

MATH-1564-K1,K2,K3 –Linear Algebra with Abstract Vector Spaces  
Homework 8

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $U, W \subseteq V$  be two subspaces of  $V$ .
  - i. Prove that there exist a basis  $B$  of  $U$  and a basis  $C$  of  $W$  such that  $B \cap C$  is a basis for  $U \cap W$ .
  - ii. Is it true that for every basis  $B$  of  $U$  and every basis  $C$  of  $W$  the set  $B \cap C$  is a basis for  $U \cap W$ ?
  - iii. Recall the definition of  $U + W$  from previous HW's. Prove the following dimension formula:

$$\dim(U + W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W).$$

**(Important Remark:** This dimension formula can be used in later HW's and in exams without adding a proof to it.)

- iv. Let  $U, W \subset \mathbb{R}_4[x]$  be two subspaces which satisfy  $\dim(U) = \dim(W) = 3$  prove that  $U \cap W \neq \{0\}$ .
  - v. Find the dimension of the following space:

$$\text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \cap \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

2. The following claims are either **true or false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.
  - i. There exists a matrix  $A \in M_{4 \times 3}$  who's last row is not a linear combination of the rest of it's rows.
  - ii. There exists a matrix  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  which satisfies  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$  and

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

- iii. There exists a matrix  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  which satisfies  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ , and

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \qquad A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- iv. There exist two matrices  $A, B \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A \neq B$ ,  $A \sim B$  ( $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ ) and the column spaces of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same.
  - v. There exist two matrices  $A, B \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $AB = I$  and

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) = 5.$$

- vi. There exists a matrix  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  whose row space is equal to its column space.
3. The following claims are either **true or false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.
- a. For any two matrices  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$  we have  $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(A) \cdot \text{rank}(B)$ .
  - b. If  $A$  is a square matrix then its column space is equal to its null space.
  - c. The system  $(A|b)$  has a solution iff  $\text{rank} A = \text{rank}(A|b)$
  - d. If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent.
  - e. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent
4. Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  prove that  $A$  is invertible iff  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .
5. For any two matrices  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$  which satisfy  $AB = 0$  prove that  $\text{rank}(B) + \text{rank}(A) \leq n$ .
6. The following claims are either **true or false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.
- a. For any two  $m \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  we have  $\text{rank}(A+B) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$ .
  - b. For any two  $m \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  we have  $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$ .
6. Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$ , consider the matrix  $AB$  and prove the following:
- i. The null space of  $B$  is a subspace of the null space of  $AB$ .
  - ii. The column space of  $AB$  is a subspace of the column space of  $A$ .
  - iii.  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B)\}$ . (Hint: use the previous parts of this question).
  - iv. Let  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $\text{rank}(A)$ ,  $\text{rank}(A^2)$  and  $\text{rank}(A^3)$  are three different numbers. Prove that  $A^3 = 0$ .