

**M20580 L.A. and D.E. Tutorial**  
Quiz 4

1. Find the change of basis matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  where two bases are

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

**Solution:** We get the augmented matrix which can be reduced as follows

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

Thus,

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Let  $p(x) = 1 - 2x$ ,  $q(x) = x + 2x^2$ ,  $r(x) = -2 + 3x - 2x^2$ , and  $s(x) = 1 + x + 6x^2$ . Find real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  such that  $s(x) = ap(x) + bq(x) + cr(x)$  if they exist.

**Solution:** The equation  $ap(x) + bq(x) + cr(x) = s(x)$  give a linear system whose augmented matrix is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

This can be reduced to

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

which means that there are infinitely many solutions. We can choose  $c = 0$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $a = 1$  so that  $ap(x) + bq(x) + cr(x) = s(x)$ .