

**M20580 L.A. and D.E. Tutorial**  
**Quiz 5**

1. A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  has outputs

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$  has REF  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$ . Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Let  $B = \{1 - t + t^2, t - t^2, t + t^2\}$  be a basis for the space  $\mathcal{P}_2$  of polynomials of degree at most 2. Find the coordinate vector  $[p]_B$  of  $p(t) = 2 + t + 3t^2$ .

**Solution:** We have that the augmented matrix in terms of the standard basis  $\{1, t, t^2\}$  is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right].$$

Putting in RREF gives

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right].$$

Hence  $[p]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , i.e.  $p(t) = 2(1 - t + t^2) + 1(t - t^2) + 2(t + t^2)$ .