

basis  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ a^2 \\ a^3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $S = S_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 + \sqrt{5} & 1 - \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$

g. Using the equations  $1 + a = a^2$  and  $1 + b = b^2$ , we find that  $AS = SB = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a^2 & b^2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4.3.73 a. To check orthogonality, verify that  $\vec{x} \cdot T(\vec{x}) = 0$ . To check that  $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_4 \\ -x_3 \\ x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $V$  if  $\vec{x}$  is in  $V$ , we need to verify that  $y_3 = y_1 + y_2$  and  $y_4 = y_2 + y_3$ , meaning that  $x_2 = x_4 - x_3$  and  $-x_1 = -x_3 + x_2$ . But the two last equations follow from the definition of  $V$ .

b.  $F \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $F \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $F \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $F \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

d. To write the change of basis matrix  $S_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}}$ , we need to express the vectors of basis  $\mathcal{B}$  in terms of the vectors of basis  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $S = S_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

e. We find that  $AS = SB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

f. No such basis  $\mathcal{C}$  exists, since the rotation matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  from part c fails to be similar to a diagonal matrix, by Example 3.4.10.

## True or False

Ch 4.TF.1 T; We are looking at  $P_6$ , with a basis  $1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4, t^5, t^6$ , which has seven elements.

Ch 4.TF.2 T; We can check both requirements of Definition 4.2.1.

Ch 4.TF.3 T; check the three properties listed in Definition 4.1.2.

Ch 4.TF.4 T; by Definition 4.2.1.

Ch 4.TF.5 F; A basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so it has a dimension of 6.

Ch 4.TF.6 T; check with Definition 4.1.3c.

Ch 4.TF.7 T; The linear transformation  $T(ax + b) = a + ib$  is an isomorphism from  $P_1$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , with the inverse  $T^{-1}(a + ib) = ax + b$ .

Ch 4.TF.8 T; by Theorem 4.2.4c.

Ch 4.TF.9 T; This fits all properties of Definition 4.1.2.

Ch 4.TF.10 F; The transformation  $T$  could be:  $T(f) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , in which case the kernel would be all of  $P_6$  and the dimension of the kernel would be 7.

Ch 4.TF.11 F;  $t^3, t^3 + t^2, t^3 + t, t^3 + 1$  is a basis of  $P_3$ .

Ch 4.TF.12 T; If  $T$  is linear and invertible, then  $T^{-1}$  will be linear and invertible as well.

Ch 4.TF.13 F;  $T(\sin(x)) = \sin(x) - \sin(x) = 0$ .

Ch 4.TF.14 F;  $T(f) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not an isomorphism.

Ch 4.TF.15 F; Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now  $\text{im}(A) = \ker(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

Ch 4.TF.16 T; the dimensions of both spaces are the same: 10.

Ch 4.TF.17 F;  $\dim(P_3) = 4$ , so the three given polynomials cannot span  $P_3$ .

Ch 4.TF.18 T; We can construct a basis of  $V$  by omitting the redundant elements from a list of ten elements that span  $V$ . Thus  $\dim(V) \leq 10$ .

Ch 4.TF.19 F;  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \neq \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$ .

Ch 4.TF.20 F; For any matrix  $A$ , the space of matrices commuting with  $A$  is at least two-dimensional. Indeed, if  $A$  is a scalar multiple of  $I_2$ , then  $A$  commutes with all  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and if  $A$  fails to be a scalar multiple of  $I_2$ , then  $A$  commutes with the linearly independent matrices  $A$  and  $I_2$ .

Ch 4.TF.21 F;  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + 2c & b + 2d \\ 3a + 6c & 3b + 6d \end{bmatrix}$

$= (a + 2c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + (b + 2d) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . So the image is the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\text{rank}(T) = 2$ .

Ch 4.TF.22 T; If the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  we consider is  $f_1, f_2$ , then the given matrix tells us that  $T(f_1) = 3f_1$  and  $T(f_2) = 5f_1 + 4f_2$ . Thus  $f = f_1$  does the job.

