LINEAR ALGEBRA

Solution to Midterm 3

NAME:_____ ID NO.:_____ CLASS: _____ **Problem 1:** (4 points) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. Try to find an ele-

mentary matrix such that B = AE

Solution.
$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 2: (8 points) Express the invertible matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ as a product of elementary matrices.

Solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 3: (8 points) Let $T: P_2(\mathbb{R}) \to P_2(\mathbb{R})$ be defined by

$$T(f(x)) = f(x) + f'(x) + f''(x).$$

Determine whether T is invertible, and compute T^{-1} if it exists.

Solution. See the solution for Example 7 of Sec.3.2 in the textbook.

Problem 4: Let $T, U : V \to W$ be linear transformations.

(1) (4 points) Prove that

$$R(T+U) \subseteq R(T) + R(U).$$

(2) (4 points) Prove that if W is finite-dimensional, then

 $\operatorname{rank}(T+U) \le \operatorname{rank}(T) + \operatorname{rank}(U).$

(3) (4 points) Deduce from (2) that

$$\operatorname{rank}(A+B) \le \operatorname{rank}(A) + \operatorname{rank}(B)$$

for any $m \times n$ matrices A and B.

Proof of (1). For any $v \in R(T+U)$, we can write it as $v = (T+U)(w) = T(w) + U(w) \in R(T) + R(U)$ for some $w \in V$. Hence $R(T+U) \subseteq R(T) + R(U)$. Proof of (2).

$$\operatorname{rank}(T+U) = \dim (R(T+U))$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \dim (R(T) + R(U))$$

$$\stackrel{1.6.29(a)}{=} \dim (R(T)) + \dim (R(U)) - \dim (R(T) \cap R(U))$$

$$\leq \dim (R(T)) + \dim (R(U))$$

$$= \operatorname{rank}(T) + \operatorname{rank}(U).$$

Proof of (3).

$$\operatorname{rank}(A+B) = \operatorname{rank}(L_{A+B}) = \operatorname{rank}(L_A + L_B) \le \operatorname{rank}(A) + \operatorname{rank}(B).$$

Problem 5: (8 points) Let the reduced row echelon form of A be $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. Determine A if the first, second, and fourth columns of A are $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, respectively.

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Solution.
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & -9 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
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Problem 6: (8 points) Let W be the subspace of $M_{2\times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ consisting of the symmetric 2×2 matrices. The set

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

generates W. Find a subset of S that is a basis for W.

Proof.

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

forms a basis for W.