

Math 124: Fall 2016  
Practice for Exam 2

NAME: SOLUTIONS

Time: 1 hour and 15 minutes

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Problem	Value	Score
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6	5	
7	5	
8	5	
9	12	
TOTAL	50	

Problem 1 : (3 points)

- a) What is the dimension of  $\mathcal{M}_{4 \times 4}$ ? You do not need to justify your answer.

$$4 \cdot 4 = 16$$

- b) There is a unique value of  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_{4 \times 4}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . What is this value of  $k$ ? You do not need to justify your answer.

$$k=16$$

- c) Now let  $m$  and  $n$  be two positive whole numbers. For what  $k$  is  $\mathbb{R}^k$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ ?

$$k=mn$$

- d) There is a unique value of  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_5$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . What is this value of  $k$ ? You do not need to justify your answer.

$$k=6$$

$$a_0 + a_1 X + a_2 X^2 + a_3 X^3 + a_4 X^4 + a_5 X^5$$

is 6 choices to make.

**Problem 2 : (4 points)** Consider the vector space  $\mathcal{P}_2$ . For each set  $S$ , determine if  $S$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

a)  $S = \{x^2 - x + 1, 2x + 1, 2x - 1\}$

We use the following fact: If  $S$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , then every  $Ax^2 + Bx + C$  in  $\mathcal{P}_2$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination of elements of  $S$ . (Theorem Two.III.1-12)

Fix  $A, B, C$  and solve

$$a_1(x^2 - x + 1) + a_2(2x + 1) + a_3(2x - 1) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$a_1x^2 + (-a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3)x + (a_1 + a_2 - a_3) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

so  $a_1 = A$

$$-a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3 = B$$

$$a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = C$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & A \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & | & B \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & | & C \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{\mathcal{P}_2 + \mathcal{P}_1 \\ \mathcal{P}_3 - \mathcal{P}_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & A \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & | & A+B \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & C-A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}_2 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & A \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & C-A \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & | & A+B \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}_3 - 2\mathcal{P}_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & A \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & C-A \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & | & 3A+B-2C \end{pmatrix}$$

b)  $S = \{x + x^2, x - x^2, x + 2x^2\}$

Same deal:

see last page for end of problem

$$a_1(x + x^2) + a_2(x - x^2) + a_3(x + 2x^2) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$(a_1 - a_2 + 2a_3)x^2 + (a_1 + a_2 + a_3)x = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

so  $a_1 - a_2 + 2a_3 = A$

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = B$$

$$0 = C$$



This is a contradiction if  $C \neq 0$ .  $S$  is not a spanning set so it is not a basis.

Problem 3 : (4 points) Let

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Represent  $\vec{v}$  with respect to the following two bases:

a)  $B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  We want  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve for  $a_1$  &  $a_2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & | & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_2 + \rho_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}\rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\rho_1 - \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a_1 = 2 \\ a_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

So  $\text{Rep}_{\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $B_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  We want  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & | & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_2 - 2\rho_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -7 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_1 - \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a_1 = 10 \\ a_2 = -7 \end{array}$$

So  $\text{Rep}_{\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$

**Problem 4 : (6 points)** Consider the isomorphism  $f: \mathcal{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with

$$a + bx \mapsto \text{Rep}_{\{1, 1+x\}}(a + bx).$$

Find the image of each of the following elements:

a)  $3 - 2x$  We need  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 3 - 2x &= a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2(1+x) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + a_2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 + a_2 = 3 \\ a_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 + (-2) = 3$$

$$\text{so } a_1 = 5$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\{1, 1+x\}}(3 - 2x) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

b)  $2 + 2x$  We need  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 2x &= a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2(1+x) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + a_2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 + a_2 = 2 \\ a_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 + 2 = 2$$

$$\text{so } a_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\{1, 1+x\}}(2 + 2x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

c)  $x$  We need  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2(1+x) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + a_2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ a_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{so } a_1 = -1$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\{1, 1+x\}}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem 5 : (6 points)** For each pair of a vector  $\vec{v}$  and a matrix  $A$ , decide if  $\vec{v}$  is in the row space of  $A$ .

a)  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$       ROWS:  $\vec{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$     $\vec{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$     $\vec{r}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

Is there  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  with  $a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

Solve:  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{P_1 \leftrightarrow P_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{P_3 - 3P_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right)$

$\xrightarrow{P_3 + P_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$       this is  $0 = -1$ , a contradiction

NO,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in the row space

b)  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ROWS:  $\vec{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$     $\vec{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Is there  $a_1, a_2$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

Solve  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{P_1 \leftrightarrow P_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{P_2 - 2P_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

$\xrightarrow{P_1 - P_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$        $a_1 = -1$   
 $a_2 = 1$

Yes,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the row space

**Problem 6 : (5 points)** Give the dimension of the solution set of the homogeneous system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 0 \\2x - y + z &= 0 \\4x + y + 5z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

For credit you must give some mathematical justification for your answer.

