

1. (1 point) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $(2X + A^T)^T = 2A$  then the sum of the entries on the diagonal of  $X$  is

- A. -1  
 B. 4  
 C. 2  
 D. 0  
 E. 10  
 F. 3

$$(2X + A^T)^T = 2A \Leftrightarrow 2X + A^T = 2A^T \Leftrightarrow 2X = 2A^T - A^T = A^T \Leftrightarrow$$

$$X = \frac{1}{2} A^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \frac{1}{2}(2+2) = 2$$

My answer: C

2. (1 point) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . The first row of  $A^{-1}$  is

- A. [1 -4 -9]  
 B. [3 0 4]  
 C. [2 -3 14]  
 D. [1 4 7]  
 E. [2 3 0]  
 F. [1 -5 6]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 7 & -14 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

My answer: F

3. (1 point) Calculate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & b & 3 \\ c & 0 & 0 & d \\ e & f & 4 & g \end{vmatrix}$$

A.  $4acfg$

B.  $-abcf$

C.  $3abcfg$

D.  $-3abcfg$

E.  $12abc$

F.  $-abcfy$

$$\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{1st row}}}{=} -a \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & b \\ c & 0 & 0 \\ e & f & 4 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{1st row}}}{=} -ab \begin{vmatrix} c & 0 \\ e & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -abcf$$

My answer: B

4. (1 point) Find  $x$  if

$$\begin{aligned} x + (1-i)y &= -1+2i \\ ix + 2y &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

A.  $x = 1+i$

B.  $x = -2+3i$

C.  $x = 3-4i$

D.  $x = -3-4i$

E.  $x = 7-i$

F.  $x = 5+2i$

augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1-i & -1+2i \\ i & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1-i & -1+2i \\ 0 & 2-i(1-i) & -4-i(-1+2i) \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1-i & -1+2i \\ 0 & 1-i & -2+i \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1-i & -2+i \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $*$  =  $-1+2i - (-2+i) = -1+2+2i-i = 1+i$

My answer: A

5. (1 point) The eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  are

- (A) 1 and 2  
 B. 2 and 3  
 C. -1 and -3  
 D.  $\pm i$   
 E. 3 and -3  
 F. 2 and 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_A(\lambda) &= \det(\lambda I_3 - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & \lambda-2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & \lambda-3 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-2 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda-3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \lambda-2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \lambda(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) + 2(\lambda-2) = (\lambda-2)(\lambda(\lambda-3)+2) = (\lambda-2)(\lambda^2-3\lambda+2) \\
 &= (\lambda-2)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-1), \text{ so the zeros of } C_A(\lambda) \text{ are } \lambda=1 \text{ and } \lambda=2
 \end{aligned}$$

My answer: A

6. (1 point) The general solution of the system of linear differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1' &= f_1 + f_2 \\
 f_2' &= 4f_1 - 2f_2
 \end{aligned}$$

is of the form below, where  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  are arbitrary:

- A.  $ce^{-3x} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + de^{2x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 B.  $ce^{-2x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + de^{3x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 C.  $ce^{-2x} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + de^{3x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (D)  $ce^{-3x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + de^{2x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 E.  $ce^{-3x} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + de^{2x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 F.  $ce^{-3x} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + de^{3x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C_A(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-1 & -1 \\ -4 & \lambda+2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1)(\lambda+2) - 4 =$   
 $= \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2)$ ,  
 Eigenvector for  $\lambda = -3$ :  $-3I_2 - A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 so  $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = -3$   
 Eigenvector for  $\lambda = 2$ :  $2I_2 - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 so  $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector. By Th. 1 in §2.9  
 the general solution is of the form

$$c e^{-3x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + d e^{2x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

My answer: D

7. (1 point) Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$ -matrix. Which of the following conditions are equivalent to the statement " $AX = B$  is solvable for every  $B \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ?"

- (i)  $AX = 0$  is uniquely solvable. *True*  
 (ii)  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . *False*  
 (iii) The linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , given by  $T(X) = AX$ , has a non-zero kernel. *False*  
 (iv) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . *True*

A. All of them.

B. (ii), (iii) and (iv).

C. (iii) and (iv) only.

**D. (i) and (iv) only.**

E. (i), (ii) and (iii).

F. (i), (iii) and (iv).

$AX = B$  is solvable for all  $B \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow A$  is invertible.

The Invertible Matrix Theorem says:

$A$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0$  is NOT an eigenvalue

$\Leftrightarrow AX = 0$  is uniquely solvable

$\Leftrightarrow$  The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\Leftrightarrow T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n: X \mapsto AX$  is bijective.

