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# Systems of Linear Equations

#### 1.1 Introduction to Systems of Linear Equations

1.1.1 [GH] State which of the following equations is a linear equation. If it is not, state why.

**a**. 
$$x + y + z = 10$$

f. 
$$\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = 25$$

**b**. 
$$xy + yz + xz = 1$$

$$\mathbf{r}$$
  $x_1 \perp y \perp t = 1$ 

b. 
$$xy + yz + xz = 1$$
  
c.  $-3x + 9 = 3y - 5z +$   
 $x - 7$   
d.  $\sqrt{5}y + \pi x = -1$   
i.  $\sqrt{x_1} + x_2 = 26$   
g.  $x_1 + y + t = 1$   
h.  $\frac{1}{x} + 9 = 3\cos(y) - 5z$   
i.  $\cos(15)y + \frac{x}{4} = -1$ 

**h**. 
$$\frac{1}{x} + 9 = 3\cos(y) - 5z$$

$$x - 7$$

i. 
$$\cos(15)y + \frac{x}{4} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \quad \sqrt{5}y + \pi x = -1$$

i. 
$$2^x + 2^y = 16$$

**e**. 
$$(x-1)(x+1) = 0$$

1.1.2 [GH] Solve the system of linear equations using substitution, comparison and/or elimination.

**a.** 
$$x + y = -1$$
  
 $2x - 3y = 8$ 

$$x - y + z = 1$$
  
**c.**  $2x + 6y - z = -4$ 

b. 
$$2x - 3y = 3$$
  
  $3x + 6y = 8$ 

$$3x + 6y = 8$$

$$x - y + z = 1$$
  
**c.**  $2x + 6y - z = -4$   
 $4x - 5y + 2z = 0$ 

$$4x - 5y + 2z = 0$$

$$x+y-z=1$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \ 2x + y = 2$$
$$y + 2z = 0$$

1.1.3 [GH] Convert the given system of linear equations into an augmented matrix.

$$3x + 4y + 5z = 7$$

**a.** 
$$-x + \dot{y} - 3z = 1$$

$$2x - 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$2x + 5y - 6z = 2$$

**b.** 
$$9x - 8z = 10$$
  
 $-2x + 4y + z = -7$ 

$$-2x+4y+z=-1$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + 5x_4 = 17$$

**c**. 
$$-x_1$$
  $+4x_3+8x_4=1$ 

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 = 6$$

$$3x_1 - 2x_2 = 4$$

$$2x_1 = 3$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \quad \begin{array}{rcl} 2x_1 & = & 3 \\ -x_1 + 9x_2 & = & 8 \end{array}$$

$$5x_1 - 7x_2 = 13$$

1.1.4 [GH] Convert given augmented matrix into a system of linear equations. Use the variables  $x_1, x_2, \ldots$ 

$$\mathbf{a.} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
 d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

 b.  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 
 e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

e. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.1.5 [GH] Perform the given row operations on

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**a**. 
$$-1R_1 \to R_1$$

**d**. 
$$2R_2 + R_3 \to R_3$$

**b**. 
$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$e. \quad \frac{1}{2}R_2 \to R_2$$

**c**. 
$$R_1 + R_2 \to R_2$$

**f.** 
$$-\frac{5}{2}R_1 + R_3 \to R_3$$

**1.1.6** [GH] Give the row operation that transforms Ainto B where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a. 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
b.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   
e.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{d.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**e.** 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**1.1.7** [JH] In the system

$$ax + by = c$$
$$dx + ey = f$$

each of the equations describes a line in the xy-plane. By geometrical reasoning, show that there are three possibilities:

there is a unique solution, there is no solution, and there are infinitely many solutions.

**1.1.8** [JH] Is there a two-unknowns linear system whose solution set is all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

# 1.2 Gaussian and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

1.2.1 [GH] State whether or not the given matrices are in reduced row echelon form.

$$\mathbf{a.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{j.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{k.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{l.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{e.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{m.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{n.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{h.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{o.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p.} \ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**1.2.2** [GH] Use Gauss-Jordan Elimination to put the given matrix into reduced row echelon form.

a. 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 j.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  b.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  k.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  d.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 7 \\ 10 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$  l.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  e.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  m.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  g.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  n.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  h.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & -6 \\ -12 & -15 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$  o.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 10 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$  j.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & -8 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  p.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 8 & 15 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$ 

1.2.3 [JH] Use Gauss's Method to find the unique solution for each system.

a. 
$$2x + 3y = 13$$
  
 $x - y = -1$ 

$$x - z = 0$$
**b.** 
$$3x + y = 1$$

$$-x + y + z = 4$$

h.  $x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 + 9x_4 = 0$  $x_1 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 3$ 

 $x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$ 

 $3x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 2$ 

 $2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 2$ 

i.  $2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$ 

**j**.  $1x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$  $3x_1 + 6x_2 + 9x_3 = 3$ 

**1.2.4 [GH]** Find the solution to the given linear system. If the system has infinite solutions, give two particular solutions.

