Homework 2

Name(s):

Justify all your answers!

**1.** Let 
$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- a1) True or False?  $Y \in Sp(A_1, A_2, A_3)$ .
- a2) True or False?  $Z \in Sp(A_1, A_2, A_3)$ .
- b) Find a basis for  $Sp(A_1, A_2, A_3)$ .

2. Consider the following polynomials in  $\mathcal{P}_3$  (the linear space of polynomials of degree at most three)  $\phi_1(t) = t^3$ ,  $\phi_2(t) = t^2(1-t)$ ,  $\phi_3(t) = t(1-t)^2$ ,  $\phi_4(t) = (1-t)^3$ . Show that every polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}_3$  has a unique representation  $p(t) = \sum_{j=1}^4 c_j \phi_j(t)$  with

 $c_1,\ldots,c_4$  constants.

**3.** Let  $\mathcal{B}_N$  = the set of all linear combinations of  $e^{ikt}$ ,  $k = -N, \ldots, 0, \ldots, N$ , with complex coefficients. (Such linear combinations form a set of "band limited" functions.)

It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}_N$  is a linear space of functions over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and it can be shown that  $e^{ikt}, k = -N, \ldots, 0, \ldots, N$  are linearly independent. Assume these are true.

a) What is dim  $\mathcal{B}_N$ ?

b) Show that  $\{1, \cos t, \ldots, \cos Nt, \sin t, \ldots, \sin Nt\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{B}_N$ .

4. Consider the transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the matrix multiplication  $\mathbf{x} \to M\mathbf{x}$  where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Find the range and the null space of this transformation, describing these subspaces by giving a basis and as geometrical objects in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

b) Find all the vectors  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  for which the system  $M\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is soluble.

c) Find the general solution to  $M\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

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- **5.** Let  $\mathcal{M}_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$  be the linear space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with the real entries.
- a) Prove that  $\mathcal{M}_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$  has dimension 4 and find a basis.
- b) Show that the trace

$$Tr: \mathcal{M}_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}, \ Tr(A) = A_{11} + A_{22}$$

is a linear functional and use this to show that the set of matrices of zero trace form a subspace in  $\mathcal{M}_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ .

c) What is the dimension of the subspace of matrices of zero trace?

**6.** Let V and W both be subspaces of a given vector space.

True or False? Their intersection  $V \cap W = \{x : x \in V \text{ and } x \in W\}$  is also a subspace. (To justify, you need to prove it if True, or find a counterexample if False.)