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**#1.** Coordinated Practice! Let  $P_2 = \{ax^2 + bx + c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  consisting of quadratic and lower degree polynomials. Here we let  $\alpha = \{1, x, x^2\}$  be our standard basis (note our intended order). Let  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be the space of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices. Let  $\beta = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$  be our standard basis (note the ordering here – go successively across each row).

Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be defined by  $T(ax^2 + bx + c) = \begin{bmatrix} a + c & a + b + 2c \\ 2b + 2c & b + c \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Prove  $T$  is a linear transformation.
- (b) Compute the standard matrix of  $T$  (i.e.,  $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ ).
- (c) Find a basis for both  $\ker(T)$  and  $T(P_2)$  – don't forget to translate back out of coordinates! What is the rank and nullity of  $T$ ? Is  $T$  one-to-one? Is it onto? Is it invertible?
- (d) Let  $\gamma = \{x + 1, x^2 + x, x^2 + 1\}$  and  $\delta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Justify why these are bases of  $P_2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  respectively.
- (e) Calculate the change of basis matrices  $[I]_{\alpha}^{\gamma}$  and  $[I]_{\beta}^{\delta}$ .
- (f) Calculate the standard coordinates of  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 3$  and then the  $\gamma$ -coordinates of  $f(x)$ . Also, compute the standard and  $\delta$ -coordinates of  $T(f(x))$ .
- (g) Find  $[T]_{\gamma}^{\delta}$ . Then verify that  $[T(f(x))]_{\delta} = [T]_{\gamma}^{\delta} \cdot [f(x)]_{\gamma}$ .

**#2.** Composing Coordinates. Recall the definitions of  $P_2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  from Problem #1 above.

Let  $T = \frac{d}{dx} : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$  be the derivative operator on  $P_2$  (i.e.,  $T(ax^2 + bx + c) = 2ax + b$ ) and let  $S : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow P_2$  be defined by

$$S \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a + b)x^2 + (a + d)x - c$$

Find  $[T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha}$ ,  $[S]_{\beta}^{\alpha}$ . Then compute  $[T \circ S]_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  using the previous two matrices. Verify this formula by giving a general formula for the linear transformation  $T \circ S : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow P_2$  and then computing  $[T \circ S]_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  directly.

**#3.** The trace map merely sums the diagonal entries of a matrix. In particular,  $\text{tr} : \mathbb{F}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is defined by  $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn}$  if the  $(i, j)$ -entry of  $A$  is denoted  $a_{ij}$ .

- (a) Prove that the trace map is linear (for general  $n$ ).
- (b) Consider the trace map on  $3 \times 3$  matrices. Find its standard matrix (use a basis  $\alpha$  of  $E_{ij}$ 's for  $\mathbb{F}^{3 \times 3}$  and  $\beta = \{1\}$  for  $\mathbb{F}$ ).
- (c) Continuing part (b), find a basis for its kernel and range. What is its nullity and rank? Is it one-to-one, onto, and/or invertible?

**#4.** Standard Stuff. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

- (a) Prove  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\} = T^{-1}(\{\mathbf{0}\})$  is a subspace of  $V$  (using the subspace test – no cheating here). Then show that  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .
- (b) Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional (e.g.,  $\dim(V) = n$  and  $\dim(W) = m$ ) with bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. Given  $A = [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ , what about  $A$  tells us whether  $T$  is one-to-one or not? What would tell us whether  $T$  is onto or not?
- (c) Continuing part (b), explain why in the case that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$  (for example, in the case of a linear operator) we have that  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $T$  is onto.