a. 
$$2x_1 + 4x_2 = 2$$
$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$$

**b.** 
$$-x_1 + 5x_2 = 3$$
$$2x_1 - 10x_2 = -6$$

$$2x_1 - 10x_2 = -1$$
$$x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

$$\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{array}{c} x_1 + x_2 = 3 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \quad \begin{array}{l} -3x_1 + 7x_2 = -7 \\ 2x_1 - 8x_2 = 8 \end{array}$$

$$-2x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 = 6$$
$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$\mathbf{f.} \quad \begin{array}{l} -x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 2 \end{array}$$

k. 
$$2x_1 + 3x_2 = 1$$

$$-2x_1 - 3x_2 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

g. 
$$\begin{aligned}
-x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - 2 & 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \\
-x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\
-2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 &= -1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \\
x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 1 \\
3x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 3
\end{aligned}$$

#### **1.2.5** [YL] Given

- a. Solve the following system by Gauss-Jordan elimination.
- **b**. Find two particular solution to the above system.
- **c.** Find a solution to the above system when  $x_3 = 1$ .

#### **1.2.6** [YL] Given

$$3x_1 + 3x_2 + 7x_3 - 3x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$4x_1 + 17x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$9x_1 + 6x_2 + 27x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

- a. Solve the system by Gauss-Jordan elimination.
- **b.** Find two particular nontrivial solution to the system.
- **c**. Find a solution to the system when  $x_1 = 1$ .
- **1.2.7** [JH] Find the coefficients a, b, and c so that the graph of  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  passes through the points (1, 2), (-1,6), and (2,3).
- 1.2.8 [JH] True or false: a system with more unknowns than equations has at least one solution. (As always, to say 'true' you must prove it, while to say 'false' you must produce a counterexample.)

**1.2.9** [JH] For which values of k are there no solutions, many solutions, or a unique solution to this system?

$$\begin{aligned}
x - y &= 1 \\
3x - 3y &= k
\end{aligned}$$

**1.2.10** [GH] State for which values of k the given system will have exactly 1 solution, infinite solutions, or no solution.

a. 
$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$$
$$2x_1 + 4x_2 = k$$

$$\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 + kx_2 = 2 \end{array}$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 = k$$
**b.** 
$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + kx_2 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = k \end{array}$$

1.2.11 [YL] Given the augmented matrix of a linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \pi \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a^2 - 1 & b^2 - a^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If possible for what values of a and b the system has

- a. no solution? Justify.
- **b**. exactly one solution? Justify.
- c. infinitely many solutions? Justify.

1.2.12 [YL] Given the augmented matrix of a linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & -4 & b_1 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 & 5 & b_2 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & 1 & b_3 \\ 7 & -1 & 9 & 6 & b_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine the restrictions on the  $b_i$ 's for the system to be consistent.

**1.2.13** [JH] Prove that, where  $a, b, \ldots, e$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$ , if

$$ax + by = c$$

has the same solution set as

$$ax + dy = e$$

then they are the same equation. What if a=0?

**1.2.14** [JH] Show that if  $ad - bc \neq 0$  then

$$ax + by = j$$
$$cx + dy = k$$

has a unique solution.

### 1.3 Applications of Linear Systems

#### 1.3.1 Place Holder

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# Matrix Algebra

#### 2.1Introduction to Matrices Matrix Operations

2.1.1 [JH] Find the indicated entry of the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **a**.  $a_{2,1}$
- **b**.  $a_{1,2}$
- $c. a_{2,2}$
- **d**.  $a_{3,1}$

**2.1.2** [JH] Determine the size of each matrix.

$$\mathbf{a.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**a.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **b.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  **c.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.1.3 [GH]** Simplify the given expression where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**a**. A+B

c. 3(A - B) + B

**b**. 2A - 3B

**d**. 2(A-B)-(A-3B)

**2.1.4** [GH] The row and column matrix U and V are defined. Find the product UV, where possible.

a. 
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$
, c.  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $V = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**c.** 
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

b. 
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{d.} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.1.5** [GH] State the dimensions of A and B. State the dimensions of AB and BA, if the product is defined. Then compute the product AB and BA, if possible.

$$\mathbf{a.} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$
 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b.** 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 4 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ 

c. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{d.} \ \ A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

e. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

f. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -5 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

g. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **h**. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$
 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.1.6** [**HE**] Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, G = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute each of the following and simplify, whenever possible. If a computation is not possible, state why.

- **a**. 3C 4D
- **b**. A (D + 2C)
- $\mathbf{c}$ . A-E
- $\mathbf{d}$ . AE
- e. 3BC 4BD
- f. CB + D
- $\mathbf{g}$ . GC

- $\mathbf{h}$ . FG
- i. Illustrate the associativity of matrix multiplication by multiplying (AB)C and A(BC) where A, B, and C are matrices above.
- **2.1.7** [GH] Find values for the scalars a and b that satisfy the given equation.

$$\mathbf{a.} \ \ a \begin{bmatrix} -3\\1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 8\\4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7\\1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \quad \mathbf{c.} \ \ a \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1\\3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5\\5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c.} \ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b.** 
$$a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b.** 
$$a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **d.**  $a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**2.1.8** [YL] A non-zero square matrix A is said to be nilpotent of degree 2 if  $A^2 = 0$ .

Prove or disprove: There exists a square  $2 \times 2$  matrix that is symmetric and nilpotent of degree 2.

