

Economics 204  
Problem Set 4  
Due Tuesday, August 11

**Exercise 1**

State (and check) whether each of the following is a vector space (over  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

- a)  $S = \{cv : c \in \mathbf{R}, v = (1, 1, 1)\}$
- b)  $S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0, x_1 + 2x_2 = 0\}$
- c)  $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 + x_2 = 1\}$
- d)  $S = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] : f \text{ continuous}\}$ . (first, define  $(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x)$  and  $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$ ).

If to any one of (a) – (c) you answered "yes", then find the dimension of the space and a Hamel basis for it.

**Exercise 2**

Let  $Z, V, W$  be vector spaces and  $g : Z \rightarrow V$ ,  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations and  $Z, V$ , and  $W$  have dimension  $n$ .

a) Show that  $\text{Ker}(g) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f \circ g)$  and thus  $\dim \text{Im } g \geq \dim \text{Im}(f \circ g)$ , where  $\dim \text{Im } g$  indicates the dimension of the image of the map  $g$ , and  $\text{Ker}(h) = \{x \in V : h(x) = 0\}$ .

b) Show that  $f$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$ .

c) Let  $Z = W = V$ . Show that if  $f, g$  are automorphisms of  $V$  (i.e. isomorphisms from  $V$  to  $V$ ), then  $f \circ g$  is an automorphism of  $V$ .

**Exercise 3**

a) What 2 by 2 matrix represents, with respect to the standard basis, the transformation which rotates every vector in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  counterclockwise 90 degrees and then projects the result onto the  $x$  – axis?

b) What 2 by 2 matrix represents, with respect to the standard basis, projection of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  onto the  $x$  – axis followed by projection onto the  $y$  – axis?

c) What 3 by 3 matrices represent, with respect to the standard basis, the transformations that *i*) project every vector onto the  $x$  –  $y$  plane; *ii*) reflect every vector through the  $x$  –  $y$  plane.

**Exercise 4**

Let  $T : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} - b_{12} & 0 \\ b_{12} - b_{11} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Determine  $\text{Ker}(T)$ ,  $\dim \text{Ker}(T)$ ,  $\text{rank}(T)$ . Is  $T$  one-to-one, onto, or neither?

### Exercise 5

Suppose that square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, i.e.  $A = P^{-1}BP$ , for some invertible matrix  $P$ . Find an expression for  $A^n$ . Suppose  $B$  is diagonal with  $b_{ii}$  on its diagonal. Find an expression for  $\text{Tr}(A^n)$  and  $\text{Det}(A^n)$  in terms of  $b_{ii}$ .

### Exercise 6

Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces with bases  $\{v_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  and  $\{w_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Say which of the following statements is true/false, and prove your claim.

a) If  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$ , then  $\{w_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \subset \text{Span}\{Tv_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  i.e. the set of vectors  $\{w_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  is spanned by the set of vectors  $\{Tv_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$ .

b) If  $T$  is an isomorphism from  $V$  to  $W$ , then the bases  $\{w_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  and  $\{Tv_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  are numerically equivalent, i.e. there exists a bijection between the two.

c) If  $\{Tv_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  spans  $W$ , then  $\{v_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$  and  $\{w_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  are numerically equivalent.