

# Practice Midterm 2

## UCLA: Math 115A, Fall 2017

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- This exam has 4 questions, for a total of 23 points.
- Please print your working and answers neatly.
- Write your solutions in the space provided showing working.
- Indicate your final answer clearly.
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- Non programmable and non graphing calculators are allowed.

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1. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a **one-to-one** linear transformation between two finite dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  over a field  $F$ .
- (a) (2 points) Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in V$  be linearly independent. Prove that  $T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_r)$  are linearly independent as well.
- (b) (2 points) Prove that  $\dim(V) \leq \dim(W)$ . *Hint:* Use the rank-nullity formula.
- (c) (2 points) Assume that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . Show that  $T$  is onto. *Hint:* Use the rank-nullity formula again.
- (d) (1 point) Give an example of a linear map, which is one-to-one but not onto.

**Solution:**

- (a) Let  $a_1, \dots, a_r \in F$  such that

$$a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_r T(v_r) = 0.$$

We have to show  $a_1 = \dots = a_r = 0$ . Since  $T$  is linear, we get

$$T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_r v_r) = 0.$$

Since  $T$  is one-to-one,  $N(T) = \{0\}$ , hence

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_r v_r = 0.$$

Since  $v_1, \dots, v_r \in V$  are linearly independent, we get  $a_1 = \dots = a_r = 0$ . Hence  $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_r)$  is linearly independent.

- (b) By the rank-nullity formula

$$\dim(V) = \text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T).$$

Since  $R(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ , we know

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T)) \leq \dim(W).$$

Furthermore, since  $T$  is one-to-one

$$\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(N(T)) = 0.$$

Putting all equations together, we get

$$\dim(V) = \text{rank}(T) \leq \dim(W).$$

- (c) As in the last part, we get

$$\dim(V) = \text{rank}(T) \leq \dim(W).$$

By assumption we have  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . Hence

$$\dim(R(T)) = \text{rank}(T) = \dim(W).$$

Since  $R(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ , it follows that  $R(T) = W$ , which means that  $T$  is onto.

- (d) Consider the map

$$T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(x, y) = (x, y, 0).$$

Then  $T$  is clearly one-to-one. But  $(0, 0, 1)$  is not in  $R(T)$ , hence  $T$  is not onto.

2. Let  $\beta = \{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $\beta' = \{1+x+x^2, x+x^2, x^2\}$  be bases of  $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$ , the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal two.

(a) (1 point) Determine the change of coordinate matrix from  $\beta'$  to  $\beta$

$$[I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$$

(b) (3 points) Determine the change of coordinate matrix from  $\beta$  to  $\beta'$

$$[I_V]_{\beta}^{\beta'}$$

(c) (1 point) Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. Assume that you know  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ . What is  $[T]_{\beta'}^{\beta'}$ ?

**Solution:**

(a) In this case, we can read the matrix right off:

$$[I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) We know that  $[I_V]_{\beta}^{\beta'} = ([I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta})^{-1}$ . We hence have to invert  $[I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Subtract the first row from the second and third:

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

Subtract the second row from the third:

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

Hence

$$[I_V]_{\beta}^{\beta'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) We have

$$[T]_{\beta'}^{\beta'} = [I_V]_{\beta}^{\beta'} [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} [I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$$

3. Let  $T, U : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations between two finite dimensional vector spaces over a field  $F$  with bases  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively.

(a) (2 points) Prove that

$$T + U : V \rightarrow W, (T + U)(v) = T(v) + U(v)$$

is a linear transformation.

(b) (1 point) Let  $a \in F$ . Assume that you know  $A = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  and  $B = [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ . Express  $[aT + U]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  in terms of  $A$  and  $B$ .

(c) (2 points) Let  $v \in V$ . Prove that

$$Z = \{T : V \rightarrow W \mid T \text{ linear and } T(v) = 0\}$$

is a subspace of

$$\mathcal{L}(V, W) = \{T : V \rightarrow W \mid T \text{ linear}\}.$$

**Solution:**

(a) Let  $v, w \in V$  and  $c \in F$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (T + U)(cv + w) &= T(cv + w) + U(cv + w) \\ &= cT(v) + T(w) + cU(v) + U(w) \\ &= c(T(v) + U(v)) + (T(w) + U(w)) \\ &= c(T + U)(v) + (T + U)(w), \end{aligned}$$

where we used the linearity of  $T$  and  $U$  in the second equation. Hence  $T + U$  is linear.

(b) We know that  $[-]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  is linear. Hence

$$[aT + U]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = a[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} + [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma}.$$

(c) Let  $T_0 : V \rightarrow W, T_0(v) = 0$ . This is the zero element of  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Clearly  $T_0(v) = 0$ . Hence  $T_0 \in Z$ . Now let  $T, U \in Z$  and  $a \in F$ , then

$$(aT + U)(v) = aT(v) + U(v) = a0 + 0 = 0.$$

Hence also  $aT + U \in Z$  and  $Z$  is a subspace.

4. Let  $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $W = M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ . Let

$$\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$\gamma = \left\{ w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, w_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, w_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

be the standard ordered bases. Consider the linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  defined by

$$T(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = \begin{bmatrix} a + b & c + d \\ a + c & b + c \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (2 points) Determine  $A = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ .
- (b) (3 points) Prove that  $T$  is an isomorphism.
- (c) (1 point) Prove that  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic without using  $T$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We have to express  $T(1), \dots, T(x^3)$  in the basis  $\gamma$ .

$$T(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = w_2$$

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = w_2 + w_3 + w_4$$

$$T(x^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = w_1 + w_4$$

$$T(x^3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = w_1 + w_3$$

Hence

$$A = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) We know that  $T$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $A$  is invertible. To show that  $A$  is invertible, we compute its determinant by evaluating along the first column. So  $\det(A) = -\det(B)$  where

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

We compute  $\det B = 2$  with our favorite technique. Hence  $\det(A) = -2 \neq 0$ . Hence  $A$  is invertible and  $T$  is an isomorphism.

(c) This follows from  $\dim V = 4 = \dim W$ .

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