### Module E: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

**Activity E.8** ( $\sim 10$  min) All inconsistent linear systems contain a logical **contradiction**. Find a contradiction in this system to show that its solution set is  $\emptyset$ .

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 = 5$$

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 = 6$$

**Activity E.9** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the following consistent linear system.

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

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 = 6$$

Part 1: Find three different solutions for this system. Part 2: Let  $x_2 = a$  where a is an arbitrary real number, then find an expression for  $x_1$  in terms of a. Use this to write the solution set  $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} ? \\ a \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$  for the linear system.

**Activity E.10** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the following linear system.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 = 3$$

$$x_3 + 4x_4 = -2$$

Describe the solution set

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ a \\ ? \\ b \end{bmatrix} \middle| a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

to the linear system by setting  $x_2 = a$  and  $x_4 = b$ , and then solving for  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ .

Activity E.16 ( $\sim 10 \ min$ ) Following are seven procedures used to manipulate an augmented matrix. Label the procedures that would result in an equivalent augmented matrix as **valid**, and label the procedures that might change the solution set of the corresponding linear system as **invalid**.

- a) Swap two rows.
- b) Swap two columns.
- c) Add a constant to every term in a row.
- d) Multiply a row by a nonzero constant.
- e) Add a constant multiple of one row to another row.
- f) Replace a column with zeros.
- g) Replace a row with zeros.

**Activity E.18** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the following (equivalent) linear systems.

(A) 
$$(C)$$
  $(E)$   $x + 2y + z = 3$   $x - z = 1$   $x - z = 1$   $y + z = 1$   $y + z = 1$   $y + z = 1$   $z = 3$ 

(B) 
$$2x + 5y + 3z = 7 -x - y + z = 1 x + 2y + z = 3$$
 (F) 
$$x + 2y + z = 3 x + 2y + z = 3$$
 (F) 
$$x + 2y + z = 3 x + 2y + z = 1 2x + 5y + 3z = 7$$
 (F) 
$$x + 2y + z = 3 y + z = 1 y + 2z = 4$$

Rank the six linear systems from most complicated to simplest.

Activity E.19 ( $\sim 5$  min) We can rewrite the previous in terms of equivalences of augmented matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 13 & | & 7 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 & | & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the row operation(s) necessary in each step to transform the most complicated system's augmented matrix into the simplest.

Activity E.21 (~15 min) Recall that a matrix is in reduced row echelon form (RREF) if

- 1. The leading term (first nonzero term) of each nonzero row is a 1. Call these terms **pivots**.
- 2. Each pivot is to the right of every higher pivot.
- 3. Each term above or below a pivot is zero.
- 4. All rows of zeroes are at the bottom of the matrix.

(A) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(C) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(E) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(B) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(D) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(F) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For each matrix, circle the leading terms, and label it as RREF or not RREF. For the ones not in RREF, find their RREF.

Activity E.23 ( $\sim 8 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which row operation is the best choice for the first move in converting to RREF?

- (a) Add row 3 to row 2  $(R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_2)$
- (b) Add row 2 to row 3  $(R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3)$
- (c) Swap row 1 to row 2  $(R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2)$
- (d) Add -2 row 2 to row 1  $(R_1 2R_2 \to R_1)$

Activity E.24 ( $\sim$ 7 min) Consider the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & -1 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which row operation is the best choice for the next move in converting to RREF?

- (a) Add row 1 to row 3  $(R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_3)$
- (b) Add -2 row 1 to row 2  $(R_2 2R_1 \to R_2)$
- (c) Add 2 row 2 to row 3  $(R_3 + 2R_2 \to R_3)$
- (d) Add 2 row 3 to row 2  $(R_2 + 2R_3 \rightarrow R_2)$

Activity E.25 ( $\sim 5 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the matrix

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

Which row operation is the best choice for the next move in converting to RREF?

- (a) Add row 1 to row 2  $(R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2)$
- (b) Add -1 row 3 to row 2  $(R_2 R_3 \rightarrow R_2)$
- (c) Add -1 row 2 to row 3  $(R_3 R_2 \rightarrow R_3)$
- (d) Add row 2 to row 1  $(R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1)$

Activity E.26 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the matrix

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

Part 1: Perform three row operations to produce a matrix closer to RREF. Part 2: Finish putting it in RREF.

Activity E.27 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute RREF(A).

Activity E.28 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 & -4 \\ -2 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute RREF(A).

**Activity E.30** ( $\sim 10$  min) Free browser-based technologies for mathematical computation are available online.

- Go to https://octave-online.net.
- Type A=sym([1 3 4; 2 5 7]) and press Enter to store the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  in the variable A.
  - The symbolic function sym is used to calculate precise answers rather than floating-point approximations.
  - The vertical bar in an augmented matrix does not affect row operations, so the RREF of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  may be computed in the same way.
- Type rref(A) and press Enter to compute the reduced row echelon form of A.

Activity E.32 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the system of equations.

$$3x_1 - 2x_2 + 13x_3 = 6$$
  

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 + 10x_3 = 2$$
  

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 - 6x_3 = 11$$

Part 1: Convert this to an augmented matrix and use technology to compute its reduced row echelon form:

$$\mathbf{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 2: Use the RREF matrix to write a linear system equivalent to the original system. Then find its solution set.

Activity E.33 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the vector equation

$$x_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_{3} \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 10 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 1: Convert this to an augmented matrix and use technology to compute its reduced row echelon form:

$$\mathbf{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & | & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 2: Use the RREF matrix to write a linear system equivalent to the original system. Then find its solution set.

Activity E.34 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the following linear system.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$
$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 8x_3 = 0$$

Part 1: Find its corresponding augmented matrix A and use technology to find RREF(A). Part 2: How many solutions do these linear systems have?