**2.1.9** [YL] A square matrix A is called *idempotent* if  $A^2 = A$ .

Prove: If A is idempotent then A + AB - ABA is idempotent for any square matrix B with the same dimension as A.

#### 2.2Matrix Inverses and Algebraic **Properties**

**2.2.1** [GH] Given the matrices A and B below. Find Xthat satisfies the equation.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **a**. 2A + X = B
- **c**. 3A + 2X = -1B
- **b**. A X = 3B
- **d**.  $A \frac{1}{2}X = -B$
- **2.2.2** [YL] Solve of A given that it satisfies

$$(I - A^T)^{-1} = (\operatorname{tr}(B)B^2)^T$$

where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.2.3** [YL] Solve of X given that it satisfies

$$DXD^T = \operatorname{tr}(BC)BC$$

where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \ C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**2.2.4** [YL] Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **a**. Find  $A^{-1}$ .
- **b**. Solve for X where AX = B and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1\\ -4 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **2.2.5** [YL] Prove: If A and B are square matrices satisfying AB = I, then  $A = B^{-1}$ .
- **2.2.6** [YL] Prove: If AB and BA are both invertible then A and B are both invertible.
- **2.2.7** [YL] Prove: If B and C are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $A = B^T C + C^T B$  is invertible then  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.

#### 2.3 Elementary Matrices

**2.3.1** [YL] Write the given matrix as a product of elementary matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.3.2** [YL] Express

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

as a product of 4 elementary matrices.

**2.3.3** [YL] Show that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

are row-equivalent by finding 3 elementary matrices  $E_i$  such that  $E_3E_2E_1A = B$ .

#### Linear Systems and Matrices 2.4

### **2.4.1** [**YL**] Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **a**. Find  $A^{-1}$ .
- **b.** Using  $A^{-1}$  solve Ax = b where

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

### **Determinants**

### 3.1 The Laplace Expansion

**3.1.1** [YL] Solve for  $\lambda$ .

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} \lambda & -1 \\ 3 & 1 - \lambda \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & \lambda & -6 \\ 1 & 3 & \lambda - 5 \end{array} \right|$$

# 3.2 Determinants and Elementary Operations

**3.2.1 [YL]** Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & k \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 3d & 3e & 3f \\ a+2d & b+2e & c+2f \\ 4g & 4h & 4k \end{bmatrix}.$$

If det(B) = 5 then determine det(A).

### 3.3 Properties of Determinants

**3.3.1 [YL]** Let A and B be  $n \times n$  matrices such that AB = -BA and n is odd, show that either A or B has no inverse.

### 3.4 Applications of the Determinant

**3.4.1** [YL] Solve only for  $x_1$  using Cramer's Rule.

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4$$
$$5x_2 - 6x_3 = 7$$
$$8x_3 = 9$$

# Vector Geometry

# 4.1 Introduction to Vectors and Lines

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### 4.2 Dot Product and Projections

**4.2.1 Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality [YL]** Prove without assuming that the law of cosine holds in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ : If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then  $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| \leq ||\vec{u}|| ||\vec{v}||$ .

#### 4.3 Cross Product and Planes

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### 4.4 Areas, Volumes and Distances

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# 4.5 Geometry of Solutions of Linear Systems

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# Vector Spaces

### 5.1 Introduction to Vector Spaces

**5.1.1** [JH] Name the zero vector for each of these vector spaces.

- **a.** The space of degree three polynomials under the natural operations.
- **b**. The space of  $2 \times 3$  matrices.
- **c**. The space  $\{f: [0,1] \to \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}.$
- d. The space of real-valued functions of one natural number variable.

**5.1.2** [JH] Find the additive inverse, in the vector space, of the vector.

- **a.** In  $\mathcal{P}_3$ , the vector  $-3 2x + x^2$ .
- **b**. In the space  $\mathcal{M}_{2\times 2}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **c.** In  $\{ae^x + be^{-x} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , the space of functions of the real variable x under the natural operations, the vector  $3e^x 2e^{-x}$ .
- **5.1.3** [JH] For each, list three elements and then show it is a vector space.
  - **a.** The set of linear polynomials  $\mathcal{P}_1 = \{a_0 + a_1x \mid a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}$  under the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication operations.
  - **b.** The set of linear polynomials  $\{a_0 + a_1x \mid a_0 2a_1 = 0\}$ , under the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication operations.

**5.1.4** [JH] For each, list three elements and then show it is a vector space.

- **a.** The set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries under the usual matrix operations.
- **b.** The set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries where the 2, 1 entry is zero, under the usual matrix operations.

**5.1.5** [JH] For each, list three elements and then show it is a vector space.

a. The set of three-component row vectors with their

usual operations.

**b**. The set

$$\{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x+y-z+w=0\}$$

under the operations inherited from  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**5.1.6** [JH] Show that the following are not vector spaces.

**a**. Under the operations inherited from  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , this set

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x+y+z=1\}$$

**b**. Under the operations inherited from  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , this set

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

c. Under the usual matrix operations,

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**d**. Under the usual polynomial operations,

$$\{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$$

where  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is the set of reals greater than zero

e. Under the inherited operations,

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x + 3y = 4, 2x - y = 3 \text{ and } 6x + 4y = 10\}$$

**5.1.7** [JH] Is the set of rational numbers a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  under the usual addition and scalar multiplication operations?