By Cor of Th 5 in §5.2,  $T$  is bijective  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is one-to-one,  
 and by Th 4 in §5.2,  $T$  is one-to-one  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker } T = 0$ .

My answer: D

8. (1 point) Let  $V$  be a 5-dimensional vector space. Which of the following statements are true?

(i) Any set of 4 vectors is linearly independent. *F*

(ii) Every set of 6 vectors contains a basis of  $V$ . *F*

(iii) Every linearly independent set of 5 vectors is a basis of  $V$ .

(iv) If  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  of dimension 5 then  $U = V$ .

A. All of them.

B. (ii), (iii) and (iv).

**C. (iii) and (iv) only.**

D. (i) and (iv) only.

E. (i), (ii) and (iii).

F. (i), (iii) and (iv).

(i) false

(ii) false, since the set may not even span  $V$

(iii) true: Th 4 in §5.2

(iv) true: Th 5 in §5.2

My answer: C



11. For any real number  $a$  consider the linear system

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 3ay & & = 3 \\ & 3y + az & = 1 \\ x & + 2az & = 5 \end{array}$$

(a) (4 points) Determine the rank of the coefficient matrix  $C$  and the rank of the augmented matrix  $A$  of this linear system.

(b) (4 points) Find the conditions on  $a$ , so that the system has

- (i) infinitely many solutions,
- (ii) a unique solution, and
- (iii) no solution.

In case (i) write down all solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3a & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2a & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ C \mid \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{matrix} \right] \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3a & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 3a & 2a & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3a & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a - a^2 & 2 - a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3a & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a(2-a) & 2-a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank } A = \begin{cases} 2; & a=2 \\ 3; & a \neq 2 \end{cases} \\ C &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3a & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & a \\ 0 & 0 & a(2-a) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank } C = \begin{cases} 2 & a=0 \text{ or } a=2 \\ 3 & a \neq 0 \text{ and } a \neq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (i)  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A = \text{rank } C = 2 \Leftrightarrow a=2$ . In this case

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \begin{cases} x + 4z = 5 \\ 3y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

The general solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 - 4t \\ \frac{1}{3}(1 - 2t) \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A = \text{rank } C = 3 \Leftrightarrow a \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 2$

(iii) no solution  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } C < \text{rank } A \Leftrightarrow a=0$

12. (7 points) The characteristic polynomial of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is  $x(x-1)^2$ . (You do not need to show this.)

- (a) (1 point) Find all eigenvalues of  $A$ .  
 (b) (4 points) For each eigenvalue of  $A$  find a basis of the corresponding eigenspace.  
 (c) (2 points) Decide if  $A$  is diagonalizable or not. If yes, give an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . Justify your answer.

(a) Since the eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of the characteristic polynomial,  $A$  has eigenvalues 0 and 1.

(b)  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$0E - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ thus the eigenspace } E_0$$

consists of the solutions of the linear system  $x + 2z = 0$   
 $y - z = 0$ ,

which are  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary. A basis of the

eigenspace  $E_0(A)$  is therefore  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

$$\lambda = 1 \quad E - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The corresponding linear}$$

system is  $x + z = 0$ . Its general solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} =$

$= s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary. A basis of the eigenspace

$E_1(A)$  is therefore  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

(c) Since the basis vectors of  $E_0(A)$  and  $E_1(A)$  add up to 3,  $A$  is diagonalizable,  $A = PDP^{-1}$  with

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

13. (7 points) For the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 7 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 & 16 \\ 3 & -3 & 8 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

find

- (a) (2 points) the reduced row echelon form,  
 (b) (1 point) a basis of the row space,  
 (c) (1 point) a basis of the column space,  
 (d) (2 points) a basis of the null space,  
 (e) (1 point) the dimension of  $\text{col}(A)^\perp$ , the orthogonal complement of the column space of  $A$ .

$$(a) \quad A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R$$

(b) A basis of  $\text{row}(A)$  is  $\{ [1, -1, 0, 3], [0, 0, 1, 2] \}$ , the nonzero rows of  $R$

(c) A basis of  $\text{col}(A)$  is given by the columns corresponding to the columns with leading 1's in  $R$ , i.e. column 1 and column 3:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(d) The null space consists of the solutions of the homogeneous linear system with coefficient matrix  $A$ . Hence they are the solutions of  $AX=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 &= 0 \\ x_3 + 2x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad , \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5-3t \\ 5 \\ -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary.} \quad \text{A basis of null}(A) \text{ is}$$

$$\text{therefore} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(e) Since  $\text{col}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , Th. 3 in §4.6 says

$$\dim \text{col}(A)^\perp = 3 - \dim \text{col}(A) = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

14. (a) (3 points) Are  $\{p_1 = 1 - x, p_2 = 2 + x^2, p_3 = -7 - 3x - 2x^2\}$  linearly independent in  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ? If no, provide a nontrivial linear combination of  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  that vanishes.

