# Key Definitions: Sections 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.7, 5.1-5.2

- The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix is
- The (i, j)-cofactor of an  $n \times n$  matrix A is f a vector space is
- A vector space is
- A subspace of a vector space is
- The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is
- The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is
- A linear transformation is
- A basis is
- The  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  are
- The dimension of a vector space V is
- The rank of A is

- An eigenvector of A is
- An eigenvalue of A is
- Two matrices are similar if

Major Theorems: Sections 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.7, 5.1-5.2

Chapter 3

**Theorem 1 Cofactor Expansion** The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix A can be computed by a cofactor expansion across any row or down any column.

Cofactor expansion across the  $i^{th}$  row is given by:

 $det(A) = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$ 

Cofactor expansion across the  $j^{th}$  column is given by:

 $det(A) = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$ 

**Theorem 2** If A is a triangular matrix, then det(A) is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of A.

(e) The determinant of the product AC is,

 $det(AC) = \_$ 

**Theorem 4 IMT extended** A square matrix A is invertible if and only if  $det(A) \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 5** Cramer's Rule Let A be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. For any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has entries given by

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i(\mathbf{b}))}{\det(A)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

 $A_i(\mathbf{b})$  is defined as the matrix where the *i*th column of A is replaced by **b**. That is,

 $A_i(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{b} & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix}.$ 

**Theorem 6 An Inverse Formula** Let A be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Then,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} adj(A)$$

where adj(A) denotes the adjugate (or classical adjoint), the  $n \times n$  matrix of cofactors  $C^T = [C_{ji}].$ 

### Theorem 7 Area or Volume

If A is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of A is |det(A)|.

If A is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the columns of A is |det(A)|.

### **Theorem 8 Expansion Factors**

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation determined by the  $2 \times 2$  matrix A. If S is a parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\{area of T(S)\} = |det(A)| \cdot \{area of S\}$$

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation determined by the  $3 \times 3$  matrix A. If S is a parallelepiped in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

 $\{volume \ of \ T(S)\} = |det(A)| \cdot \{volume \ of \ S\}$ 

## Chapter 4

**Theorem 1** If V is a vector space, and  $\mathbf{v_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{v_p} \in V$ , then  $span\{\mathbf{v_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{v_p}\}$  is a subspace of V.

*Note: we call span* $\{\mathbf{v_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{v_p}\}$  *the* subspace spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{v_p}\}$ .

**Theorem 2** The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of \_\_\_\_\_

**Theorem 3** The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of \_\_\_\_\_

**Theorem 4** An indexed set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  of two or more vectors with  $\mathbf{v}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$  is linearly dependent if and only if some vector  $\mathbf{v}_j$  with j > 1 is a linear combination of the preceding  $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1}$ .

Theorem 5 Spanning Set Theorem Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \subset V$  and  $H = span\{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

- If some  $\mathbf{v}_k \in S$  is a linear combination of the remaining vectors in S, the set formed by removing  $\mathbf{v}_k$  still spans H.
- If  $H \neq \{0\}$ , some subset of S is a basis for H.

**Theorem 6** The pivot columns of a matrix A form a basis for Col A.

Theorem 7 The Unique Representation Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{B} = {\mathbf{b_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{b_n}}$  be a basis for a vector space V. Then, for each  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , there exist **unique**  $c_1, \ldots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b_1} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b_n}.$$

**Theorem 8** Let  $\mathcal{B} = {\mathbf{b}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_n}$  be a basis for a vector space V. The coordinate mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a **one-to-one** linear transformation from V **onto**  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 9** If a vector space V has a basis  $\mathcal{B} = {\mathbf{b}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_n}$ , then any set in V containing more

than n vectors must be \_\_\_\_\_

**Theorem 10** If a vector space V has a basis of n vectors, then every basis of V must consist of

exactly \_\_\_\_\_ vectors.

**Theorem 11** Let H be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V. Any linearly independent set in H can be expanded to a basis for H. Also, H is finite-dimensional and dim  $H \leq \dim V$ .

Theorem 12 The Basis Theorem

Let V be a p-dimensional vector space where  $p \ge 1$ . Any linearly independent set of exactly p elements in V is automatically a basis for V. Any set of exactly p elements that spans V is automatically a basis for V.

**Theorem 13** If two matrices A and B are row equivalent, then their row spaces are the same. If B is in echelon form, the nonzero rows of B form a basis for the row space of A as well as for that of B.

**Theorem 14** The Rank-Nullity Theorem Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

rank A + dim(Nul A) =\_\_\_\_\_

**Theorem 15** Change of Basis Let  $\mathcal{B} = {\mathbf{b}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_n}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = {\mathbf{c}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{c}_n}$  be bases of a vector space V. Then, there is a unique  $n \times n$  matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  such that

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

where the columns  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  are the  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate vectors of the vectors in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . That is,

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = [[\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} \ [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} \dots [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}}]$$

 $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  is called the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  and is invertible.

### Chapter 5

**Theorem 1** The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on the main diagonal.

**Theorem 2** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are eigenvectors that correspond to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix A, then the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$  is linearly independent.

**Theorem 3** If  $n \times n$  matrices A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial

and hence, the same \_\_\_\_\_ (with the same multiplicities).

## The Invertible Matrix Theorem (continued)

Let A be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given A, the statements are either all true or all false.

(a) A is an <u>invertible</u> matrix.

(b) A is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  \_\_\_\_\_ matrix.