**5.1.8** [JH] Prove that the following is not a vector space: the set of two-tall column vectors with real entries subject to these operations.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ y_1 - y_2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad r \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rx \\ ry \end{pmatrix}$$

**5.1.9** [JH] Prove or disprove that  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space under these operations.

$$\mathbf{a}. \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad r \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rx \\ ry \\ rz \end{pmatrix}$$

b. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $r \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**5.1.10** [JH] For each, decide if it is a vector space; the intended operations are the natural ones.

**a**. The set of diagonal  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**b**. The set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & x+y \\ x+y & y \end{bmatrix} \mid x,y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- **c.**  $\{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x + y + w = 1\}$
- **d**. The set of functions  $\{f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \mid df/dx + 2f = 0\}$
- **e**. The set of functions  $\{f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \mid df/dx + 2f = 1\}$

**5.1.11** [YL] Let  $V = \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{M}_{2\times 2} \text{ and } \det(A) \neq 0\}$  with the following operations:

$$A + B = AB$$
 and  $kA = kA$ 

That is, vector addition is matrix multiplication and scalar multiplication is the regular scalar multiplication.

- a. Does V satisfy closure under vector addition? Justify.
- **b.** Does V contain a zero vector? If so find it. Justify.
- c. Does V contains an additive inverse for all of its vectors? Justify.
- $\mathbf{d}$ . Does V satisfy closure under scalar multiplication? Justify.
- **5.1.12** [JH] Show that the set  $\mathbb{R}^+$  of positive reals is a vector space when we interpret 'x+y' to mean the product of x and y (so that 2+3 is 6), and we interpret ' $r \cdot x$ ' as the r-th power of x.
- **5.1.13** [JH] Prove or disprove that the following is a vector space: the set of polynomials of degree greater than or equal to two, along with the zero polynomial.

#### 5.1.14 [JH]

Is  $\{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  a vector space under these operations?

- **a.**  $(x_1, y_1)+(x_2, y_2)=(x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2)$  and  $r\cdot(x,y)=(rx,y)$
- **b.**  $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$  and  $r \cdot (x, y) = (rx, 0)$

#### 5.1.15 [JH]

Prove the following:

- **a.** For any  $\vec{v} \in V$ , if  $\vec{w} \in V$  is an additive inverse of  $\vec{v}$ , then  $\vec{v}$  is an additive inverse of  $\vec{w}$ . So a vector is an additive inverse of any additive inverse of itself.
- **b.** Vector addition left-cancels: if  $\vec{v}, \vec{s}, \vec{t} \in V$  then  $\vec{v} + \vec{s} = \vec{v} + \vec{t}$  implies that  $\vec{s} = \vec{t}$ .

#### 5.1.16 [JH]

The definition of vector spaces does not explicitly say that  $\vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$  (it instead says that  $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$ ). Show that it must nonetheless hold in any vector space.

#### 5.1.17 [JH]

Prove or disprove that the following is a vector space: the set of all matrices, under the usual operations.

#### 5.1.18 [JH]

In a vector space every element has an additive inverse. Is the additive inverse unique (Can some elements have two or more)?

#### 5.1.19 [JH]

Assume that  $\vec{v} \in V$  is not  $\vec{0}$ .

- **a.** Prove that  $r \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0}$  if and only if r = 0.
- **b.** Prove that  $r_1 \cdot \vec{v} = r_2 \cdot \vec{v}$  if and only if  $r_1 = r_2$ .
- c. Prove that any nontrivial vector space is infinite.

### 5.2 Subspaces

#### 5.2.1 [JH]

- **a.** Prove that every point, line, or plane thru the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  under the inherited operations.
- **b.** What if it doesn't contain the origin?

**5.2.2** [JH] Is the following a subspace under the inherited natural operations: the real-valued functions of one real variable that are differentiable?

### 5.3 Spanning Sets

**5.3.1** [YL] Given the following two subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $W_1 = \{x \mid A_1 x = 0\}$  and  $W_2 = \{x \mid A_2 x = 0\}$  where

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ -5 & -7 & -9 \\ 10 & 14 & 18 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether the two subspaces are equal or whether one of the subspaces is contained in the other.

### 5.4 Linear Independence

**5.4.1** [YL] Let  $\vec{u} = (1, \lambda, -\lambda)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (-2\lambda -2 2\lambda)$  and  $\vec{w} = (\lambda - 2, -5\lambda - 2, -2)$ .

- **a.** For what value(s) of  $\lambda$  will  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  be linearly dependent.
- **b.** For what value(s) of  $\lambda$  will  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  be linearly independent.

### 5.5 Basis

**5.5.1** [YL] Given

$$W = \left\{ p(x) = a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 \mid p(-1) = 0 \right\}$$

a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$ .

- **a.** Find a basis B for  $\mathcal{W}$ .
- **b.** Find the coordinate vector of  $p(x) = -2 + 2x^2$  relative to the basis B.

### 5.6 Dimension

**5.6.1** [YL] Given

$$W = \{ p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 \mid p(1) = 0 \text{ and } p(-1) = 0 \}$$

a subspace of  $P_3$ . Determine the dimension of W.

