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Vector spaces:

1. Show that $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, together with the usual addition and scalar multiplication of matrices, satisfies the eight axioms of a vector space.

2. Verify the set of all odd functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} with field \mathbb{R} , under usual addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space.

3. Show that $C[a, b]$, together with the usual pointwise addition and scalar multiplication of functions, satisfies the eight axioms of a vector space. (where $C[a, b]$, is a set of all continuous real valued function on $[a, b]$.)

4. Let V be the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers with addition defined by

$$(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$$

and scalar multiplication defined by

$$\alpha \cdot (x_1, x_2) = (\alpha x_1, x_2)$$

Is V a vector space with these operations? Justify your answer.

5. Let R denote the set of real numbers. Define scalar multiplication by

$$\alpha x = \alpha \cdot x \text{ (the usual multiplication of real numbers)}$$

and define addition, denoted \oplus , by

$$x \oplus y = \max(x, y) \text{ (the maximum of the two numbers)}$$

Is R a vector space with these operations? Prove your answer.

6. Prove that the set of all positive real numbers \mathbb{R}^+ , is a vector space over the real field, under the vector addition $\alpha + \beta = \alpha\beta \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and scalar multiplication $c \cdot \alpha = \alpha^c \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Subspaces, linear combination and linear span:

7. Let S be the set of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$, with the property that $p(0) = 0$.
i.e. $S = \{p(x) \mid p(x) \text{ is a polynomial of degree } \leq n \text{ and } p(0) = 0\}$.

The set S is nonempty since it contains the zero polynomial. Show that S is a subspace of P_n (where P_n denote the set of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to n).



8. Verify $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s+3t \\ s-t \\ 2s-t \\ 4t \end{bmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .

9. Determine if the set H of all matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & a^2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}$.

10. Determine whether the following sets form subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 :

- (a) $\{(x_1, x_2)^T \mid x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$
- (b) $\{(x_1, x_2)^T \mid x_1 x_2 = 0\}$
- (c) $\{(x_1, x_2)^T \mid x_1 = 3x_2\}$
- (d) $\{(x_1, x_2)^T \mid x_1^2 = x_2^2\}$

11. Determine whether the following sets form subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 :

- (a) $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \mid x_1 + x_3 = 1\}$
- (b) $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \mid x_1 = x_2 = x_3\}$
- (c) $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \mid x_3 = x_1 + x_2\}$
- (d) $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \mid x_3 = x_1 \text{ or } x_3 = x_2\}$
- (e) $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \mid x_3 = 1\}$

12. Determine whether the following are subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$:

- (a) The set of all $n \times n$ diagonal matrices
- (b) The set of all $n \times n$ upper triangular matrices
- (c) The set of all $n \times n$ lower triangular matrices
- (d) The set of all $n \times n$ matrices A such that $a_{12} = 1$
- (e) The set of all $n \times n$ matrices B such that $b_{11} = 0$
- (f) The set of all symmetric $n \times n$ matrices
- (g) The set of all singular $n \times n$ matrices

13. Determine the null space of each of the following matrices:

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$



(c) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

14. Which of the sets that follow are spanning sets for \mathbb{R}^3 ? Justify your answers.

- (a) $\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (0, 1, 1)^T, (1, 0, 1)^T\}$
- (b) $\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (0, 1, 1)^T, (1, 0, 1)^T, (1, 2, 3)^T\}$
- (c) $\{(2, 1, -2)^T, (3, 2, -2)^T, (2, 2, 0)^T\}$
- (d) $\{(2, 1, -2)^T, (-2, -1, 2)^T, (4, 2, -4)^T\}$
- (e) $\{(1, 1, 3)^T, (0, 2, 1)^T\}$

15. Let U and V be subspaces of a vector space W . Define

$$U + V = \{\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \text{ where } \mathbf{u} \in U \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

Show that $U + V$ is a subspace of W .

16. Describe the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 (is it line or a plane or \mathbb{R}^3) spanned by

- a) The two vectors $(1, 1, -1)$ and $(-1, -1, 1)$.
- b) The three vectors $(0, 1, 1)$, $(1, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 0)$.
- c) The columns of a 3 by 5 echelon matrix with 2 pivots
- d) All vectors with positive components

Linear independence and dependence

17. Determine whether the following vectors are linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^3 :

- a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- b) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
- c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

18. Determine whether the following vectors are linearly independent in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$:

- a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$



19. Determine whether the following vectors are linearly independent in P_3 :

- a) $1, x^2, x^2 - 2$
- b) $2, x^2, x, 2x + 3$
- c) $x + 2, x^2 - 1$

20. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Show that if A has linearly independent column vectors, then $N(A) = \{0\}$.

21. The value of k such that the polynomials $2 + t$ and $3 + kt$ are linearly dependent is ____.

22. Let $V = M_{2 \times 2}$, the vector space of 2×2 matrices and the set U consist of those matrices whose first row is zero. Then the standard basis of U is ____, and its dimension is ____.

23. Suppose v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 are vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

- a) These four vectors are dependent because _____.
- b) The two vectors v_1 and v_2 will be dependent if _____.
- c) The vectors v_1 and $(0, 0, 0)$ are dependent because _____.

