



**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**  
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**TUTORIAL SHEET**

**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
$$\alpha \cdot (x_1, x_2) = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2)$$
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  $2 \times 2$  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  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

- a) All vectors whose components are equal.
- b) All vectors whose components add to zero.
- c) All vectors that are perpendicular to  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 1, 1)$ .
- d) 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:

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

- a) The  $N(A)$  is a subspace of \_\_\_\_\_ vector space.
- b) The  $R(A)$  is a subspace of \_\_\_\_\_ vector space.
- c) The  $C(A)$  is a subspace of \_\_\_\_\_ vector space.
- d) 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  $9 \times 7$  matrix with three dimensional nullspace, the rank of  $A$  is \_\_\_\_ and the dimension of the left nullspace is \_\_\_\_.

33. If  $A$  is any  $4 \times 7$  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  $4 \times 4$  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)  $L(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , 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  $\theta$  in an anticlockwise direction. Find if there exist:

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