Ch 4.TF.23 T; If  $T(f(t)) = f(t^2) = 0$ ,  $f(t)$  must also be zero.

Ch 4.TF.24 T; The inverse is  $T^{-1}(N) = S^{-1}NS^{-1}$ .

Ch 4.TF.25 T; Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then we want  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , or

$\begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ c & c \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,  $c = 0$  and  $a = b + d$ . So our space is the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Ch 4.TF.26 T; Let our basis be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Each matrix here is invertible, and also clearly none are redundant.

Ch 4.TF.27 F;  $T(f(t)) = f'(t)$  is not an isomorphism.

Ch 4.TF.28 T; We need only show that either the new list contains no redundant elements, or spans the whole space. The latter is slightly easier to show. Since  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  form a basis of  $V$ , it suffices to show that these three elements are in the span of  $f_1, f_1 + f_2, f_1 + f_2 + f_3$ . This is simple to demonstrate:  $f_2 = (f_1 + f_2) - f_1$ , and  $f_3 = (f_1 + f_2 + f_3) - (f_1 + f_2)$ .

Ch 4.TF.29 T; We show that none of the polynomials is redundant; let's call them  $f(x), g(x)$  and  $h(x)$ . Now  $g(x)$  isn't a multiple of  $f(x)$  since  $f(b) = 0$ , but  $g(b) \neq 0$ . Likewise,  $h(x)$  isn't a linear combination of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  since  $f(c) = g(c) = 0$ , but  $h(c) \neq 0$ .

Ch 4.TF.30 T; Make the substitution  $4t - 3 = s$  to see that the inverse is  $T^{-1}(g(s)) = g(\frac{s+3}{4})$ .

Ch 4.TF.31 F;  $P_2$  is a subspace of  $P$ , and  $P$  is infinite dimensional.

Ch 4.TF.32 T; Let  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} b & c \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix}$ . We can easily see that the kernel and image of this transformation are exactly as required.

Ch 4.TF.33 F; The space spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  contains no invertible matrices.

Ch 4.TF.34 F; This is the change of basis matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ . The change of basis matrix we are looking for is:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Ch 4.TF.35 F; Let  $\mathcal{B} = (f, g)$  and  $\mathcal{C} = (g, f)$ . The fact that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $T$  implies that  $[T(f)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , or  $T(f) = f + 3g$ . But then  $[T(f)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , meaning that the second column of the  $\mathcal{C}$ -matrix of  $T$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This shows that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  fails to be the  $\mathcal{C}$ -matrix of  $T$ .

Ch 4.TF.36 T; The image of  $T$  is  $P_{n-1}$ , so that  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{im}T) = \dim(P_{n-1}) = n$ .

Ch 4.TF.37 T; because the matrix is invertible.

Ch 4.TF.38 T; The dimension of  $P_9$  is 10, and the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$  is 12. Thus, any 10-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$  will be acceptable. For example, we can consider the space of all  $3 \times 4$  matrices  $A$  with  $a_{11} = a_{12} = 0$ .

Ch 4.TF.39 T; let  $W_1$  be  $\{\vec{0}\}$ . Then any other subspace  $W_2$  unioned with  $W_1$  will simply be  $W_2$  again, which we know is a subspace.

Ch 4.TF.40 T; Let  $T(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_5t^5 + \cdots) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_5t^5$ . The image of this transformation is clearly all of  $P_5$ , and  $T$  satisfies the requirements of Definition 4.2.1.

Ch 4.TF.41 T; there will be no redundant elements in this list.

Ch 4.TF.42 F; The kernel of  $T$  consists of all constant functions.

Ch 4.TF.43 T; We apply the rank-nullity theorem:  $\dim(W) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) = \dim(P_4) - \dim(\ker(T)) = 5 - \dim(\ker(T)) \leq 5$ .

Ch 4.TF.44 F; We can construct as many linearly independent elements in  $\ker(T)$  as we want, for example, the polynomials  $f(t) = t^n - \frac{1}{n+1}$ , for all positive integers  $n$ .