# Appendix A

## Answers to Exercises

#### 1.1.1

- a. Yes
- **b**. No
- c. Yes
- d. Yes
- e. No
- f. No
- g. Yes
- h. No
- i. Yes
- j. No

#### 1.1.2

- **a**. x = 1, y = -2
- **b**.  $x=2, y=\frac{1}{3}$
- **c**. x = -1, y = 0, and z = 2.
- **d**. x = 1, y = 0, and z = 0.

#### 1.1.3

- $\mathbf{a.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -6 & 2 \\ 9 & 0 & -8 & 10 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{c.} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 & 5 & 17 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 & 8 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{d.} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & | & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & | & 3 \\ -1 & 9 & | & 8 \\ 5 & -7 & | & 13 \end{bmatrix}$

#### 1.1.4

- a.  $x_1 + 2x_2 = 3$  $-x_1 + 3x_2 = 9$
- $\mathbf{b.} \quad \begin{array}{c} -3x_1 + 4x_2 = 7 \\ x_2 = -2 \end{array}$
- c.  $x_1 + x_2 x_3 x_4 = 2$  $2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 5x_4 = 7$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & = & 2 \\
 x_2 & = & -1 \\
 x_3 & = & 5 \\
 x_4 & = & 3
 \end{array}$$

e. 
$$x_1 + x_3 + 7x_5 = 2$$
  
 $x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 5$ 

#### 1.1.5

$$\mathbf{a.} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c.} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d.} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 5 & 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{e.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

f. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 5/2 & -29/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 1.1.6

- a.  $2R_2 \rightarrow R_2$
- **b**.  $R_1 + R_2 \to R_2$
- c.  $2R_3 + R_1 \to R_1$
- **d**.  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$
- e.  $-R_2 + R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3$

1.1.7 Recall that if a pair of lines share two distinct points then they are the same line. That's because two points determine a line, so these two points determine each of the two lines, and so they are the same line.

Thus the lines can share one point (giving a unique solution), share no points (giving no solutions), or share at least two points (which makes them the same line).

### 1.1.8 Yes, this one-equation system:

$$0x + 0y = 0$$

is satisfied by every  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

#### 1.2.1

- a. Yes
- **b**. No
- c. No
- d. Yes
- e. Yes
- **f**. Yes
- g. No
- h. Yes
- i. No
- j. Yes
- k. Yes
- l. Yes
- **m**. No
- n. Yes
- $\mathbf{o}$ . Yes
- **p**. Yes

#### 1.2.2

- $\mathbf{a.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b**.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- **d.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$
- **f.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{g} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{h.} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{i.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{j}. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{k}. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\mathbf{l.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{m.} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{n.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{o.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{p}. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

#### 1.2.3

- **a**. x = 2, y = 3
- **b.** x = -1, y = 4, and z = -1.

#### 1.2.4

- **a.**  $x_1 = 1 2t$ ;  $x_2 = t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0$  and  $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1$ .
- **b.**  $x_1=-3+5t; \ x_2=t$  where  $t\in\mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1=3, \ x_2=0$  and  $x_1=-8, \ x_2=-1$ .
- **c**.  $x_1 = 1$ ;  $x_2 = 2$ .
- **d**.  $x_1 = 0$ ;  $x_2 = -1$ .
- e.  $x_1 = -11 + 10t$ ;  $x_2 = -4 + 4t$ ;  $x_3 = t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = -11$ ,  $x_2 = -4$ ,  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 = -1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$  and  $x_3 = 1$ .
- **f.**  $x_1 = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{8}{9}t$ ;  $x_2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{5}{9}t$ ;  $x_3 = t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 = \frac{4}{9}$ ,  $x_2 = -\frac{1}{9}$ ,  $x_3 = 1$ .
- g.  $x_1 = 1 s t$ ;  $x_2 = s$ ;  $x_3 = 1 2t$ ;  $x_4 = t$  where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$  and  $x_1 = -2, x_2 = 1, x_3 = -3, x_4 = 2$ .
- **h.**  $x_1 = 3 s 2t$ ;  $x_2 = -3 5s 7t$ ;  $x_3 = s$ ;  $x_4 = t$  where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $x_2 = -3$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ ,  $x_4 = 0$  and  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = -5$ ,  $x_3 = -1$ ,  $x_4 = 1$ .
- i.  $x_1 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{4}{3}t$ ;  $x_2 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3}t$ ;  $x_3 = t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 = -1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = 1$ .
- **j.**  $x_1 = 1 2s 3t$ ;  $x_2 = s$ ;  $x_3 = t$  where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Possible solutions:  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 = 8$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ,  $x_3 = -3$ .
- k. No solution; the system is inconsistent.
- 1. No solution; the system is inconsistent.

#### 1.2.5

**a.**  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (60s - 55t + 30, -\frac{79}{3}s + \frac{73}{3}t - \frac{38}{3}, -14s + 13t - 7, s, t)$  where  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**b.** If s = t = 0 then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (30, -\frac{38}{3}, -7, 0, 0)$ . If s = 0 and t = 1 then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (-25, \frac{35}{3}, 6, 0, 1)$ .