**Activity E.35** ( $\sim 10$  min) Consider the simple linear system equivalent to the system from the previous activity:

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

Part 1: Let  $x_1 = a$  and write the solution set in the form  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Part 2: Let  $x_2 = b$  and write

the solution set in the form  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ b \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \middle| b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Part 3: Which of these was easier? What features of the

RREF matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  caused this?

Activity E.37 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Find the solution set for the system

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 - 6x_3 + x_4 - x_5 = 3$$
  

$$-x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 + 2x_5 = -3$$
  

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 2$$

by row-reducing its augmented matrix, and then assigning letters to the free variables (given by non-pivot columns) and solving for the bound variables (given by pivot columns) in the corresponding linear system.

#### Module V: Vector Spaces

Activity V.2 (~20 min) Consider each of the following properties of the real numbers  $\mathbb{R}^1$ . Label each property as valid if the property also holds for two-dimensional Euclidean vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}}, \vec{\mathbf{w}} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and invalid if it does not.

1. 
$$\vec{\mathbf{u}} + (\vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{w}}) = (\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}) + \vec{\mathbf{w}}$$
.

2. 
$$\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{u}}$$
.

3. There exists some  $\vec{z}$  where  $\vec{v} + \vec{z} = \vec{v}$ .

4. There exists some  $-\vec{\mathbf{v}}$  where  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} + (-\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \vec{\mathbf{z}}$ .

5. If  $\vec{\mathbf{u}} \neq \vec{\mathbf{v}}$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}})$  is the only vector equally distant from both  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}$ 

6. 
$$a(b\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = (ab)\vec{\mathbf{v}}$$
.

7. 
$$1\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{v}}$$
.

8. If  $\vec{\mathbf{u}} \neq \vec{\mathbf{0}}$ , then there exists some scalar c such that  $c\vec{\mathbf{u}} = \vec{\mathbf{v}}$ .

9. 
$$a(\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = a\vec{\mathbf{u}} + a\vec{\mathbf{v}}$$
.

10. 
$$(a+b)\vec{\mathbf{v}} = a\vec{\mathbf{v}} + b\vec{\mathbf{v}}$$
.

**Activity V.9** (~20 min) Consider the set  $V = \{(x,y) | y = e^x\}$  with operations defined by

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 y_2)$$
  $c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (cx_1, y_1^c)$ 

Part 1: Show that V satisfies the distributive property

$$(a+b) \odot (x_1,y_1) = (a \odot (x_1,y_1)) \oplus (b \odot (x_1,y_1))$$

by simplifying both sides and verifying they are the same expression. Part 2: Show that V contains an additive identity element satisfying

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus \vec{\mathbf{z}} = (x_1, y_1)$$

for all  $(x_1, y_1) \in V$  by choosing appropriate values for  $\vec{\mathbf{z}} = (?,?)$ .

**Activity V.11** (~15 min) Let  $V = \{(x,y) | x,y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  have operations defined by

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1 + x_2 + y_2, x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$
  $c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (x_1^c, y_1 + c - 1).$ 

Part 1: Show that 1 is the scalar multiplication identity element by simplifying  $1 \odot (x, y)$  to (x, y).

Part 2: Show that V does not have an additive identity element by showing that  $(0,-1) \oplus \vec{z} \neq (0,-1)$  no matter how  $\vec{z} = (z,w)$  is chosen.

Part 3: Is V a vector space?

**Activity V.12** ( $\sim 15$  min) Let  $V = \{(x,y) | x,y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  have operations defined by

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + 3y_2)$$
  $c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (cx_1, cy_1).$ 

Part 1: Show that scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition, i.e.

$$c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2)$$

for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2) \in V$ .

Part 2: Show that vector addition is not associative, i.e.

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus ((x_2, y_2) \oplus (x_3, y_3)) \neq ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) \oplus (x_3, y_3)$$

for **some** vectors  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \in V$ .

Part 3: Is V a vector space?

Activity V.15 (~10 min) Consider span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Part 1: Sketch  $1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $-2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix},$$

$$3\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}3\\6\end{bmatrix},$$

$$0\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix},$$

and 
$$-2\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-2\\-4\end{bmatrix}$$

in the xy plane. Part 2: Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ in the xy plane.

**Activity V.16** (~10 min) Consider span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Part 1: Sketch the following linear combinations in the xy plane.

$$1\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} + 0\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad 0\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad 1\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$-2\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad -1\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} + -2\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 2: Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to span  $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\}$  in the xy plane.

Activity V.17 ( $\sim 5 \text{ min}$ ) Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to span  $\left\{ \begin{vmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix} \right\}$  in the xy plane.

Activity V.19 (~15 min) The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  exactly when there exists a solution to the vector equation  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Part 1: Reinterpret this vector equation as a system of linear equations.

Part 2: Find its solution set, using technology to find RREF of its corresponding augmented matrix.

Part 3: Given this solution set, does 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 belong to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

Activity V.22 (~10 min) Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  by solving an appropriate vector equation.

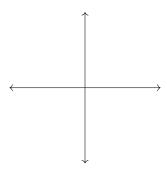
**Activity V.23** (~5 min) Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  by solving an appropriate vector equation.

Activity V.24 ( $\sim 10 \ min$ ) Does the third-degree polynomial  $3y^3 - 2y^2 + y + 5$  in  $\mathcal{P}^3$  belong to span $\{y^3 - 3y + 2, -y^3 - 3y^2 + 2y + 2\}$ ? Part 1: Reinterpret this question as a question about the solution(s) of a polynomial equation. Part 2: Answer this equivalent question, and use its solution to answer the original question.

