

1. Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  matrix. List up to 7 different properties of  $A$  that are equivalent to  $A$  being invertible (nonsingular). You may not use the words column or transpose or synonyms or symbols for them.

- (1) There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I$  (or  $BA = I$ ).
- (2)  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
- (3) The row vectors of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- (4) The row vectors of  $A$  span  $\mathbf{R}^3$  (or  $\text{Row}(A) = \mathbf{R}^3$ ).
- (5)  $A_{\text{rref}} = I$ .
- (6)  $0 \notin \text{spec}(A)$ .
- (7)  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .
- (8) The equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution for every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .

2. Let  $A$  be any matrix and let  $A_{\text{rref}}$  be its row-reduced echelon form. For each of the following assertions, state whether **True** or **False**. [Half credit penalty for an incorrect response.]

- a. The row space of  $A$  and the row space of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  are the same.

**True.** The row vectors of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  are nontrivial linear combinations of the row vectors of  $A$ .

- b. The column space of  $A$  and the column space of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  are the same.

**False.** If  $A$  consisted of a single column vector with two or more nonzero entries,  $A_{\text{rref}}$  would be  $\hat{e}_1$ .

- c. Linear relationships among the row vectors of  $A$  and linear relationships among the corresponding row vectors of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  are the same.

**False.** If  $A$  consisted of two identical nonzero rows, the second row of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  would be a zero row.

- d. Linear relationships among the column vectors of  $A$  and linear relationships among the corresponding column vectors of  $A_{\text{rref}}$  are the same.

**True.** Elementary row operations on a matrix do not affect linear relationships among the columns of a matrix.

3. Suppose that  $A = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \vec{v}_3 | \vec{v}_4]$  and that its column vectors belong to  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

Determine  $A_{\text{rref}}$  with as much specificity as possible if

- a. no three of the four column vectors of  $A$  are coplanar

$$A_{\text{rref}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \text{ where none of } a, b, \text{ or } c \text{ is } 0 \text{ (i.e. } abc \neq 0 \text{)}.$$

- b. no two of the four column vectors of  $A$  are collinear but all four are coplanar.

$$A_{rref} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where the third and fourth column vectors may not be}$$

proportional to each other nor proportional to the first or second column vectors (i.e.  $abcd \neq 0$  and  $ad - bc \neq 0$ ).

4. List all the ways 13 bills may be chosen from among the denominations \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 so that their total value is \$26.

Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  be, respectively, the number of \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 bills and also let  $\vec{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]^T$ ,  $\vec{b} = [13 \ 26]^T$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ . We wish to solve

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  subject to the constraint that each of the components of  $\vec{x}$  be non-negative integers. So, we row-reduce:  $[A|\vec{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 13 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 10 & | & 26 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 9 & | & 13 \end{bmatrix} \sim$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -8 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 9 & | & 13 \end{bmatrix} = [A|\vec{b}]_{rref}$ . According to the Solution Algorithm, we have

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 13 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 13 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + j \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -9 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } j \text{ and } k \text{ must be}$$

non-negative integers. The values of  $j$  and  $k$  that yield allowable values for the components of  $\vec{x}$  are the following:  $(j, k) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (3, 0)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 13 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ We have found 6 different combinations.}$$

5. For each of the following, provide a specific example of a real  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  or give a convincing but succinct argument why no such matrix exists.

a.  $A$  is invertible but  $A^2$  is not invertible.

There exists no such  $A$ . If  $A$  is invertible  $A^{-1}$  exists and  $(A^{-1})^2$  is clearly the inverse of  $A^2$  since  $(A^2)(A^{-1})^2 = A(AA^{-1})A^{-1} = A(I)A^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$ .

b.  $A$  has no zero entries and  $A^3 = A$ .

Choose  $A$  to be any projection matrix with non-zero entries, e.g. the matrix for

projection onto the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^3 = A(A^2) = AA = A$ .

c.  $A$  is not the identity and  $A^3 = I$ .

Three consecutive rotations by  $2\pi/3$  around the same axis is the identity. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}) & -\sin(\frac{2\pi}{3}) & 0 \\ \sin(\frac{2\pi}{3}) & \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

d.  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Nul}(A)$ .

There is no such matrix. If there were, the Rank-Nullity Theorem would tell us that  $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) + \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 2 \dim(\text{Col}(A)) = 2 \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 3$ , implying that the dimensions of  $\text{Col}(A)$  and  $\text{Nul}(A)$  were  $3/2$ , an impossibility.

