I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - (-1)I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -\frac{5}{2}t$ ,  $x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}t$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $t = 2$  we get that  $X_{-1} = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} -5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right] \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$ .

The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2 is the null space of the matrix  $A - 2I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 10 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - 2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -4t$ ,  $x_2 = -2t$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_2 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 2.

- (d)  $A$  is not diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $1 + 1 < 3$ .
6. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 - \lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 + \lambda - 5 \\ &= -(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 5) \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $A$  has eigenvalues  $-1$ ,  $1$ , and  $5$ , each with multiplicity 1.
- (c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is the null space of the matrix  $A - (-1)I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - (-1)I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{11}{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - (-1)I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}t$ ,  $x_2 = -\frac{11}{12}t$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $t = 12$  we get that  $X_{-1} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -11 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$ .

The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1 is the null space of the matrix  $A - I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -4t$ ,  $x_2 = t$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_1 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1.

The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 5 is the null space of the matrix  $A - 5I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - 5I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = t$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_5 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 5.

- (d)  $A$  is diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ . Further, if we set

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 & 0 \\ -11 & 1 & 1 \\ 12 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $P$  is invertible and

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 4 & -3 \\ -4 & -3 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 \\ &= -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The only eigenvalue of  $A$  is 1, with multiplicity 1.

- (c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1 is the null space of the matrix  $A - I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -3 \\ -4 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = -t$ ,  $x_2 = t$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ . Using  $t = 1$  we get that  $X_1 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue 1.

- (d)  $A$  is not diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $1 < 3$ .

8. (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -2 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 - \lambda & -5 \\ -3 & 2 & -6 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 1 \\ &= -(\lambda + 1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The only eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $-1$ , with multiplicity 3.

- (c) The eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is the null space of the matrix  $A - (-1)I$ . To find a basis for this eigenspace we row reduce this matrix.

$$A - (-1)I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 & -5 \\ -3 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $(A - (-1)I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = \frac{2}{3}s - \frac{5}{3}t$ ,  $x_2 = s$ ,  $x_3 = t$ . Using  $s = 3$ ,  $t = 0$  and then  $s = 0$ ,  $t = 3$  we get that  $X_{-1} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$ .

- (d)  $A$  is not diagonalizable since the sum of the dimensions of its eigenspaces is  $2 < 3$ .

### Orthogonality

40. Let  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $V = \text{Span}(X)$ .

- (a) Find a basis,  $Y = (\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2)$ , for the orthogonal complement of  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  
 (b) Use the Gram-Schmidt process *on the list*  $X$  to produce an orthogonal basis,  $X' = (\vec{v}'_1, \vec{v}'_2)$ , for  $V$ .  
 (c) Use the Gram-Schmidt process *on the list*  $Y$  to produce an orthogonal basis,  $Y' = (\vec{w}'_1, \vec{w}'_2)$ , for  $V^\perp$ .  
 (d) Explain why  $X' \cup Y' = (\vec{v}'_1, \vec{v}'_2, \vec{w}'_1, \vec{w}'_2)$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . (This doesn't require any further calculations.)

- (e) Write the vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  as a sum of two vectors,  $\vec{u} = \vec{x} + \vec{y}$ , where  $\vec{x}$  is in  $V$  and  $\vec{y}$  is in  $V^\perp$ . [*Hint.* Use  $\vec{x} = \text{proj}_V \vec{u}$  and  $\vec{y} = \vec{u} - \vec{x}$ , or  $\vec{y} = \text{proj}_{V^\perp} \vec{u}$  and  $\vec{x} = \vec{u} - \vec{y}$ .]

SOLUTION. (a) Let  $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2]$ . Then  $V^\perp$  is the null space of the matrix  $A^T$ , so, to find a basis for  $V^\perp$  we first row reduce  $A^T$ .

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the general solution to the equation  $A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $x_1 = 2s - 2t$ ,  $x_2 = -2s + t$ ,  $x_3 = s$ ,  $x_4 = t$ . Setting  $s = 1$ ,  $t = 0$  and then  $s = 0$ ,  $t = 1$  we get the basis

$$Y = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

for the null space of  $A^T$ . Thus,  $Y$  is a basis for  $V^\perp$ .

(b)

$$X' = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

$$(c) Y' = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

(d)  $X'$  is orthogonal to  $Y'$ , so since each of  $X'$  and  $Y'$  is orthogonal,  $X' \cup Y'$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Since  $X' \cup Y'$  is orthogonal, it is linearly independent. Finally, since  $X' \cup Y'$  is linearly independent and contains 4 vectors, it is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$(e) \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

41. Let  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $V = \text{Span}(X)$ .

- Use the Gram-Schmidt process *on the set*  $X$  to produce an orthogonal basis,  $X' = (\vec{v}'_1, \vec{v}'_2, \vec{v}'_3)$ , for  $V$ .
- Find a basis,  $Y = (\vec{w}_1)$ , for the orthogonal complement of  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- Explain why  $X' \cup Y = (\vec{v}'_1, \vec{v}'_2, \vec{v}'_3, \vec{w})$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . (This doesn't require any further calculations.)

- (d) Write the vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  as a sum of two vectors,  $\vec{u} = \vec{x} + \vec{y}$ , where  $\vec{x}$  is in  $V$  and  $\vec{y}$  is in  $V^\perp$ . [Hint. Use  $\vec{x} = \text{proj}_V \vec{u}$  and  $\vec{y} = \vec{u} - \vec{x}$ , or  $\vec{y} = \text{proj}_{V^\perp} \vec{u}$  and  $\vec{x} = \vec{u} - \vec{y}$ .]