**Activity V.25** ( $\sim 5$  min) Does the polynomial  $x^2 + x + 1$  belong to span $\{x^2 - x, x + 1, x^2 - 1\}$ ?

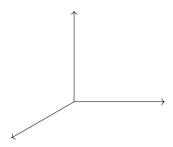
Activity V.26 ( $\sim 5$  min) Does the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  belong to span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ? Part 1: Reinterpret this question as a question about the solution(s) of a matrix equation. Part 2: Answer this equivalent question, and use its solution to answer the original question.

**Activity V.28** ( $\sim 5$  min) How many vectors are required to span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Sketch a drawing in the xy plane to support your answer.



- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) Infinitely Many

**Activity V.29** ( $\sim 5$  min) How many vectors are required to span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?



- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) Infinitely Many

Activity V.31 (~15 min) Choose any vector  $\begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is not in span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  by using technology to verify that RREF  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & ? \\ -1 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 1 & ? \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Why does this work?)

Activity V.33 (~5 min) Consider the set of vectors 
$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-4\\3\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\7\\-3\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\3\\5\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
. Does

 $\mathbb{R}^4 = \operatorname{span} S$ ? Part 1: Rewrite this as a question about the solutions to a vector equation. Part 2: Answer your new question, and use this to answer the original question.

Activity V.34 (~10 min) Consider the set of third-degree polynomials

$$S = \{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 1, 2x^3 + 3, 3x^3 + 13x^2 + 7x + 16, -x^3 + 10x^2 + 7x + 14, 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2\}.$$

Does  $\mathcal{P}^3 = \operatorname{span} S$ ? Part 1: Rewrite this as a question about the solutions to a polynomial equation. Part 2: Answer your new question, and use this to answer the original question.

Activity V.35 ( $\sim 5 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the set of matrices

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Does  $M_{2,2} = \text{span } S$ ? Part 1: Rewrite this as a question about the solutions to a matrix equation. Part 2: Answer your new question, and use this to answer the original question.

Activity V.36 (~5 min) Let  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^7$  be three vectors, and suppose  $\vec{\mathbf{w}}$  is another vector with  $\vec{\mathbf{w}} \in \operatorname{span}\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$ . What can you conclude about  $\operatorname{span}\{\vec{\mathbf{w}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$ ?

- (a) span  $\{\vec{\mathbf{w}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$  is larger than span  $\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$ .
- (b) span  $\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\} = \text{span} \{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}.$
- (c) span  $\{\vec{\mathbf{w}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$  is smaller than span  $\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$ .

Activity V.39 (~15 min) Let 
$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| x + 2y + z = 0 \right\}$$
.

Part 1: Let  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$  be vectors in  $S$ , so  $x + 2y + z = 0$  and  $a + 2b + c = 0$ . Show that  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} x + a \\ y + b \\ z + c \end{bmatrix}$  also belongs to  $S$  by verifying that  $(x + a) + 2(y + b) + (z + c) = 0$ . Part 2: Let  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in S$ , so  $x + 2y + z = 0$ . Show that  $c\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} cx \\ cy \end{bmatrix}$  also belongs to  $S$  for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  by verifying an

 $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in S$ , so x + 2y + z = 0. Show that  $c\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} cx \\ cy \\ cz \end{bmatrix}$  also belongs to S for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  by verifying an appropriate equation. Part 3: Is S is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Activity V.40** (~10 min) Let  $S = \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{vmatrix} \mid x + 2y + z = 4 \right\}$ . Choose a vector  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$  in S and a real number c = ?, and show that  $c\vec{\mathbf{v}}$  isn't in S. Is S a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

Activity V.42 ( $\sim 20 \text{ min}$ ) Consider these subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| y = z + 1 \right\} \qquad S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| y = |z| \right\} \qquad T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| z = xy \right\}$$

Part 1: Show R isn't a subspace by showing that  $\overline{\mathbf{0}} \notin R$ . Part 2: Show S isn't a subspace by finding two vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \in S$  such that  $\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \notin S$ . Part 3: Show T isn't a subspace by finding a vector  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \in T$  such that  $2\vec{\mathbf{v}} \notin T$ .

**Activity V.43** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let W be a subspace of a vector space V. How are span W and W related?

- (a) span W is bigger than W
- (b) span W is the same as W
- (c) span W is smaller than W

Activity V.45 ( $\sim$ 10 min) Consider the two sets

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\0\\-11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Which of the following is true?

- (A) span S is bigger than span T.
- (B) span S and span T are the same size.
- (C) span S is smaller than span T.

Activity V.47 (~10 min) Let  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $3\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 - 5\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 = \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3$ , so the set  $\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3\}$  is linearly dependent. Which of the following is true of the vector equation  $x_1\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + x_2\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 + x_3\vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$ ?

- (A) It is consistent with one solution
- (B) It is consistent with infinitely many solutions
- (C) It is inconsistent.

Activity V.49 ( $\sim$ 10 min) Find

RREF 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 13 & 10 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 16 & 14 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and mark the part of the matrix that demonstrates that

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\13\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\10\\7\\14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is linearly dependent (the part that shows its linear system has infinitely many solutions).

Activity V.52 ( $\sim 5 \ min$ ) Is the set of Euclidean vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -4\\2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\10\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\10\\10\\7\\2\\6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\4\\7\\2\\2\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  linearly dependent or linearly independent?

linearly independent? Part 1: Reinterpret this question as an appropriate question about solutions to a vector equation. Part 2: Use the solution to this question to answer the original question.

Activity V.53 ( $\sim 10 \, min$ ) Is the set of polynomials  $\{x^3+1, x^2+2x, x^2+7x+4\}$  linearly dependent or linearly independent? Part 1: Reinterpret this question as an appropriate question about solutions to a polynomial equation. Part 2: Use the solution to this question to answer the original question.

**Activity V.54** ( $\sim 5$  min) What is the largest number of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  vectors that can form a linearly independent set?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) You can have infinitely many vectors and still be linearly independent.