Ch 4.TF.45 T; 0 is in our set, and if  $f$  and  $g$  are in our set, then  $T(f+g) = T(f) + T(g) = f+g$  so that  $f+g$  is in our set as well. Also, if  $f$  is in our set and  $k$  is an arbitrary scalar, then  $T(kf) = kT(f) = kf$ , so  $kf$  is in our set as well.

Ch 4.TF.46 T; The kernel of  $T$  is  $\{0\}$ . Indeed, if  $f(t)$  is a nonzero polynomial, with  $f(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \cdots + a_k t^k$  where  $a_k \neq 0$ , then  $T(f(t)) = a_0T(1) + a_1T(t) + \cdots + a_kT(t^k)$  is of degree  $k \geq 0$ , so that  $T(f(t))$  fails to be the zero polynomial.

Ch 4.TF.47 T; Let  $P = I_2$ ,  $Q = -I_2$ . Then  $T(M) = I_2M - M(-I_2) = 2M$ , which is an isomorphism.

Ch 4.TF.48 F; We use dimension arithmetic here to show that this cannot happen. Any transformation  $T$  from  $P_6$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  must have a kernel of at least 5 dimensions, since  $P_6$  is 7-dimensional and  $\mathbb{C}$  is only a 2-dimensional space. Thus, any such kernel cannot be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , which is a 4-dimensional space.

Ch 4.TF.49 F; If  $f = -f_1$ , then 0 is a member of the list!

Ch 4.TF.50 T; Consider the space of all matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ , for example.

- Ch 4.TF.51 T; note that  $\dim(P_{11}) = 12 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4})$ . The linear spaces  $P_{11}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$  are both isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$ , via the coordinate transformation, and thus they are isomorphic to each other.
- Ch 4.TF.52 F; Consider the linear transformation  $T(f(t)) = f(t)$  from  $P_2$  to  $P$ , for example.
- Ch 4.TF.53 T; We use the rank-nullity theorem:  $\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) + \dim(\ker(T)) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) \leq \dim(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}) = 4$ .
- Ch 4.TF.54 T; Using the fundamental theorem of calculus, we can write  $g(t) = T(f(t)) = 3f(3t + 4)$ . Make the substitution  $3t + 4 = s$  to see that the inverse is  $T^{-1}(g(s)) = g((s - 4)/3)/3$ .
- Ch 4.TF.55 T; Using a coordinate transformation, it suffices to show this for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . For every real number  $k$ , we define the three dimensional subspace  $V_k$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  consisting of all vectors  $\vec{x}$  such that  $x_4 = kx_3$ . If  $c$  is different from  $k$ , then  $V_c$  and  $V_k$  will be different subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , since  $V_k$  contains the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ , but  $V_c$  does not. Thus we have generated infinitely many distinct three-dimensional subspaces  $V_k$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , one for every real number  $k$ .
- Ch 4.TF.56 T; If the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  we consider is  $f_1, f_2$ , then the given matrix tells us that  $T(f_1) = 3f_1$  and  $T(f_2) = 5f_1 + 4f_2$ . We are looking for a nonzero  $f = af_1 + bf_2$  such that  $T(f) = 4f$ . Now  $T(f) = aT(f_1) + bT(f_2) = 3af_1 + 5bf_1 + 4bf_2 = (3a + 5b)f_1 + 4bf_2$  must be equal to  $4f = 4af_1 + 4bf_2$ . Thus it is required that  $3a + 5b = 4a$ , or  $a = 5b$ . For example,  $f = 5f_1 + f_2$  does the job.
- Ch 4.TF.57 T; This is logically equivalent to the following statement: If the domain of  $T$  is finite dimensional, then so is the image of  $T$ . Compare with Exercises 4.2.81a and 4.1.57.
- Ch 4.TF.58 F; If  $A$  is a scalar multiple of  $I_2$ , then all  $2 \times 2$  matrices commute with  $A$ , so that the space of commuting matrices is 4 - dimensional. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  fails to be a scalar multiple of  $I_2$ , consider the equation  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , which amounts to the system  $cy - bz = 0, bx + (d - a)y - bt = 0, cx + (d - a)z - ct = 0$ . If  $b \neq 0$ , then the first two equations are independent; if  $c \neq 0$ , then the first and the third equation are independent; and if  $a \neq d$ , then the second and the third equation are independent. Thus the rank of the system is at least two and the solution space is at most two-dimensional. (The solution space is in fact two - dimensional, since  $A$  and  $I_2$  are independent solutions.)
- Ch 4.TF.59 T; If  $A = 0$ , then we are done. If  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$ , then the image of the linear transformation  $T(M) = AM$  from  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is two dimensional (if  $\vec{v}$  is a basis of  $\text{im}(A)$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} & \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \vec{0} & \vec{v} \end{bmatrix}$  is a basis of  $\text{im}(T)$ ). Since the three matrices  $AB = T(B)$ ,  $AC = T(C)$ , and  $AD = T(D)$  are all in  $\text{im}(T)$ , they must be linearly dependent.
- Ch 4.TF.60 F; Consider two distinct three-dimensional subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $P_4$ . Since the spaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are distinct, neither of them is a subspace of the other, so that we can find a polynomial  $f_1$  that is in  $W_1$  but not in  $W_2$  as well as an  $f_2$  that is in  $W_2$  but not in  $W_1$ . Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are both in the union of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , but  $f_1 + f_2$  isn't.
- Ch 4.TF.61 T; Pick the *first* redundant element  $f_k$  in the list. Since the elements  $f_1, \dots, f_{k-1}$  are linearly independent, the representation of  $f_k$  as a linear combination of the preceding elements will be unique.

