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 Math 268, Quiz #4, Spring 2012

Instructions: Show all work. Calculators should be used to check, not to perform work. Justify your answers.

1. Consider the set of polynomials $\{1, t+t^2, 3-t^2+2t^3, -4t-t^3\}$. Does this set form a basis of \mathcal{P}_3 ? In other words, does the set span \mathcal{P}_3 and is the set linearly independent? Does it satisfy the definition of a subspace? [Hint: treat the coefficients of each term as entries in the 4×1 vector.]

$$\begin{bmatrix} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ rref} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes it is a basis since it spans \mathcal{P}_3 & is linearly independent.

Yes, it is a subspace.

2. Find the kernel and the column space of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{rref} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2/9 & 8/9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/9 & 1/9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Free variables x_3, x_4, x_5

$$x_1 = -2/9 x_3 - 8/9 x_4$$

$$x_2 = 2/9 x_3 - 1/9 x_4$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$x_4 = x_4$$

$$x_5 = x_5$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/9 \\ 2/9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} -8/9 \\ -1/9 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_4 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2/9 \\ 2/9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -8/9 \\ -1/9 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$