Activity V.55 ( $\sim$ 5 min) What is the largest number of

$$\mathcal{P}^{4} = \left\{ ax^{4} + bx^{3} + cx^{2} + dx + e \mid a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

vectors that can form a linearly independent set?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) You can have infinitely many vectors and still be linearly independent.

**Activity V.56** ( $\sim 5$  min) What is the largest number of

$$\mathcal{P} = \{ f(x) \mid f(x) \text{ is any polynomial} \}$$

vectors that can form a linearly independent set?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) You can have infinitely many vectors and still be linearly independent.

**Activity V.59** ( $\sim$ 15 min) Label each of the sets A, B, C, D, E as

- SPANS  $\mathbb{R}^4$  or DOES NOT SPAN  $\mathbb{R}^4$
- LINEARLY INDEPENDENT or LINEARLY DEPENDENT
- BASIS FOR  $\mathbb{R}^4$  or NOT A BASIS FOR  $\mathbb{R}^4$

by finding RREF for their corresponding matrices.

$$A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3\\0\\1\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\13\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\10\\7\\14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad D = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\0\\1\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6\\1\\5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\5\\1\\3\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Activity V.60 ( $\sim 10 \ min$ ) If  $\{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_4\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , that means RREF[ $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_4$ ] doesn't have a non-pivot column, and doesn't have a row of zeros. What is RREF[ $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_4$ ]?

Activity V.63 (~10 min) Consider the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  given by  $W = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-3\\2\\-3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\5\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$ 

Part 1: Mark the part of RREF  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  that shows that W's spanning set is linearly dependent.

Part 2: Find a basis for W by removing a vector from its spanning set to make it linearly independent.

**Activity V.65** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Let W be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  given by

$$W = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\3\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-1\\1\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\5\\3\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\2\\2\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find a basis for W.

**Activity V.66** (~10 min) Let W be the subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^3$  given by

$$W = \operatorname{span}\left\{x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 1, 2x^3 - x^2 + x + 2, 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x, 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1\right\}$$

Find a basis for W.

**Activity V.67** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Let W be the subspace of  $M_{2,2}$  given by

$$W = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find a basis for W.

Activity V.69 ( $\sim$ 10 min) Let

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-3\\2\\-3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\5\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-3\\2\\-3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\5\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Part 1: Find a basis for span S. Part 2: Find a basis for span T.

Activity V.73 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Find the dimension of each subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by finding RREF for each corresponding matrix.

$$\operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3\\0\\1\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\13\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\10\\7\\14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
\operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\13\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\10\\7\\14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
\operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\13\\7\\16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\10\\7\\14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\3\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

**Activity V.76** ( $\sim 5$  min) Suppose W is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^8$ , and you know that the set  $\{x^3 + x, x^2 + 1, x^4 - x\}$  is a linearly independent subset of W. What can you conclude about W?

- (a) The dimension of W is at most 3.
- (b) The dimension of W is exactly 3.
- (c) The dimension of W is at least 3.

**Activity V.77** ( $\sim 5$  min) Suppose W is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^8$ , and you know that W is spanned by the six vectors

$${x^4 - x, x^3 + x, x^3 + x + 1, x^4 + 2x, x^3, 2x + 1}.$$

What can you conclude about W?

- (a) The dimension of W is at most 6.
- (b) The dimension of W is exactly 6.
- (c) The dimension of W is at least 6.

**Activity V.80** (~5 min) Note that if  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$  are solutions to  $x_1\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \dots + x_n\vec{\mathbf{v}}_n = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  so is  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,

since

$$a_1\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \dots + a_n\vec{\mathbf{v}}_n = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \text{ and } b_1\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \dots + b_n\vec{\mathbf{v}}_n = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$$

implies

$$(a_1+b_1)\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1+\cdots+(a_n+b_n)\vec{\mathbf{v}}_n=\vec{\mathbf{0}}.$$

Similarly, if  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} ca_1 \\ \vdots \\ ca_n \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution. Thus the solution set of a homogeneous system is...

- a) A basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- b) A subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- c) The empty set.

Activity V.81 (~10 min) Consider the homogeneous system of equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 0$$
  
 $2x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$   
 $3x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 - x_4 = 0$ 

Part 1: Find its solution set (a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ). Part 2: Rewrite this solution space in the form

$$\left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \middle| a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Part 3: Rewrite this solution space in the form

$$\operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Activity V.83 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the homogeneous system of equations

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

$$-2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

Find a basis for its solution space.

Activity V.84 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the homogeneous vector equation

$$x_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + x_{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_{4} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for its solution space.

Activity V.85 ( $\sim 5$  min) Consider the homogeneous system of equations

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

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 6x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

Find a basis for its solution space.

#### Module A: Algebraic Properties of Linear Maps

**Activity A.6** ( $\sim 5$  min) Recall the following rules from calculus, where  $D: \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{P}$  is the derivative map defined by D(f(x)) = f'(x) for each polynomial f.

$$D(f+g) = f'(x) + g'(x)$$

$$D(cf(x)) = cf'(x)$$

What can we conclude from these rules?

- a)  $\mathcal{P}$  is not a vector space
- b) D is a linear map
- c) D is not a linear map

**Activity A.7** (~10 min) Let the polynomial maps  $S: \mathcal{P}^4 \to \mathcal{P}^3$  and  $T: \mathcal{P}^4 \to \mathcal{P}^3$  be defined by

$$S(f(x)) = 2f'(x) - f''(x)$$
  $T(f(x)) = f'(x) + x^3$ 

Compute  $S(x^4+x)$ ,  $S(x^4)+S(x)$ ,  $T(x^4+x)$ , and  $T(x^4)+T(x)$ . Which of these maps is definitely not linear?