Basis and Dimension

24. Consider the vectors

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Show that x_1 and x_2 form a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .
- b) Why must x_1, x_2 , and x_3 be linearly dependent?
- c) What is the dimension of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

25. In each of the following, find the dimension of the subspace of P_3 spanned by the given vectors:

- a) $x, x - 1, x^2 + 1$
- b) $x^2, x^2 - x - 1, x + 1$
- c) $2x, x - 2$

26. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Show that if A has linearly independent column vectors, then $N(A) = \{0\}$.

27. Determine the dimension of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by the vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



28. Find the basis and dimension for all the subspaces in question 12.

29. Find the basis for each of these subspaces of \mathbb{R}^4 :

- All vectors whose components are equal.
- All vectors whose components add to zero.
- All vectors that are perpendicular to $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 0, 1, 1)$.
- The column space (in \mathbb{R}^2) and nullspace (in \mathbb{R}^5) of $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Row Space and Column Space

30. For each of the following matrices, find a basis and the dimension for the row space, column space, null space and left null space. Hence verify rank-nullity theorem:

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 8 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

d) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 10 & -4 & -2 & 4 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

31. Given a matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 9 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The $N(A)$ is a subspace of _____ vector space.
- The $R(A)$ is a subspace of _____ vector space.
- The $C(A)$ is a subspace of _____ vector space.
- The $N(A^T)$ is a subspace of _____ vector space.

- e) Determine if $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is in row space of A .



f) Determine if $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is in column space of A .

g) Determine if $w = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is in null space of A .

h) Determine if $w = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 9 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is in row space of A .

32. If A is a 9×7 matrix with three dimensional nullspace, the rank of A is ____ and the dimension of the left nullspace is ____.

33. If A is any 4×7 matrix and if rank of A is 3, then the $\dim(R(A))$, $\dim(N(A))$ and $\dim(N(A^T))$ are _____.

34. Any solution X to $AX = b$ (if it exist) is always a sum of a vector in the _____ space of A plus a vector in the _____ space of A .

35. $AX = b$ is solvable if and only if b is orthogonal to every vector in the _____ space of A .

36. If X_1 and X_2 are both solutions of $AX = b$, then the vector $X_1 - X_2$ must be in the _____ space of A .

37. Let A be a 4×4 matrix with reduced row echelon form given by

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let a_i be i^{th} column of A . If

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a_3 and a_4 .



38. Relate the four fundamental subspaces of $A^T A$ to the four fundamental subspaces of a real matrix A :

nullspace of $A^T A$ = _____ space of A , left nullspace of $A^T A$ = _____ space of A , column space of $A^T A$ = _____ space of A , row space of $A^T A$ = _____ space of A .

Linear Transformation

39. Check whether the following are linear transformation:

a) $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2; T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a \\ 3b \end{bmatrix}$.

b) $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}); T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & 0 \\ 0 & c-d \end{bmatrix}$.

c) $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}); T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} c & a \\ d & b \end{bmatrix}$.

d) $T: P_2(t) \rightarrow P_3(t); T(f(t)) = tf(t)$.

e) $T: P_2(t) \rightarrow P_4(t); T(f(t)) = f(t^2)$.

f) $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3; T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{bmatrix}$.

40. Determine whether the vector v is in the range of the linear transformation L .

a) $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x+z \\ y+z \\ x+2y+2z \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

41. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Define a linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

by $T(X) = AX$, for all $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

a) Find $T(u)$, the image under the transformation T .

b) Find an $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$ whose image is b .

c) Is there more than one $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$ whose image is b .

d) Determine if c is in the range of the transformation.



42. Obtain the Linear Transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

43. The vector $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is reflected along the line $y = x$. Then the reflection matrix is _____ and the resultant vector is _____.

44. Find the range space and kernel of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

45. Show that each of the following are linear operators on \mathbb{R}^2 . Describe geometrically what each linear transformation accomplishes.

a) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$,

b) $L(X) = -X$

c) $L(X) = x_2 e_2$

46. Let $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear operator. If

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

find the value of $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

47. Determine whether the following are linear transformations from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^3 :

a) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

c) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

d) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$



48. Determine the kernel and range of each of the following linear operators on \mathbb{R}^3 :

a) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

c) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$

49. For each of the following linear transformations L mapping \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{R}^2 , find a matrix A such that $L(X) = AX$ for every X in \mathbb{R}^3 :

a) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

c) $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$

50. Let $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by

$$L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a matrix A such that $LX = AX$ for each X in \mathbb{R}^2 .

51. Find the matrix of the linear transformation $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x + 2y - 3z \\ 4x - 5y - 6z \\ 7x + 8y + 9z \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to the standard basis.

52. Find the matrix of the linear transformation $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + 3y - z \\ 4y + 5z \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to the standard basis.



53. Discuss the following maps on \mathbb{R}^2 and represent them graphically:

- a) Reflection through x – axis
- b) Reflection through y – axis
- c) Reflection through $y = x$.
- d) Reflection through $y = -x$.
- e) Reflection through origin.
- f) Rotation
- g) Horizontal contraction or expansion
- h) Vertical contraction or expansion
- i) Dilation
- j) Horizontal Shear
- k) Vertical Shear

54. Determine the matrix that describes a reflection about x – axis, followed by rotation through $\frac{\pi}{2}$, followed by a dilation of factor 3. Find the image of the point $(4, 1)$ under this sequence of mappings.

55. Derive the matrix of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, which rotates a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ by an angle θ in an anticlockwise direction. Find if there exist:

- a) A preimage of $(1, -3)$
- b) An image of $(3, -1)$ when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.