

## Written Homework 1.4

1. (15 pts) Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (10 pts) Is  $\mathbf{u}$  in the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Why or why not?  
(b) (5 pts) If it is, find the linear combination of the columns that give  $\mathbf{u}$ . If it is not, find a vector,  $\mathbf{v}$ , that is in the span of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

a) In order to determine whether  $\mathbf{u}$  is in the subset spanned by the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , we need to find whether  
 $[\mathbf{A}][\mathbf{x}] = [\mathbf{u}]$

Handwritten row reduction steps for the augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{u}]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{a) } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 8 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 5 & 8 & 7 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 & -8 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 7R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -29 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Which is equivalent to the augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{u}]$  having infinite solutions. However, the echelon form of the augmented matrix has a row  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -29]$ , which means it is inconsistent, and cannot have infinite solutions.

This means  $\mathbf{u}$  is **not** in the subset spanned by the column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

b) Find a vector  $v$ , that spans column vectors of  $A$

A vector in the Span of the column vectors must be a linear combination of the column vectors

b) Vector in Span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is in the span stated above.

so  $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

2. (8 pts) Construct a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, not in echelon form, whose columns span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that the constructed matrix has the desired property.

2. For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix to span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , each column must be a pivot column.

The matrix below works

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot in each column

(reduced) echelon form

3. (6 pts) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 4$  matrix, let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $w = y_1 + y_2$ . Suppose  $y_1 = Ax_1$  and  $y_2 = Ax_2$  for some vectors  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . What property of matrix multiplication allows you to conclude that the system  $Ax = w$  is consistent?

3. Distributive Property of Matrix Multiplication

Since  $y_1 \stackrel{(1)}{=} Ax_1$  and  $y_2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} Ax_2$  have some solution  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,

$$Ax_1 + Ax_2 = y_1 + y_2 \quad (\text{Recall } w = y_1 + y_2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)+(2)}{\Rightarrow} A(x_1 + x_2) = w$$

Since  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $x_1 + x_2$  must also exist and be in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , so there must be a solution to

$Ax = w$ , the solution being

$$x = x_1 + x_2.$$

4. (6 pts) Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 3$  matrix, let  $y$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $z$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Suppose  $Ay = z$ . What property of matrix multiplications allows you to conclude that the system  $Ax = 4z$  is consistent?

4. The Linear Property of Matrix Multiplication

$$A(cu) = c(Au)$$

Since  $Ay = z$ ,

$$\Rightarrow 4Ay = 4z$$

$$\Rightarrow A(4y) = (4z) \text{ (Linear Property)}$$

Since  $y$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , that means

$4y$  must also exist in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . That

means there must be a solution to

$$Ax = 4z, \text{ where } x = 4y.$$