**Activity A.10** (~15 min) Continue to consider  $S: \mathcal{P}^4 \to \mathcal{P}^3$  defined by

$$S(f(x)) = 2f'(x) - f''(x)$$

Part 1: Verify that

$$S(f(x) + g(x)) = 2f'(x) + 2g'(x) - f''(x) - g''(x)$$

is equal to S(f(x)) + S(g(x)) for all polynomials f, g. Part 2: Verify that S(cf(x)) is equal to cS(f(x)) for all real numbers c and polynomials f. Part 3: Is S linear?

**Activity A.11** ( $\sim 20 \text{ min}$ ) Let the polynomial maps  $S: \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{P}$  and  $T: \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{P}$  be defined by

$$S(f(x)) = (f(x))^2$$
  $T(f(x)) = 3xf(x^2)$ 

Part 1: Note that S(0) = 0 and T(0) = 0. So instead, show that  $S(x+1) \neq S(x) + S(1)$  to verify that S(x) = 0 is not linear. Part 2: Prove that T(x) = 0 is linear by verifying that T(x) = 0 in T(x) = 0.

**Activity A.13** (~5 min) Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear map, and you know  $T\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}-3\\2\end{bmatrix}. \text{ Compute } T\left(\begin{bmatrix}3\\0\\0\end{bmatrix}\right).$$

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Activity A.14** (~5 min) Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear map, and you know  $T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}-3\\2\end{bmatrix}$$
. Compute  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Activity A.15** ( $\sim 5$  min) Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear map, and you know  $T\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}-3\\2\end{bmatrix}$$
. Compute  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}-2\\0\\-3\end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Activity A.16 (~5 min) Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear map, and you know  $T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

What piece of information would help you compute  $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

- (a) The value of  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\-4\\0\end{bmatrix}\right)$ . (c) The value of  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}\right)$ .
- (b) The value of  $T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$ . (d) Any of the above.

**Activity A.19** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_4) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the standard matrix  $[T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1) \cdots T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_n)]$  for T.

**Activity A.20** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

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

Part 1: Compute  $T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1)$ ,  $T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2)$ , and  $T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3)$ . Part 2: Find the standard matrix for T.

**Activity A.22** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

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

Part 1: Compute 
$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\3\end{bmatrix}\right)$$
. Part 2: Compute  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}x\\y\\z\end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

Activity A.23 (~15 min) Compute the following linear transformations of vectors given their standard matrices.

$$T_1\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right)$$
 for the standard matrix  $A_1=\begin{bmatrix}4&3\\0&-1\\1&1\\3&0\end{bmatrix}$ 

$$T_2 \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 for the standard matrix  $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$T_3\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\-2\\0\end{bmatrix}\right)$$
 for the standard matrix  $A_3=\begin{bmatrix}4&3&0\\0&-1&3\\5&1&1\\3&0&0\end{bmatrix}$ 

**Activity A.25** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of these subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  describes ker T, the set of all vectors that transform into  $\vec{\mathbf{0}}$ ?

a) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

b) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

c) 
$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \middle| x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Activity A.26** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of these subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  describes ker T, the set of all vectors that transform into  $\vec{\mathbf{0}}$ ?

a) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
 c)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  b)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  d)  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ 

**Activity A.27** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

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

Part 1: Set  $T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to find a linear system of equations whose solution set is the kernel. Part 2: Use RREF(A) to solve this homogeneous system of equations and find a basis for the kernel of T.

**Activity A.28** (~10 min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + 4y + 2z - 4w \\ -2x - 4y + z + w \\ 3x + 6y - z - 4w \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for the kernel of T.

**Activity A.30** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of these subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  describes Im T, the set of all vectors that are the result of using T to transform  $\mathbb{R}^2$  vectors?

a) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\a \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$c) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

b) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \middle| a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

d) 
$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \middle| x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Activity A.31** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of these subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  describes  $\operatorname{Im} T$ , the set of all vectors that are the result of using T to transform  $\mathbb{R}^3$  vectors?

a) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \middle| a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

b) 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

c) 
$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Activity A.32** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1) & T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2) & T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3) & T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_4) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = T(x_1\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1 + x_2\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2 + x_3\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3 + x_4\vec{\mathbf{e}}_4)$ , the set of vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-1\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7\\0\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\-1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- a) spans  $\operatorname{Im} T$
- b) is a linearly independent subset of  $\operatorname{Im} T$
- c) is a basis for  $\operatorname{Im} T$

**Activity A.35** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of T.

**Activity A.36** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation with standard matrix A. Which of the following is equal to the dimension of the kernel of T?

- (a) The number of pivot columns
- (b) The number of non-pivot columns
- (c) The number of pivot rows
- (d) The number of non-pivot rows

**Activity A.37** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation with standard matrix A. Which of the following is equal to the dimension of the image of T?

- (a) The number of pivot columns
- (b) The number of non-pivot columns
- (c) The number of pivot rows
- (d) The number of non-pivot rows

**Activity A.39** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Verify that the rank-nullity theorem holds for T.

**Activity A.41** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is T injective?

- a) Yes, because  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = T(\vec{\mathbf{w}})$  whenever  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .
- b) Yes, because  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) \neq T(\vec{\mathbf{w}})$  whenever  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \neq \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .

c) No, because 
$$T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \neq T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

d) No, because 
$$T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Activity A.42** ( $\sim 2$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is T injective?

