

MATH 2270
Quiz #4 - Fall 2008

Name: Answer

1. (5 points) Find the matrix B of the linear transformation

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$$

with respect to the basis

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Method 1:

Let $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so that $S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} B &= S^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2:

$$B = \left(T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}}, T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}} \right). \quad \text{So}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}}.$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}}.$$

$$\therefore \boxed{B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}}$$

2. (4 points) Prove the set of 3×3 matrices A such that the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is in the kernel of A is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$.

• Clearly 0 is in this set since every vector is in ~~the~~ $\ker(0)$

• If A, B are two such matrices, then

$$(A+B)\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = A\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + B\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}.$$

So the set is
closed under
addition

• If A is such a matrix, then

$$(\alpha A)\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha(A\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}) = \alpha \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0},$$

So the set is
closed under
scalar multiplication

3. (2 points) True or false. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false.

(a) The function $T(M) = 7M$ from $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a linear transformation.

True

(b) The function $T(M) = M^2$ from $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a linear transformation.

False