6. a. Prove that the intersection of any two subspaces of any vector space is itself a subspace.

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be subspaces of a vector space  $W$ .  $U \cap V$  is a non-empty subset of  $W$  since  $U$  and  $V$  contain  $\vec{0}$  and so their intersection contains  $\vec{0}$ . If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in U \cap V$ , then  $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in U$  and  $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in V$ . Moreover,  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} \in U$  and  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} \in V$  because each of the subspaces is closed under vector addition. So,  $U \cap V$  is also closed under vector addition. Additionally, for any scalar  $s$ , if  $\vec{a} \in U \cap V$ ,  $\vec{a} \in U$  and  $\vec{a} \in V$ . So,  $s\vec{a} \in U$  and  $s\vec{a} \in V$ . Therefore,  $\vec{a} \in U \cap V$ , proving that  $U \cap V$  is also closed under multiplication by scalars.  $U \cap V$  is a subspace.

b. Give an example of two subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  whose union is not a subspace and prove that the union is not a subspace.

Let  $U_1 = \text{span}(\hat{e}_1)$  and  $U_2 = \text{span}(\hat{e}_2)$ . These are the coordinate axes in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and they are each one-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Although  $\hat{e}_1$  and  $\hat{e}_2$  both belong to  $U_1 \cup U_2$ ,  $\hat{e}_1 + \hat{e}_2$  does not belong to  $U_1 \cup U_2$ . So,  $U_1 \cup U_2$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .

$$7. \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } L = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Determine if  $L$  is a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^4$  and determine if  $\vec{w} \in \text{span}(L)$  by row-reducing a single matrix. Discuss.

Let  $A = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \vec{v}_3 | \vec{v}_4 | \vec{w}]$ . Then,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 7 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A_{ref}$ .

So, we see that  $L$  is not linearly dependent since  $\vec{v}_4 = \vec{v}_1 + 2\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3$  and so  $L$  does not span  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . However, we also see that  $\vec{w} = 2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \in \text{span}(L)$ .

8. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a. Determine a basis for and the dimension of  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A_{ref}$ . So, it is clear that the first two column vectors of

$A$  are linearly dependent while the third is in their span. Therefore,  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a

basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  and  $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = 2$ .

b. Determine a basis for and the dimension of  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

Referring back to  $A_{ref}$  in part a and, using the Solution Algorithm, we deduce that

$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  is a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$  and  $\dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 1$ .

c. What does  $\text{Col}(A)$  tell us about solutions to the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ?

The equation has no solutions unless  $\vec{b} \in \text{Col}(A)$ .

d. What does  $\text{Nul}(A)$  tell us about solutions to the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ?

If  $\vec{b} \in \text{Col}(A)$ , the equation has infinitely many solutions since  $\text{Nul}(A)$  is nontrivial.

9. Theory predicts that the electrical resistivity  $r$  of silver doped with trace amounts of silicon is given by  $r = x_1 c + x_2 c^2$  where  $c$  is the concentration of silicon in silver and  $c$  lies in the interval  $[1, 2]$ . Find the best (least squares) choice of the coefficients  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  using results from an experiment that yielded the following  $(c, r)$ -pairs:  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ , and  $(2, 3)$ .

We are seeking a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . But, there is

none since  $\vec{b} \notin \text{Col}(A)$ . So, instead, we solve  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$ . The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 18 \\ 18 & 34 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -9 \\ -9 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The Least Squares fit is } r = \frac{1}{4}(7c - c^2). \end{aligned}$$

10. The populations at time  $t$  of two competing insect species are  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$ .

They satisfy  $\frac{d x_1(t)}{d t} - x_1(t) + 2x_2(t) = 0$  and  $\frac{d x_2(t)}{d t} + 2x_1(t) - x_2(t) = 0$ .

a. Rewrite this pair of coupled, homogeneous, first-order ODEs as a single first order matrix-vector ODE.

Set  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then, our coupled system is  $\vec{x}'(t) + A \vec{x}(t) = \vec{0}$ .

b. Using eigenvector-eigenvalue methods, find the general solution to the above equations.