- a) Yes, because  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = T(\vec{\mathbf{w}})$  whenever  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .
- b) Yes, because  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) \neq T(\vec{\mathbf{w}})$  whenever  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \neq \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .

c) No, because 
$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right) \neq T\left(\begin{bmatrix}3\\4\end{bmatrix}\right)$$

d) No, because 
$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix}3\\4\end{bmatrix}\right)$$

**Activity A.44** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is T surjective?

- a) Yes, because for every  $\vec{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , there exists  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .
- b) No, because  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  can never equal  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- c) No, because  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  can never equal  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Activity A.45** ( $\sim 2$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{with standard matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is T surjective?

a) Yes, because for every 
$$\vec{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$
, there exists  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 42 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .

b) Yes, because for every 
$$\vec{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$
, there exists  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(\vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \vec{\mathbf{w}}$ .

c) No, because 
$$T \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$
 can never equal  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Activity A.48** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: V \to W$  be a linear transformation where ker T contains multiple vectors. What can you conclude?

- (a) T is injective
- (b) T is not injective
- (c) T is surjective
- (d) T is not surjective

**Activity A.50** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: V \to \mathbb{R}^5$  be a linear transformation where Im T is spanned by four vectors. What can you conclude?

- (a) T is injective
- (b) T is not injective
- (c) T is surjective
- (d) T is not surjective

**Activity A.52** ( $\sim 15 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map with standard matrix A. Sort the following claims into two groups of *equivalent* statements: one group that means T is **injective**, and one group that means T is **surjective**.

- (a) The kernel of T is trivial, i.e.  $\ker T = \{\vec{0}\}.$
- (b) The columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (c) The columns of A are linearly independent.
- (d) Every column of RREF(A) has a pivot.
- (e) Every row of RREF(A) has a pivot.

- (f) The image of T equals its codomain, i.e. Im  $T = \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (g) The system of linear equations given by the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & | & \vec{\mathbf{b}} \end{bmatrix}$  has a solution for all  $\vec{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (h) The system of linear equations given by the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \overrightarrow{0} \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly one solution.

Activity A.54 (~3 min) What can you conclude about the linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  with standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- a) Its standard matrix has more columns than rows, so T is not injective.
- b) Its standard matrix has more columns than rows, so T is injective.
- c) Its standard matrix has more rows than columns, so T is not surjective.
- d) Its standard matrix has more rows than columns, so T is surjective.

**Activity A.55** (~2 min) What can you conclude about the linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  with standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- a) Its standard matrix has more columns than rows, so T is not injective.
- b) Its standard matrix has more columns than rows, so T is injective.
- c) Its standard matrix has more rows than columns, so T is not surjective.
- d) Its standard matrix has more rows than columns, so T is surjective.

Activity A.57 (~5 min) Suppose 
$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^4$$
 with standard matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & \cdots & a_{4n} \end{bmatrix}$  is both

injective and surjective (we call such maps **bijective**). Part 1: How many pivot rows must RREF A have? Part 2: How many pivot columns must RREF A have? Part 3: What is RREF A?

**Activity A.58** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bijective linear map with standard matrix A. Label each of the following as true or false.

- (a) RREF(A) is the identity matrix.
- (b) The columns of A form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (c) The system of linear equations given by the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & | \vec{\mathbf{b}} \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly one solution for each  $\vec{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Activity A.60** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by the standard matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following must be true?

- (a) T is neither injective nor surjective
- (b) T is injective but not surjective
- (c) T is surjective but not injective
- (d) T is bijective.

**Activity A.61** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + y - z \\ 4x + y + z \\ 6x + 2y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following must be true?

- (a) T is neither injective nor surjective
- (b) T is injective but not surjective
- (c) T is surjective but not injective
- (d) T is bijective.

**Activity A.62** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + 3y \\ x - y \\ x + 3y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following must be true?

- (a) T is neither injective nor surjective
- (b) T is injective but not surjective
- (c) T is surjective but not injective
- (d) T is bijective.

**Activity A.63** ( $\sim 3$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + y - z \\ 4x + y + z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following must be true?

- (a) T is neither injective nor surjective
- (b) T is injective but not surjective
- (c) T is surjective but not injective
- (d) T is bijective.

# Module M: Understanding Matrices Algebraically

Activity M.2 (~5 min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by the  $2 \times 3$  standard matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 5 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$S:\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^4\text{ be given by the }4\times2\text{ standard matrix }A=\begin{bmatrix}1&2\\0&1\\3&5\\-1&-2\end{bmatrix}.$$

What are the domain and codomain of the composition map  $S \circ \vec{T}$ ?

- (a) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- (b) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- (c) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^4$
- (d) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^4$
- (e) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- (f) The domain is  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Activity M.3 (~2 min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by the  $2 \times 3$  standard matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 5 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$S: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^4$$
 be given by the  $4 \times 2$  standard matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

What size will the standard matrix of  $S \circ T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$  be? (Rows × Columns)

(a) 
$$4 \times 3$$

(c) 
$$3 \times 4$$

(e) 
$$2 \times 4$$

(b) 
$$4 \times 2$$

(d) 
$$3 \times 2$$

(f) 
$$2 \times 3$$

Activity M.4 (~15 min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by the  $2 \times 3$  standard matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 5 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$S: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^4$$
 be given by the  $4 \times 2$  standard matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Part 1: Compute

$$(S \circ T)(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1) = S(T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1)) = S\left(\begin{bmatrix}2\\5\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}?\\?\\?\\?\end{bmatrix}.$$

Part 2: Compute  $(S \circ T)(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2)$ . Part 3: Compute  $(S \circ T)(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3)$ . Part 4: Write the  $4 \times 3$  standard matrix of  $S \circ T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Activity M.6** (~15 min) Let  $S: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be

given by the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Part 1: Write the dimensions (rows  $\times$  columns) for A, B, AB, and BA. Part 2: Find the standard matrix AB of  $S \circ T$ . Part 3: Find the standard matrix BA of  $T \circ S$ .

**Activity M.7** ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Consider the following three matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & 7 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 1: Find the domain and codomain of each of the three linear maps corresponding to A, B), and C. Part 2: Only one of the matrix products AB, AC, BA, BC, CA, CB can actually be computed. Compute it.