- (c) A has \_\_\_\_\_ postions.
- (d) The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the \_\_\_\_\_\_ solution.
- (e) The columns of A form a linearly \_\_\_\_\_\_ set.
- (f) The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has \_\_\_\_\_\_ solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (h) The columns of A \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (i) The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (j) There is an  $n \times n$  matrix C such that CA =\_\_\_\_\_.
- (k) There is an  $n \times n$  matrix D such that AD = \_\_\_\_\_.
- (l)  $A^T$  is an \_\_\_\_\_ matrix.
- (m) The \_\_\_\_\_ of A form a basis of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (n) Col A = \_\_\_\_\_

- (o)  $\dim(\operatorname{Col} A) =$
- (p) rank A =\_\_\_\_\_
- (q) Nul A =\_\_\_\_\_
- (r) dim(Nul A) = \_\_\_\_\_
- (s) \_\_\_\_\_ is not an eigenvalue of A.
- (t)  $det(A) \neq \_\_\_$

## **Supplemental Practice Problems:**

- 1. Let A and B be  $5 \times 5$  matrices with det A = -2 and det B = 3. Use properties of determinants to compute each of the following:
  - (a)  $\det BA$
  - (b)  $\det 2A$
- 2. Compute the area of the parallelogram whose vertices are given by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3\\5 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 3. Use Cramer's Rule to solve the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Let W be the set of all vectors of the form given below. Find a set S of vectors that spans W or give an example to show that W is not a vector space.

(a) 
$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -a+1\\a-6b\\2b+a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in R \right\}$$

(b) 
$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4a+3b\\0\\a+b+c\\c-2a \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in R \right\}$$

- 5. Constructions:
  - (a) Give an example of a basis  $\{\mathbf{p_1}, \mathbf{p_2}, \mathbf{p_3}\}$  of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  such that  $[t^2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (b) Give an example of a vector space V whose objects are matrices such that dimV = 100.
  - (c) Give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix A such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is not an eigenvector of A with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda = 4$ .
  - (d) Give an example of a matrix A that has a two-dimensional eigenspace.
- 6. Let  $M_{2\times 2}$  be the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries.  $M_{2\times 2}$  has natural operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication, and with these operations,  $M_{2\times 2}$  is a vector space. (You do not need to check this.) Consider the subset of symmetric matrices:

$$H = \{ A \in M_{2 \times 2} : A^T = A \}.$$

Is H a subspace of  $M_{2\times 2}$ ? Justify your answer.

- 7. For each vector space, determine if the given set is a basis. Justify your answer. (a)  $\mathbb{R}^2: \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -9\\6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ 
  - (b)  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
  - (c)  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
  - (d)  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\4\\5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

(e) 
$$\mathbb{R}^3:\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\1\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- 8. For each space, find a basis and express the redundant vectors as linear combinations of the basis vectors.
  - (a) span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

(b) span 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3\\3\\6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\-3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- 9. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of A.
  - (b) Find the eigenvalues of A and their corresponding eigenspaces.
- 10. Consider the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  where  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\6 \end{bmatrix}$ . (a) Explain why  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (b) Express the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .
  - (c) Sketch the grid associated to  $\mathcal{B}$  along with the vectors from part(b).

11. For each matrix, compute its rank and find a basis for its column space; compute its nullity and find a basis for its null space.

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 \\ 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 12. Consider the set \$\mathcal{B} = \{1+t, 1+t^2, t+t^2\}\$ in \$\mathbb{P}\_2\$.
  (a) Is \$\mathcal{B}\$ a basis for \$\mathbb{P}\_2\$? Show work in support of your answer.
  - (b) Compute the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of the vector  $2 + 2t + 2t^2 \in \mathbb{P}_2$ .

13. Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -12 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

- (a) Find the reduced row echelon form of A.
- (b) Find a basis for NulA. What is  $\dim(NulA)$ ?
- (c) Find a basis for ColA. What is dim(ColA)?
- (d) Find a basis for RowA. What is  $\dim(RowA)$ ?
- 14. Is the set of polynomials  $\{1+2t, 3t+3t^2, 4t+7t^2\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ? Show supporting work!

- 15. Consider the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (a) Compute the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of each of the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\1 \end{bmatrix}$
  - (b) Write down the matrix  $\underset{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}{P}$  that converts  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates to standard coordinates. Multiply  $\underset{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}{P}$  by one of your answers in the previous part to check that you get back the original vector.
  - (c) Compute the matrix  $\underset{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}{P}$  that converts standard coordinates to  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates. Compute  $\underset{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}{P} \begin{bmatrix} -2\\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underset{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}{P} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . You should get your answers in the first part.

16. Let  $\mathbb{P}_2 \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(-1) \\ \mathbf{p}(2) \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Compute T(1), T(t), and  $T(t^2)$ . Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{1, t, t^2\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . Using the coordinate mapping  $\mathbb{P}_2 \xrightarrow{[]_{\mathcal{E}}} \mathbb{R}^3$ , we can view T as a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{S} \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $S(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ .
- (b) Write down the matrix A. Hint: the columns of A are your answers in (a).
- (c) Use the matrix A to check that  $S([t^2]_{\mathcal{E}}) = T(t^2)$ .
- (d) Compute a basis for Nul A.
- (e) Use your answer in (d) to write down a basis for the kernel of T.
- 17. Write down the equation that defines what it means for  $\mathbf{x}$  to be an eigenvector of matrix A with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

18. Show that 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 7\\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is an eigenvector of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7\\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and compute its eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

19. Suppose  $\lambda = 6$  is an eigenvalue for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 \\ -6 & 6 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute a basis for the associated eigenspace.

- 20. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . (a) Compute the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  of A.
  - (b) Compute the associated eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  of A.
- 21. Determine whether each subset of vectors is a subspace of a vector space. If so, find the dimension of the subspace and identify the vector space.

(a) span 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
, (b) Row  $A$ , (c) Nul  $A^T$ , (d)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4a+3b\\a\\b \end{bmatrix} : a,b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ ,

(e) 
$$\{y(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) : c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$