Solve the system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\rho_3 - 4\rho_1]{\rho_2 - 2\rho_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_3 - \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}\rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_1 - \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned}x &= -z \\y &= -z\end{aligned}$$

Solutions  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} z$

The dimension of the solution space is 1.

Justification: The solution set is spanned by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Since this is a single non zero vector, it is linearly independent. Therefore it is a basis.

Problem 7 : (5 points) Find a basis for the row space of the matrix

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

Make sure to argue that you have found a basis.

Solution like in class: Look at column space of  $A^T$

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rho_3 - \frac{3}{2}\rho_1 \\ \\ \rho_4 - 2\rho_2 \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -9/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rho_3 - \rho_2 \\ \rho_4 + \rho_2 \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -11/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} -\frac{2}{11}\rho_3 \\ \\ -\frac{1}{3}\rho_4 \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rho_4 - \rho_3 \\ \\ \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{echelon form} \\ \text{leading variables in} \\ \text{columns 1, 2, 3} \\ \text{variable is free in} \\ \text{column 4} \end{matrix}$$

The fourth column of  $A^T$  / row of  $A$  is  
superfluous; a basis for the row space of  $A$   
is

$$\{(2034)^T, (011-1)^T, (3102)^T\}$$

We know this is a basis because this is guaranteed by  
our process



# #7 Alternate solution: Book method

We find a basis for the row space of  $A$  directly

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_1 \leftrightarrow \rho_4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \rho_3 - 3\rho_1 \\ \rho_4 - 2\rho_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 12 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\rho_3 - \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_4 - \rho_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ echelon form}$$

A basis for the row space of  $A$  is

$$\left\{ (1 \ 0 \ -4 \ -1)^T, (0 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1)^T, (0 \ 0 \ 11 \ 6)^T \right\}$$

This is a basis because 2 matrices that are row equivalent have the same row space and the rows of a matrix in echelon form are linearly independent.

Note: This is not the same answer as before but that's ok. A space has infinitely many different bases.

Problem 8 : (5 points) Give a basis for the subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_2$  given by

$$V = \{a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 : a_2 - 2a_1 = a_0\}.$$

Make sure to argue that you have found a basis.

Substitute  $a_0$  into the polynomial

$$= a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_2 - 2a_1$$

Separate the letters

$$= (a_2x^2 + a_2) + (a_1x - 2a_1)$$

Factor out the letters

$$= a_2(x^2 + 1) + a_1(x - 2)$$

$\{x^2 + 1, x - 2\}$  is a spanning set for  $V$  by our work above

Now we check for linear independence / shrink if necessary: Suppose that

$$a_1(x^2 + 1) + a_2(x - 2) = 0$$

$$a_1x^2 + a_2x + (a_1 - 2a_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = 0 \\ a_2 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ only solution}$$

$$a_1 - 2a_2 = 0$$

$\{x^2 + 1, x - 2\}$  is a basis for  $V$

Problem 9 : (12 points) Consider the subspace

$$V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} : x = 3z, y = -z, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

a) (3 points) Give a spanning set for  $V$ .

Substitute  $x$  &  $y$  into the vector:  $\begin{pmatrix} 3z \\ -z \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

Factor out the letter:  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} z$

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a spanning set

b) (3 points) Give a basis for  $V$ . Prove that you found a basis.

A single non zero vector is linearly independent.

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis

c) (6 points) Show that  $V$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

You can use the next page for your work if you run out of space here.

We need a map  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which we can show to be an isomorphism. This is provided by  $\text{Rep}_{\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ .

To be precise:  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 3z \\ -z \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto z$

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$$\# 2a) \frac{1}{4} \rho_3 \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & A \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & C-A \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B - \frac{1}{2}C \end{array} \right)$$

unique solution

$$\rho_2 + \rho_3 \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & A \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}C - \frac{1}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B - \frac{1}{2}C \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} a_1 = A \\ a_2 = \frac{1}{2}C - \frac{1}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B \\ a_3 = \frac{3}{4}A + \frac{1}{4}B - \frac{1}{2}C \end{array}$$

Since any  $Ax^2+Bx+C$  can be written as a linear combination of elements of  $S$  in a unique way,  $S$  is a basis.

# 9 •  $f$  is a homomorphism:

$$f\left(r_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3z_1 \\ -z_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3z_2 \\ -z_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3r_1z_1 + 3r_2z_2 \\ -r_1z_1 - r_2z_2 \\ r_1z_1 + r_2z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = r_1z_1 + r_2z_2$$

$$r_1 f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3z_1 \\ -z_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + r_2 f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3z_2 \\ -z_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = r_1z_1 + r_2z_2 \quad \checkmark$$

•  $f$  is one-to-one:

$$\text{Suppose } f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3z_1 \\ -z_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3z_2 \\ -z_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \text{ i.e. } z_1 = z_2$$

$$\text{If } z_1 = z_2, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3z_1 \\ -z_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3z_2 \\ -z_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

•  $f$  is onto

For any  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3z \\ -z \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in V$  is

$$\text{such that } f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 3z \\ -z \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = z$$

we know this  
because  $V$  has all  
vectors of this form  
inside of it. So any  
choice of last entry is  
in there.