Activity M.9 (~15 min) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Part 1: Compute the product BA by hand. Part 2: Check your work using technology. Using Octave:

- B = sym([3 -4 0 ; 2 0 -1 ; 0 -3 3])
- A = sym([2 7 -1 ; 0 3 2 ; 1 1 -1])
- B\*A

Activity M.10 (~5 min) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix B such that BA = A, that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check your guess using technology.

Activity M.13 ( $\sim 20 \text{ min}$ ) Tweaking the identity matrix slightly allows us to write row operations in terms of matrix multiplication. Part 1: Create a matrix that doubles the third row of A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 2: Create a matrix that swaps the second and third rows of A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part 3: Create a matrix that adds 5 times the third row of A to the first row:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+5(1) & 7+5(1) & -1+5(-1) \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Activity M.15** ( $\sim 10 \ min$ ) Consider the two row operations  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  and  $R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1$  applied as follows to show  $A \sim B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -1+1 & 4+2 & 5+3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

Express these row operations as matrix multiplication by expressing B as the product of two matrices and A:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} A$$

Check your work using technology.

**Activity M.16** ( $\sim 15 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map with standard matrix A. Sort the following items into three groups of statements: a group that means T is **injective**, a group that means T is **surjective**, and a group that means T is **bijective**.

(a)  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \vec{\mathbf{b}}$  has a solution for all  $\vec{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

(f) The columns of A are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ 

(b)  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \vec{\mathbf{b}}$  has a unique solution for all  $\vec{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

(g) Every column of RREF(A) has a pivot

(c)  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  has a unique solution.

(h) Every row of RREF(A) has a pivot

(d) The columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ 

(i) m = n and RREF(A) = I

(e) The columns of A are linearly independent

**Activity M.17** ( $\sim 5$  min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

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

Write an augmented matrix representing the system of equations given by  $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$ , that is,  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{0} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then solve  $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  to find the kernel of T.

**Activity M.19** ( $\sim 20 \text{ min}$ ) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by the standard matrix

 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$  Part 1: Write an augmented matrix representing the system of equations given by

 $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$ , that is,  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then solve  $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  to find  $T^{-1}(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1)$ . Part 2: Solve  $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  to find  $T^{-1}(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2)$ . Part 3: Solve  $T(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \vec{\mathbf{e}}_3$  to find  $T^{-1}(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3)$ . Part 4: Write  $A^{-1}$ , the standard matrix for  $T^{-1}$ .

**Activity M.21** (~5 min) Find the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  by row-reducing  $[A \mid I]$ .

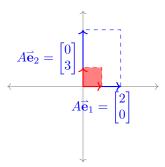
Activity M.22 ( $\sim 5$  min) Is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible? Give a reason for your answer.

Activity M.24 (~10 min) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the bijective linear map defined by  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - 3y \\ -3x + 5y \end{bmatrix}$ , with the inverse map  $T^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5x + 3y \\ 3x + 2y \end{bmatrix}$ . Part 1: Compute  $(T^{-1} \circ T) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Part 2: If A is the standard matrix for T and  $A^{-1}$  is the standard matrix for  $T^{-1}$ , find the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A^{-1}A = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}.$$

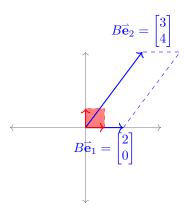
## Module G: Geometry of Linear Maps

Activity G.1 (~5 min) The image below illustrates how the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  given by the standard matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  transforms the unit square.



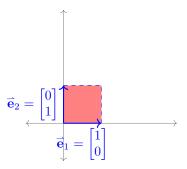
- (a) What are the lengths of  $A\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $A\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$ ?
- (b) What is the area of the transformed unit square?

Activity G.2 (~5 min) The image below illustrates how the linear transformation  $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  given by the standard matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . transforms the unit square.



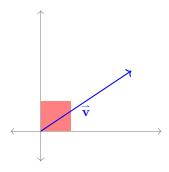
- (a) What are the lengths of  $B\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $B\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$ ?
- (b) What is the area of the transformed unit square?

Activity G.6 ( $\sim 2 \text{ min}$ ) The transformation of the unit square by the standard matrix  $[\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1 \ \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$  is illustrated below. What is  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1 \ \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2]) = \det(I)$ , the area of the transformed unit square shown here?



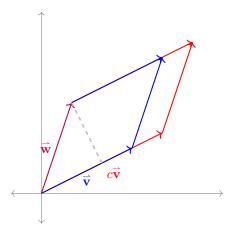
- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 4

Activity G.7 (~2 min) The transformation of the unit square by the standard matrix  $[\vec{\mathbf{v}}\ \vec{\mathbf{v}}]$  is illustrated below: both  $T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1) = T(\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2) = \vec{\mathbf{v}}$ . What is  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{v}}\ \vec{\mathbf{v}}])$ , the area of the transformed unit square shown here?



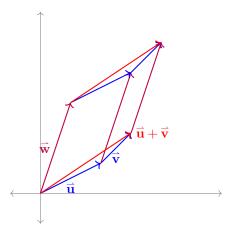
- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 4

Activity G.8 (~5 min) The transformations of the unit square by the standard matrices  $[\vec{\mathbf{v}}\ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]$  and  $[c\vec{\mathbf{v}}\ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]$  are illustrated below. Describe the value of  $\det([c\vec{\mathbf{v}}\ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$ .



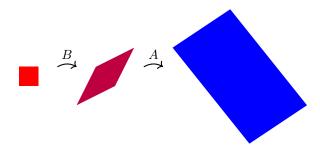
- a)  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- b)  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]) + c \det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- c)  $c \det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- d) Cannot be determined from this information.