**c.** If t = 0 then  $s = -\frac{4}{7}$  and  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (-\frac{30}{7}, \frac{316}{21}, 1, \frac{4}{7}, 0).$ 

#### 1.2.6

**a.** 
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (60t, -\frac{79}{3}t, -14t, t)$$
 where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 

**b.** If 
$$t = 1$$
 then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (60, -\frac{79}{3}, -14, 1)$ .  
 If  $t = 3$  then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (180, -79, 42, 3)$ .

**c.** If 
$$t = \frac{1}{60}$$
 then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, -\frac{79}{180}, -\frac{14}{60}, \frac{1}{60}).$ 

**1.2.7** Because f(1) = 2, f(-1) = 6, and f(2) = 3 we get a linear system.

$$1a + 1b + c = 2$$
  
 $1a - 1b + c = 6$   
 $4a + 2b + c = 3$ 

After performing Gaussian elimination we obtain

$$\begin{array}{cccc} a + & b + & c = & 2 \\ -2b & = & 4 \\ -3c = -9 & \end{array}$$

which shows that the solution is  $f(x) = 1x^2 - 2x + 3$ .

1.2.8 The following system with more unknowns than equations

$$x + y + z = 0$$
$$x + y + z = 1$$

has no solution.

1.2.9 After performing Gaussian elimination the system becomes

$$x - y = 1$$
$$0 = -3 + k$$

This system has no solutions if  $k \neq 3$  and if k = 3 then it has infinitely many solutions. It never has a unique solution.

#### 1.2.10

- **a.** Never exactly 1 solution; infinite solutions if k = 2; no solution if  $k \neq 2$ .
- **b.** Exactly 1 solution if  $k \neq 2$ ; infinite solutions if k = 2; never no solution.
- **c**. Exactly 1 solution if  $k \neq 2$ ; no solution if k = 2; never infinite solutions.
- **d**. Exactly 1 solution for all k.

#### 1.2.11

- **a**. Possible if  $a = \pm 1$  and  $a \neq \pm b$ .
- b. Not possible.
- **c**. Possible if  $a \neq \pm 1$  or  $a = \pm b$ .

**1.2.12** Consistent if  $b_3 - b_2 - b_1 = 0$  and  $b_4 - 2b_2 - b_1 = 0$ .

**1.2.13** If  $a \neq 0$  then the solution set of the first equation is  $\{(x,y) \mid x=(c-by)/a\}$ . Taking y=0 gives the solution (c/a,0), and since the second equation is supposed to have the same solution set, substituting into it gives that  $a(c/a)+d\cdot 0=e$ , so c=e. Then taking y=1 in x=(c-by)/a gives that  $a((c-b)/a)+d\cdot 1=e$ , which gives that b=d. Hence they are the same equation.

When a = 0 the equations can be different and still have the same solution set: e.g., 0x + 3y = 6 and 0x + 6y = 12.

**1.2.14** We take three cases: that  $a \neq 0$ , that a = 0 and  $c \neq 0$ , and that both a = 0 and c = 0.

For the first, we assume that  $a \neq 0$ . Then Gaussian elimination

$$ax + by = j$$
$$(-(cb/a) + d)y = -(cj/a) + k$$

shows that this system has a unique solution if and only if  $-(cb/a)+d\neq 0$ ; remember that  $a\neq 0$  so that back substitution yields a unique x (observe, by the way, that j and k play no role in the conclusion that there is a unique solution, although if there is a unique solution then they contribute to its value). But -(cb/a)+d=(ad-bc)/a and a fraction is not equal to 0 if and only if its numerator is not equal to 0. Thus, in this first case, there is a unique solution if and only if  $ad-bc\neq 0$ .

In the second case, if a = 0 but  $c \neq 0$ , then we swap

$$cx + dy = k$$
$$by = j$$

to conclude that the system has a unique solution if and only if  $b \neq 0$  (we use the case assumption that  $c \neq 0$  to get a unique x in back substitution). But where a = 0 and  $c \neq 0$  the condition " $b \neq 0$ " is equivalent to the condition " $ad - bc \neq 0$ ". That finishes the second case.

Finally, for the third case, if both a and c are 0 then the system

$$0x + by = j$$
$$0x + dy = k$$

might have no solutions (if the second equation is not a multiple of the first) or it might have infinitely many solutions (if the second equation is a multiple of the first then for each y satisfying both equations, any pair (x,y) will do), but it never has a unique solution. Note that a=0 and c=0 gives that ad-bc=0.

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#### 2.1.1

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- **a**. 2
- **b**. 3
- c. -1
- d. Not defined.

#### 2.1.2

- $\mathbf{a}$ .  $2 \times 3$
- **b**.  $3 \times 2$
- $\mathbf{c}$ .  $2 \times 2$

#### 2.1.3

- **a.**  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 12 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b**.  $\begin{bmatrix} 11 & -8 \\ -1 & -19 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -7 \\ 11 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{d.} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 12 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$

#### 2.1.4

- **a**. -22
- **b**. -2
- **c**. 23
- d. Not possible.
- e. Not possible.