Assume  $c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + c_3 p_3 = 0$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_1(-1+x) + c_2(2+x^2) + c_3(-7+3x-2x^2) \\ &= (-c_1 + 2c_2 - 7c_3) + (c_1 + 3c_3)x + (c_2 - 2c_3)x^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} -c_1 + 2c_2 - 7c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 + 3c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 - 2c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3t \\ 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary. Since this system has nontrivial}$$

solutions  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  are linearly dependent. A nontrivial linear combination that vanishes is

$$-3(-1+x) + 2(2+x^2) + (-7+3x-2x^2) = 0$$

(b) (2 points) Find a spanning set of the subspace  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a+b+c=0 \right\}$  of  $M_{22}$ .

$$\text{For } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22} \text{ we have } A \in V \Leftrightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -(a+b) & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, a, b, d \in \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : a, b, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a spanning set of  $V$ .

(c) (3 points) Show that  $U = \{f \in \mathbb{F}[0, 1] : f(1) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}[0, 1]$ .

We verify the 3 conditions of the subspace test:

- the zero of  $\mathbb{F}[0, 1]$  is the zero function,  $0: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : t \mapsto 0$ , mapping every  $t \in [0, 1]$  to  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , in particular  $0(1) = 0$ , so  $0 \in U$
- let  $f, g \in U$ , i.e.  $f(1) = 0 = g(1)$ . Then  $(f+g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 0 + 0 = 0$ , so  $(f+g) \in U$
- let  $f \in U$ , i.e.  $f(1) = 0$ , and let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(sf)(1) = sf(1) = s \cdot 0 = 0$ , so  $sf \in U$ .

15. (a) (3 points) Find an orthogonal basis of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the vectors  $X_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$ ,  $X_2 = [2 \ 4 \ 5 \ 1]$  and  $X_3 = [0 \ -4 \ -2 \ 1]$ .

We perform the Gram-Schmidt algorithm:

$$F_1 = X_1$$

$$F_2 = X_2 - \frac{X_2 \cdot F_1}{F_1 \cdot F_1} F_1 = [2, 4, 5, 1] - \frac{12}{4} [1, 1, 1, 1] = [2, 4, 5, 1] - [3, 3, 3, 3] \\ = [-1, 1, 2, -2]$$

$$F_3 = X_3 - \frac{X_3 \cdot F_1}{F_1 \cdot F_1} F_1 - \frac{X_3 \cdot F_2}{F_2 \cdot F_2} F_2 = [0, -4, -2, 1] - \frac{-8}{4} [1, 1, 1, 1] - \frac{0 \cdot -4 - 4 \cdot -2}{10} [-1, 1, 2, -2] \\ = [0, -4, -2, -1] + [2, 2, 2, 2] + [-1, 1, 2, -2] = [1, -1, 2, -1]$$

(for  $X_3 = [-3 \ -4 \ -2 \ 1]$  the solution is  $F_1, F_2$  as above, while  $F_3 = \frac{1}{10} [-17, -13, 14, 16]$ )

(3 points)

(b) Find the best approximation to a solution of the <sup>inconsistent</sup> linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 4x &= 2 \\ 2y &= 0 \\ x + y &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since the lin system is (obviously) inconsistent we solve  $(A^T A)z = A^T B$ . We have

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ -1 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)z = A^T B \Leftrightarrow z = (A^T A)^{-1} (A^T B) = \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ -1 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 95 - 11 \\ -19 + 187 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 84 \\ 168 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \text{best approximation.}$$

16. (4 bonus points) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, let  $\{b_1, \dots, b_r\}$  be a basis of  $\ker T$  and let  $\{T(d_1), \dots, T(d_s)\}$  be a basis of  $\text{im } T$ , where  $d_1, \dots, d_s$  are suitable vectors in  $V$ . Show that  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_r, d_1, \dots, d_s\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , and conclude that  $\dim V = \dim(\ker T) + \dim(\text{im } T)$ .

see the proof of Th 5 in § 5.3