SOLUTION. (a)  $\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$ , so  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $X' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{4}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is an orthogonal basis for  $V$ .

(b)  $Y = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

- (c)  $X'$  is orthogonal to  $Y$ , so since each of them is orthogonal,  $X' \cup Y$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Since  $X' \cup Y$  is orthogonal, it is linearly independent. Finally, since  $X' \cup Y$  is linearly independent and contains 4 vectors, it is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(d)  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{9}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

42. Let  $\vec{v}_1 = (2, -2, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (2, 1, -2)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (1, 2, 2)$ .

- (a) Show that  $X = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 (b) Write  $\vec{u} = (-1, 0, 2)$  as a linear combination of the vectors in  $X$ . (Note that this is different from asking for the coordinate vector of  $\vec{u}$  with respect to the basis  $X$ ! The steps in the solution are the same but the form of the answer is different.)  
 (c) Turn  $X$  into an orthonormal basis,  $Y$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

SOLUTION. (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , which shows

that  $X$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since  $X$  is an orthogonal set,  $X$  is linearly independent. Now, since  $X$  is linearly independent and contains 3 vectors,  $X$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b)  $\vec{u} = -\frac{2}{3}\vec{v}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\vec{v}_3$

(c)  $Y = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

43. Let  $\vec{u}_1 = (2, 2, -1)$ ,  $\vec{u}_2 = (4, 1, 1)$ , and  $\vec{u}_3 = (1, 10, -5)$ .

- (a) Show that  $X = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3)$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (b) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to this basis to find an orthogonal basis,  $X'$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (c) Find the coordinate vector of  $\vec{w} = (4, 6, 0)$  with respect to the basis  $X'$ .
- (d) Further, turn  $X'$  into an orthonormal basis,  $X''$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (e) Find the coordinate vector of  $\vec{w} = (4, 6, 0)$  with respect to the basis  $X''$ .

SOLUTION. (a)  $\text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} = 3$ , so  $X$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$(b) Y = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$(c) Z = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

44. Let  $\vec{u}_1 = (0, 2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\vec{u}_2 = (1, -1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\vec{u}_3 = (1, 2, 0, -1)$  and  $\vec{u}_4 = (1, 0, 0, 1)$ .

- (a) Show that  $X = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3, \vec{u}_4)$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to this basis to find an orthogonal basis,  $X'$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (c) Find the coordinate vector of  $\vec{w} = (0, 5, 2, 5)$  with respect to the basis  $X'$ .
- (d) Further, turn  $X'$  into an orthonormal basis,  $X''$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (e) Find the coordinate vector of  $\vec{w} = (0, 5, 2, 5)$  with respect to the basis  $X''$ .

SOLUTION.

$$(a) \text{ Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{u}_3 & \vec{u}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Row reducing } A \text{ we}$$

find that

$$A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

This is far enough to see that the rank of  $A$  is 4. Thus,  $A$  is invertible, so  $X$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (b) Applying the Gram-Schmidt procedure to  $X$  we get

$$\vec{u}'_1 = \vec{u}_1 = (0, 2, 1, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{u}'_2 &= \vec{u}_2 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}'_1}{\vec{u}'_1 \cdot \vec{u}'_1} \right) \vec{u}'_1 \\
&= (1, -1, 0, 0) - \left( \frac{0 - 2 + 0 + 0}{0 + 4 + 1 + 0} \right) (0, 2, 1, 0) \\
&= (1, -1, 0, 0) + \frac{2}{5} (0, 2, 1, 0) \\
&= \left( 1, -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 0 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{u}'_3 &= \vec{u}_3 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_3 \cdot \vec{u}'_1}{\vec{u}'_1 \cdot \vec{u}'_1} \right) \vec{u}'_1 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_3 \cdot \vec{u}'_2}{\vec{u}'_2 \cdot \vec{u}'_2} \right) \vec{u}'_2 \\
&= (1, 2, 0, -1) - \left( \frac{0 + 4 + 0 + 0}{0 + 4 + 1 + 0} \right) (0, 2, 1, 0) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{1 - \frac{2}{5} + 0 + 0}{1 + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{4}{25}} \right) \left( 1, -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 0 \right) \\
&= (1, 2, 0, -1) - \frac{4}{5} (0, 2, 1, 0) - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1, -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 0 \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1, -1 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{u}'_4 &= \vec{u}_4 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_4 \cdot \vec{u}'_1}{\vec{u}'_1 \cdot \vec{u}'_1} \right) \vec{u}'_1 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_4 \cdot \vec{u}'_2}{\vec{u}'_2 \cdot \vec{u}'_2} \right) \vec{u}'_2 - \left( \frac{\vec{u}_4 \cdot \vec{u}'_3}{\vec{u}'_3 \cdot \vec{u}'_3} \right) \vec{u}'_3 \\
&= (1, 0, 0, 1) - \left( \frac{0 + 0 + 0 + 0}{0 + 4 + 1 + 0} \right) (0, 2, 1, 0) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{1 + 0 + 0 + 0}{1 + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{4}{25} + 0} \right) \left( 1, -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 0 \right) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2} + 0 + 0 - 1}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + 1 + 1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1, -1 \right) \\
&= (1, 0, 0, 1) - 0(0, 2, 1, 0) - \frac{5}{6} \left( 1, -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 0 \right) + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1, -1 \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{4}{15}, \frac{4}{15}, -\frac{8}{15}, \frac{4}{5} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

So  $Y = \left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{15} \\ \frac{4}{15} \\ -\frac{8}{15} \\ \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (c) Finally, dividing each of the vectors in  $Y$  by its length gives the orthonormal basis

$$Z = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} \end{array} \right] \right)$$