#### 2.1.5

- $\mathbf{a.} \ AB = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 10 & -9 \end{bmatrix}, \, BA = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 24 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b.**  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 12 \\ 10 & 4 & 32 \end{bmatrix}$ , BA is not defined
- **c.**  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ -5 & -8 \\ -8 & -32 \end{bmatrix}$ , BA is not defined
- **d**.  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -18 & 11 \\ -45 & 24 & -21 \\ -15 & 12 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 52 & -21 \\ 45 & -27 \end{bmatrix}$
- e.  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -32 & 34 & -24 \\ -32 & 38 & -8 \\ -16 & 21 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 22 & -14 \\ -4 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$
- **f.**  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 3 & 7 & -15 \\ -5 & -1 & -17 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , BA is not defined
- $\mathbf{g.} \ AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{h}. \ AB = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -17 & -5 \\ 19 & 5 & 19 \\ 5 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \ BA = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 5 & 23 \\ 5 & -7 & -1 \\ -14 & 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

#### 2.1.6

- **a.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 16 & -3 & 2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b.**  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & -13 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$
- ${f c}.$  Not possible, since dimension of A and E are not the same.
- $\mathbf{d.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 36 & 19 & 2 \\ 83 & -22 & 11 \\ 19 & -10 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- **f**. Not possible, since the dimension of CD is  $2\times 2$  and is not equal to the dimension of D.
- **g**. [9 -7 3]
- **h**.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

#### 2.1.7

- **a**. a = -1, b = 1/2
- **b**. a = 5/2 + 3/2t, b = t where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- **c**. a = 5, b = 0
- d. No solution.
- **2.1.8** Disprove: Show that it is impossible to obtain a nonzero matrix.
- **2.1.9** Hint: Apply the definition of an idempotent matrix.

#### 2.2.1

- $\mathbf{a.} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 9 \\ -1 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b.**  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -22 \\ -7 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$
- **c.**  $X = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ -9/2 & -19/2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{d.} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 \\ 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **2.2.2**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{4} & 3\\ 1 & -\frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}$
- **2.2.3**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -11 & -\frac{17}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

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- a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} & 1 & 0\\ 2 & -1 & 0\\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **b.**  $X = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} & 1 & -\frac{3}{4} & 2 & -1\\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1\\ -7 & 2 & \frac{3}{2} & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **2.2.5** Hint: Show that the homogeneous system Ax = 0 has only the trivial solution.

2.2.6 Hint: Use the definition of the inverse of a matrix.

**2.2.7** Hint: Apply the definition of symmetric matrices.

#### 2.3.1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The answer is not unique.

#### 2.3.2

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

Note: The answer is not unique.

**2.3.3** 
$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The answer is not unique

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**a.** 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**b.** 
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{16}{3} \\ -\frac{8}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.1.1** 
$$\lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

**3.2.1** 
$$\det(A) = -\frac{5}{12}$$

**3.3.1** Hint: Apply the determinant to both sides AB = -BA.

**3.4.1** 
$$x_1 = 4$$

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**4.2.1** Analyse the squared norm of  $\|\vec{u}\|\vec{v} - \|\vec{v}\|\vec{u}$  and  $\|\vec{u}\|\vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|\vec{u}$ ).

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#### 5.1.1

a. 
$$0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$$

$$\mathbf{b.} \ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **c**. The constant function f(x) = 0
- **d**. The constant function f(n) = 0

#### 5.1.2

**a**. 
$$3 + 2x - x^2$$

**b.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & +1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. 
$$-3e^x + 2e^{-x}$$

#### 5.1.3

**a**. 
$$1 + 2x$$
,  $2 - 1x$ , and  $x$ .

**b.** 
$$2+1x$$
,  $6+3x$ , and  $-4-2x$ .

#### 5.1.4

a.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 5.1.5

**a**. 
$$(1, 2, 3), (2, 1, 3), \text{ and } (0, 0, 0).$$

**b.** 
$$(1, 1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 1, 0)$$
 and  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$ .

#### 5.1.6

For each part the set is called Q. For some parts, there are more than one correct way to show that Q is not a vector space.

a. It is not closed under addition.

$$(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \in Q$$
  $(1, 1, 0) \notin Q$ 

**b**. It is not closed under addition.

$$(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \in Q$$
  $(1, 1, 0) \notin Q$ 

c. It is not closed under addition.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in Q \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \not\in Q$$

d. It is not closed under scalar multiplication.

$$1 + 1x + 1x^2 \in Q$$
  $-1 \cdot (1 + 1x + 1x^2) \notin Q$ 

- **e**. The set is empty, violating the existence of the zero vector.
- **5.1.7** No, it is not closed under scalar multiplication since, e.g.,  $\pi \cdot (1)$  is not a rational number.
- **5.1.8** The '+' operation is not commutative; producing two members of the set witnessing this assertion is easy.

#### 5.1.9

a. It is not a vector space.

$$(1+1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**b**. It is not a vector space.

$$1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **5.1.10** For each "yes" answer, you must give a check of all the conditions given in the definition of a vector space. For each "no" answer, give a specific example of the failure of one of the conditions.
  - a. Yes.
  - b. Yes.
  - c. No, this set is not closed under the natural addition operation. The vector of all 1/4's is an element of this set but when added to itself the result, the vector of all 1/2's, is not an element of the set.
  - d. Yes.
  - e. No,  $f(x) = e^{-2x} + (1/2)$  is in the set but  $2 \cdot f$  is not (that is, closure under scalar multiplication fails).

