

Homework

1. Let $P^{n \times n}$ be a set of all $n \times n$ matrices,

(1) Please show that the set of all the matrices that are exchangeable with $A \in P^{n \times n}$ is a subspace of $P^{n \times n}$. If this subspace is denoted as $C(A)$. It means

$$C(A) = \{B \in P^{n \times n} \mid AB = BA, A \in P^{n \times n}\}.$$

(2) When $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, please find $C(A)$.

(3) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & n \end{bmatrix}$, please find the dimension and a basis of $C(A)$.

2. Please find a basis and the dimension of the solution space of the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - 5x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 - 3x_4 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + 5x_2 - 13x_3 + 11x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$