- Ch 4.TF.62 F;  $T(I_3) = P - P = 0$ , and  $T$  can never be an isomorphism.
- Ch 4.TF.63 T; Let  $W = \text{span}(f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5) = \text{span}(f_2, f_4, f_5, f_1, f_3)$ . If we omit the two redundant elements from the first list,  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$ , we end up with a basis of  $W$  with three elements, so that  $\dim(W) = 3$ . If we omit the redundant elements from the second list,  $f_2, f_4, f_5, f_1, f_3$ , we end up with a (possibly different) basis of  $W$ , but that basis must consist of 3 elements as well. Thus there must be two redundant elements in the second list.
- Ch 4.TF.64 F; The dimensions of the kernel and image would have to be equal, and both add up to the dimension of  $P_6$ , which is the odd number 7.
- Ch 4.TF.65 T; Consider the proof of the rank nullity theorem outlined in Exercise 4.2.81. In the proof, we use bases of  $\ker(T)$  and  $\text{im}(T)$  to construct a basis of the domain.
- Ch 4.TF.66 F; If the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  we consider is  $f_1, f_2$ , then the given matrix tells us that  $T(f_1) = 3f_1$  and  $T(f_2) = 5f_1 + 4f_2$ . We are looking for a nonzero  $f = af_1 + bf_2$  such that  $T(f) = 5f$ . Now  $T(f) = aT(f_1) + bT(f_2) = 3af_1 + 5bf_1 + 4bf_2 = (3a + 5b)f_1 + 4bf_2$  must be equal to  $5f = 5af_1 + 5bf_2$ . Thus it is required that  $3a + 5b = 5a$  and  $4b = 5b$ , implying that  $a = b = 0$ . We are unable to find a nonzero  $f$  with the desired property.
- Ch 4.TF.67 T; Consider a 3-dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . The matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$  can be described by a single linear equation  $ax + by + cz + dt = 0$ , where at least one of the coefficients is nonzero. Suppose  $x$  is the leading variable (meaning that  $a \neq 0$ ), and  $y, z$  and  $t$  are the free variables. We can choose  $y = z = 1$  and  $t = 0$ , and the resulting matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} * & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$  will be invertible. We represent  $x$  by a star, since its value does not affect the invertibility. If  $y$  is the leading variable and the other three are the free variables, then we can construct the invertible matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$ . If  $z$  is the leading variable, we have the invertible matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Finally, for the leading variable  $t$  we have  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & * \end{bmatrix}$ .