

# MATH223 Homework 5

(due Sunday, Oct/27, 11:59pm)

1. (3 marks) Recall the three types of row operations that we have:

- Multiplying row  $i$  by a nonzero scalar  $\lambda$ .
- Adding  $\lambda$  times row  $j$  to row  $i$  (with  $i \neq j$ ).
- Switching rows  $i$  and  $j$ .

Suppose we are performing row operations on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ . For each of the row operations above, find an  $m \times m$  matrix  $E$  such that the matrix product  $EA$  is the matrix  $A$  with the corresponding row operation performed. Justify your answer.

2. (2 marks) Instead of row operations, we may consider the following column operations:

- Multiplying column  $i$  by a nonzero scalar  $\lambda$ .
- Adding  $\lambda$  times column  $j$  to column  $i$  (with  $i \neq j$ ).
- Switching columns  $i$  and  $j$ .

Suppose we are performing column operations on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ . For each of the column operations above, find an  $n \times n$  matrix  $E$  such that the matrix product  $AE$  is the matrix  $A$  with the corresponding column operation performed. Justify your answer.

3. (2 marks, this is Exercise 2 in Axler 3D) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  are both invertible linear maps. Prove that  $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  is invertible and that  $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$ .

4. In this exercise we will connect invertibility to the RREF of a matrix. A square matrix  $A$  is said to be invertible if there exists another matrix  $B$  of the same size such that  $AB = BA = I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. If  $A = \mathcal{M}(T)$  is the matrix of a linear transformation (with respect to some bases) then  $A$  is invertible (as a matrix) if and only if  $T$  is invertible (as a linear transformation).

(a) (2 marks) Let  $A = \mathcal{M}(T)$  be matrix of size  $n \times n$ . Prove that  $A$  is invertible if and only if the RREF of  $A$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. (**Hint:** Q1 on Homework 3 may be useful)

(b) (4 marks) Suppose  $A$  is invertible. Consider the augmented matrix

$$(A \mid I_n)$$

(where  $I_n$  denotes the  $n \times n$  identity matrix) of size  $n \times 2n$ . Show that the RREF of this matrix is

$$(I_n \mid A^{-1}).^1$$

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<sup>1</sup>This gives us a practical way to compute the inverse of a matrix.

**(Hint:** You might want to use Q1, Q3, and Q4 (a) for this)

5. (3 marks, this is Exercise 9 in Axler 3D) Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a surjective linear map of  $V$  onto  $W$ . Prove that there is a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  such that  $T|_U$  is an isomorphism of  $U$  onto  $W$ . (Here  $T|_U$  means the function  $T$  restricted to  $U$ . Thus  $T|_U$  is the function whose domain is  $U$  with  $T|_U$  defined by  $T|_U(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{u})$  for every  $\vec{u} \in U$ . **(Hint:** Q5 on Homework 4 may be useful)
6. Let  $V$  be finite-dimensional and consider the vector space  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  of linear maps from  $V$  to itself.
- (a) (2 marks) Is the set of invertible linear transformations a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ ? Justify your answer.
- (b) (2 marks) Is the set of non-invertible linear transformations a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ ? Justify your answer.

**(Hint:** be careful with this one, your answer should depend on  $\dim V$ !)