

4. (5 points) Define "linear transformation". Use complete sentences.

The function  $T$  from the vector space  $V$  to the vector space  $W$  is a linear transformation if

- 1)  $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$
- 2)  $T(cv_1) = cT(v_1)$

for all  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

5. (5 points) The trace of the square matrix  $A$  is the sum of the numbers on its main diagonal. Let  $V$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices with trace 0. The set  $V$  is a vector space. You do NOT have to prove this. Give a basis for  $V$ . NO justification is needed.

I will list 8 linearly independent elements of  $V$ .  $V$  is a proper subspace of the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices, so I will have listed the entire basis for  $V$ .

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, M_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, M_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, M_8 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. (5 points) Give an example of a matrix which is not diagonalizable. Explain why the matrix is not diagonalizable.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable. The only eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $\lambda = 0$ . The  $e$ -space for  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda = 0$  is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If  $A$  were diagonalizable it would have to have two linearly independent eigenvectors. But it doesn't.