From the characteristic equation,  $0 = \det(A - \lambda I)$ , we find the eigenvalues.  $\text{spec}(A) = (-3, 1)$  and  $E_1(A) = \text{Nul}(A - I) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  and  $E_{-3}(A) = \text{Nul}(A + 3I) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

Since  $A$  is real symmetric, the eigenspaces are orthogonal. Since the scalar ODE

$y'(t) + \lambda y(t) = 0$  has the general solution  $y(t) = c e^{-\lambda t}$ ,  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c. Compute  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  if  $x_1(0) = 2$  and  $x_2(0) = 3$

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{5}{2}, c_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(t) = \frac{5}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{3t} \\ x_2(t) = \frac{5}{2}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t} \end{cases}.$$

d. In this model, one of the species eventually becomes extinct. At what time does this occur for the initial conditions given above?

Species 1 reaches extinction when  $0 = x_1(t) = \frac{5}{2}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{3t} \Rightarrow e^{4t} = 5$  or  $t = \frac{1}{4}\ln 5 \cong .402$ .

11. Let  $\hat{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$  be a fixed unit vector and let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  be an arbitrary vector in  $\mathbf{R}^3$

and define the function  $f: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  by  $f(\vec{x}) = \hat{u} \times \vec{x}$ . The symbol  $\times$  denotes the usual cross or vector product.

a. Explain why  $f$  is linear.

For any  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  and any  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ ,  $f(a\vec{x} + b\vec{y}) = \hat{u} \times (a\vec{x} + b\vec{y}) = a\hat{u} \times \vec{x} + b\hat{u} \times \vec{y} = af(\vec{x}) + bf(\vec{y})$ .

+ b. Find the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  so that  $f(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ .

$A = [f(\hat{e}_1) | f(\hat{e}_2) | f(\hat{e}_3)]$ . That is, the column vectors of  $A$  are the images of the corresponding standard basis vectors of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .  $f(\hat{e}_1) = \hat{u} \times \hat{e}_1 = (u_1\hat{e}_1 + u_2\hat{e}_2 + u_3\hat{e}_3) \times \hat{e}_1 =$

$$u_1\hat{e}_1 \times \hat{e}_1 + u_2\hat{e}_2 \times \hat{e}_1 + u_3\hat{e}_3 \times \hat{e}_1 = -u_2\hat{e}_3 + u_3\hat{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_3 \\ -u_2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The second and third column}$$

vectors of  $A$  are computed similarly. We find  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_3 & u_2 \\ u_3 & 0 & -u_1 \\ -u_2 & u_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c. Now determine the matrix  $B$  so that  $B\vec{x} = \hat{u} \times (\hat{u} \times \vec{x})$  for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ .

$B$  is the standard matrix that corresponds to the composite of  $f$  with itself, i.e.  $f \circ f$ .

$$B = A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_3 & u_2 \\ u_3 & 0 & -u_1 \\ -u_2 & u_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_3 & u_2 \\ u_3 & 0 & -u_1 \\ -u_2 & u_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(u_2^2 + u_3^2) & u_1u_2 & u_1u_3 \\ u_2u_1 & -(u_3^2 + u_1^2) & u_2u_3 \\ u_3u_1 & u_3u_2 & -(u_1^2 + u_2^2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

d. Show that the matrix  $B$  is simply related to the matrix for projection onto the one-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  spanned by  $\hat{u}$ .

$$\text{Since } u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2 = 1, B = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 - 1 & u_1u_2 & u_1u_3 \\ u_2u_1 & u_2^2 - 1 & u_2u_3 \\ u_3u_1 & u_3u_2 & u_3^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = P - I = -P^\perp \text{ where } P = \hat{u}\hat{u}^T.$$

12.  $W$  is the plane through the origin parallel to both  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Compute the matrix  $P$  for orthogonal projection onto  $W$  in three distinct ways.

a. by using an orthonormal basis for  $W$  to construct  $P$ .

Let  $\hat{u}_1 = \frac{\vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $\vec{b}^\perp = \vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{u}_1) \hat{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\hat{u}_2 = \frac{\vec{b}^\perp}{\|\vec{b}^\perp\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $(\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2)$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$  and the matrix for

projection onto  $W$  is

$$P = \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_1^T + \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_2^T = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{45} \begin{bmatrix} 41 & 10 & -8 \\ 10 & 20 & 20 \\ -8 & 20 & 29 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b. by finding the orthogonal complement  $W^\perp$  of  $W$ .

$$W^\perp = \left( \text{Col} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \right)^\perp = \text{Nul} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}^T \right) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the 1-dimensional space orthogonal to  $W$ . A unit vector that spans this space is

$$\hat{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{45}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So, } P = I - \hat{u}_3 \hat{u}_3^T = I - \frac{1}{45} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -10 & 8 \\ -10 & 25 & -20 \\ 8 & -20 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{45} \begin{bmatrix} 41 & 10 & -8 \\ 10 & 20 & 20 \\ -8 & 20 & 29 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c. by using a single formula involving the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{45} \begin{bmatrix} 41 & 10 & -8 \\ 10 & 20 & 20 \\ -8 & 20 & 29 \end{bmatrix}.$$

13. Let  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

a. Find the distance from the vector  $\vec{w}$  to the subspace  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ .

Since  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are orthogonal, the sum of the projections onto each is the projection  $P$  onto their span. So, let  $\hat{u}_1$  and  $\hat{u}_2$  be the unit vectors corresponding to  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ,

respectively. Then,  $P = \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_1^T + \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_2^T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and so, } P^\perp = I - P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The distance from  $\vec{w}$  to the subspace is  $\|\vec{w} - P\vec{w}\| = \|(I - P)\vec{w}\| = \|P^\perp \vec{w}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{2}.$

b. Find the area of the parallelogram in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  two of whose concurrent edges are described by the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .

The parallelogram is, in fact, a square in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  since the edges are orthogonal and so, the area is simply  $\|\vec{v}_1\| \cdot \|\vec{v}_2\| = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ .

14.  $T: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  is a linear transformation that

- doubles all vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  parallel to the line with equation  $x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$  and
- triples all vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  parallel to the line with equation  $2x_1 - 3x_2 = 0$ .

a. Determine a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathbf{R}^2$  relative to which the matrix for  $T$  is diagonal.

Vectors parallel to the two lines are, respectively,  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and these

are the basis vectors for  $\mathbf{R}^2$  we choose. That is,  $\mathcal{B} = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ .

b. What is the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix for  $T$ ?



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

c. What is the standard matrix for  $T$ ?

The change of coordinate matrix is  $S = [\vec{v}_1 \mid \vec{v}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and so, the standard matrix for  $T$  is  $A = S B S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 6 \\ 2 & 18 \end{bmatrix}.$

d. What is  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ ?

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 6 \\ 2 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

15. Suppose that  $M$  is a plane through the origin in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  and  $F$  is the standard matrix for reflection across  $M$ .

a. Describe, with as much specificity as possible, the eigenvalues and eigenspaces of  $F$ . Determine the algebraic and geometric multiplicities for each eigenvalue and specify the characteristic polynomial for  $F$ .

Reflection across  $M$  will leave unaffected all vectors in  $M$  and it will reverse all vectors normal to  $M$ . All other nonzero vectors leave their span when reflected. So,  $\text{spec}(F) = (+1, -1)$ ,  $E_{+1}(F) = M$ ,  $E_{-1}(F) = M^\perp$ . So, the geometric multiplicities of  $+1$  is 2 and the geometric multiplicity of  $-1$  is 1. These are also the algebraic multiplicities of these eigenvalues. Consequently, the characteristic polynomial of  $F$  is  $\chi_F(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 1) = \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - \lambda + 1$ .

b. Suppose that  $N$  is a plane through the origin in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  that is different from  $M$  and  $G$  is the matrix for reflection across  $N$ . Then,  $F$  and  $G$  are similar. In fact, explain why there is an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that  $F = Q G Q^{-1}$ .

A rotation can bring  $M$  into coincidence with  $N$ . This rotation also brings the normal to  $M$  into coincidence with the normal to  $N$ . The axis of the rotation is the line of intersection of  $M$  and  $N$  and the angle for the rotation is that between  $M$  and  $N$ . Consequently, the matrices  $F$  and  $G$  are similar. If  $Q$  is the matrix for this rotation, it is orthogonal and  $F = Q G Q^{-1}$ .

16. a. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  invertible matrix, what geometrical information does the value of  $|\det(A)|$  convey about the column vectors of  $A$ ?

This is the volume of the parallelepiped whose concurrent edges are the column vectors of  $A$ .

b. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  invertible matrix, what geometrical information does the value of  $|\det(A)|$  convey about images of regions under the linear transformation  $\vec{x} \mapsto A \vec{x}$ ?

This is the factor by which the volume of any region of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  is multiplied when subject to this transformation.

c. If  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \\ l \end{bmatrix}$  where the coefficient matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$  is

invertible, express  $x_3$  as the ratio of the determinants of two  $3 \times 3$  matrices. It is not necessary to evaluate the determinants.

According to Cramer's Rule,  $x_3 = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & j \\ d & e & k \\ g & h & l \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}}.$