#### 5.1.11

- a. Closed under vector addition. Hint: Apply determinant properties.
- $\mathbf{b.} \quad \vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$
- **c.** Every  $A \in V$  has an additive inverse  $A^{-1}$ .
- d. Yes.

- e. Not closed under scalar multiplication. Since  $0\vec{0}=0\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\0&1\end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix}0&0\\0&0\end{bmatrix}\not\in V$
- **5.1.12** Check all 10 conditions of the definition of a vector space.
- **5.1.13** It is not a vector space since it is not closed under addition, as  $(x^2) + (1 + x x^2)$  is not in the set.

#### 5.1.14

- **a.** No since  $1 \cdot (0, 1) + 1 \cdot (0, 1) \neq (1+1) \cdot (0, 1)$ .
- **b.** No since the same calculation as the prior part shows a condition in the definition of a vector space that is violated. Another example of a violation of the conditions for a vector space is that  $1 \cdot (0, 1) \neq (0, 1)$ .

#### 5.1.15

- a. Let V be a vector space, let  $\vec{v} \in V$ , and assume that  $\vec{w} \in V$  is an additive inverse of  $\vec{v}$  so that  $\vec{w} + \vec{v} = \vec{0}$ . Because addition is commutative,  $\vec{0} = \vec{w} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$ , so therefore  $\vec{v}$  is also the additive inverse of  $\vec{w}$ .
- **b.** Let V be a vector space and suppose  $\vec{v}, \vec{s}, \vec{t} \in V$ . The additive inverse of  $\vec{v}$  is  $-\vec{v}$  so  $\vec{v} + \vec{s} = \vec{v} + \vec{t}$  gives that  $-\vec{v} + \vec{v} + \vec{s} = -\vec{v} + \vec{v} + \vec{t}$ , which implies that  $\vec{0} + \vec{s} = \vec{0} + \vec{t}$  and so  $\vec{s} = \vec{t}$ .

#### 5.1.16

Addition is commutative, so in any vector space, for any vector  $\vec{v}$  we have that  $\vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{v}$ .

#### 5.1.17

It is not a vector space since addition of two matrices of unequal sizes is not defined, and thus the set fails to satisfy the closure condition.

#### 5.1.18

Each element of a vector space has one and only one additive inverse.

For, let V be a vector space and suppose that  $\vec{v} \in V$ . If  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \in V$  are both additive inverses of  $\vec{v}$  then consider  $\vec{w}_1 + \vec{v} + \vec{w}_2$ . On the one hand, we have that it equals  $\vec{w}_1 + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}_2) = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{0} = \vec{w}_1$ . On the other hand we have that it equals  $(\vec{w}_1 + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}_2 = \vec{0} + \vec{w}_2 = \vec{w}_2$ . Therefore,  $\vec{w}_1 = \vec{w}_2$ .

#### 5.1.19

Assume that  $\vec{v} \in V$  is not  $\vec{0}$ .

- **a.** One direction of the if and only if is clear: if r=0 then  $r \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0}$ . For the other way, let r be a nonzero scalar. If  $r\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  then  $(1/r) \cdot r\vec{v} = (1/r) \cdot \vec{0}$  shows that  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , contrary to the assumption.
- **b.** Where  $r_1, r_2$  are scalars,  $r_1 \vec{v} = r_2 \vec{v}$  holds if and only if  $(r_1 r_2)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ . By the prior item, then  $r_1 r_2 = 0$ .
- **c**. A nontrivial space has a vector  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ . Consider the set  $\{k \cdot \vec{v} \mid k \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . By the prior item this set is infinite.

#### 5.2.1

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- a. Every such set has the form  $\{r \cdot \vec{v} + s \cdot \vec{w} \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$  where either or both of  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  may be  $\vec{0}$ . With the inherited operations, closure of addition  $(r_1\vec{v} + s_1\vec{w}) + (r_2\vec{v} + s_2\vec{w}) = (r_1 + r_2)\vec{v} + (s_1 + s_2)\vec{w}$  and scalar multiplication  $c(r\vec{v} + s\vec{w}) = (cr)\vec{v} + (cs)\vec{w}$  is clear.
- **b.** No such set can be a vector space under the inherited operations because it does not have a zero element.
- **5.2.2** Yes. A theorem of first semester calculus says that a sum of differentiable functions is differentiable and that (f + g)' = f' + g', and that a multiple of a differentiable function is differentiable and that  $(r \cdot f)' = r f'$ .
- **5.3.1** Hint: For each subspace determine a set of vectors that spans it.

 $W_1 \subsetneq W_2$ 

5.4.1

**a**. 
$$\lambda = 1$$

**b**. 
$$\lambda \neq -1, -\frac{1}{2}, 1$$

5.5.1

**a.** 
$$B = \{1 + x^3, x^2 + x^3\}$$

**b**. 
$$(p(x))_B = (-2, 2)$$

**5.6.1**  $\{-1+x^2, -x+x^3\}$  is a basis of W, therefore W is of dimension 2.

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