**Activity G.9** (~5 min) The transformations of unit squares by the standard matrices  $[\vec{\mathbf{u}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]$ ,  $[\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]$  and  $[\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]$  are illustrated below. Describe the value of  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$ .



- a)  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{u}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]) = \det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- b)  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{u}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]) + \det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- c)  $\det([\vec{\mathbf{u}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}]) \det([\vec{\mathbf{v}} \ \vec{\mathbf{w}}])$
- d) Cannot be determined from this information.

Activity G.15 ( $\sim 5$  min) The transformation given by the standard matrix A scales areas by 4, and the transformation given by the standard matrix B scales areas by 3. By what factor does the transformation given by the standard matrix AB scale areas?



- (a) 1
- (b) 7
- (c) 12
- (d) Cannot be determined

**Activity G.19** ( $\sim 5$  min) Consider the row operation  $R_1 + 4R_3 \rightarrow R_1$  applied as follows to show  $A \sim B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1+4(9) & 2+4(10) & 3+4(11) & 4+4(12) \\ 5 & 6 & 6 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

- (a) Find a matrix R such that B = RA, by applying the same row operation to  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) Find  $\det R$  by comparing with the previous slide.
- (c) If  $C \in M_{3,3}$  is a matrix with det(C) = -3, find

$$\det(RC) = \det(R)\det(C).$$

**Activity G.20** ( $\sim 5$  min) Consider the row operation  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$  applied as follows to show  $A \sim B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

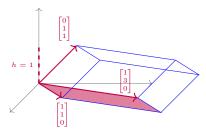
- (a) Find a matrix R such that B = RA, by applying the same row operation to I.
- (b) If  $C \in M_{3,3}$  is a matrix with det(C) = 5, find det(RC).

**Activity G.21** ( $\sim 5$  min) Consider the row operation  $3R_2 \rightarrow R_2$  applied as follows to show  $A \sim B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3(5) & 3(6) & 3(7) & 3(8) \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

- (a) Find a matrix R such that B = RA.
- (b) If  $C \in M_{3,3}$  is a matrix with det(C) = -7, find det(RC).

Activity G.27 (~5 min) The following image illustrates the transformation of the unit cube by the matrix



Recall that for this solid V = Bh, where h is the height of the solid and B is the area of its parallelogram base. So what must its volume be?

(b) 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Activity G.29 ( $\sim 5$  min) Remove an appropriate row and column of det  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  to simplify the determinant to a  $2 \times 2$  determinant.

Activity G.30 ( $\sim 5$  min) Simplify det  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  to a multiple of a  $2 \times 2$  determinant by first doing the following:

- Factor out a 2 from a column.
- Swap rows or columns to put a 1 on the main diagonal.

Activity G.31 ( $\sim 5$  min) Simplify det  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  to a multiple of a  $2 \times 2$  determinant by first doing the following:

- Use row/column operations to create two zeroes in the same row or column.
- Factor/swap as needed to get a row/column of all zeroes except a 1 on the main diagonal.

Activity G.33 (~10 min) Rewrite

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

as a multiple of a determinant of a  $3\times 3$  matrix.

Activity G.34 (~20 min) Compute det  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  by using any combination of row/column operations.

**Activity G.37** ( $\sim 5$  min) Based on what we've done today, which technique is easier for computing determinants?

- (a) Memorizing formulas.
- (b) Using row/column operations.
- (c) Laplace expansion.
- (d) Some other technique (be prepared to describe it).

**Activity G.38** (~10 min) Use your preferred technique to compute det  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$ 

**Activity G.39** ( $\sim 5$  min) An invertible matrix M and its inverse  $M^{-1}$  are given below:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of the following is equal to  $\det(M) \det(M^{-1})$ ?

- a) -1
- b) 0
- c) 1
- d) 4

**Activity G.43** ( $\sim 5$  min) Finding the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  that satisfy

$$A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda \vec{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda (I\vec{\mathbf{x}}) = (\lambda I)\vec{\mathbf{x}}$$

for some nontrivial eigenvector  $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$  is equivalent to finding nonzero solutions for the matrix equation

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}.$$

Which of the following must be true for any eigenvalue?

- (a) The **kernel** of the transformation with standard matrix  $A \lambda I$  must contain **the zero vector**, so  $A \lambda I$  is **invertible**.
- (b) The **kernel** of the transformation with standard matrix  $A \lambda I$  must contain **a non-zero vector**, so  $A \lambda I$  is **not invertible**.
- (c) The **image** of the transformation with standard matrix  $A \lambda I$  must contain **the zero vector**, so  $A \lambda I$  is **invertible**.
- (d) The **image** of the transformation with standard matrix  $A \lambda I$  must contain a **non-zero vector**, so  $A \lambda I$  is **not invertible**.

Activity G.46 ( $\sim 10 \ min)$  Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Part 1: Compute  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  to determine the characteristic polynomial of A. Part 2: Set this characteristic polynomial equal to zero and factor to determine the eigenvalues of A.

**Activity G.47** (~5 min) Find all the eigenvalues for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Activity G.48** (~5 min) Find all the eigenvalues for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Activity G.49 (~10 min) Find all the eigenvalues for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Activity G.50 (~10 min) It's possible to show that -2 is an eigenvalue for  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -7 & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Compute the kernel of the transformation with standard matrix

$$A - (-2)I = \begin{bmatrix} ? & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & ? & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

to find all the eigenvectors  $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$  such that  $A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = -2\vec{\mathbf{x}}$ .

Activity G.52 (~10 min) Find a basis for the eigenspace for the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  associated with the eigenvalue 3.

Activity G.53 ( $\sim 10 \text{ min}$ ) Find a basis for the eigenspace for the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  associated with the eigenvalue 1.

Activity G.54 ( $\sim 10 \ min$ ) Find a basis for the eigenspace for the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  associated with the eigenvalue 2.