

Linear Algebra

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Problems for Practice

1. Let V be the set of ordered pairs (a, b) of real numbers with addition in V and scalar multiplication on V defined by $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$ and $k(a, b) = (ka, 0)$. Determine whether V is a vector space or not?
2. Let V be the set of ordered pairs (a, b) of real numbers. Determine which of the following set is not a Vector space over \mathbb{R} .
 - (a) $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + d, b + c)$ and $k(a, b) = (ka, kb)$
 - (b) $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$ and $k(a, b) = (a, b)$
 - (c) $(a, b) + (c, d) = (0, 0)$ and $k(a, b) = (ka, kb)$
 - (d) $(a, b) + (c, d) = (ac, bd)$ and $k(a, b) = (ka, kb)$
3. Let U and W be vector space over a field \mathbb{R} . Let V be the set of ordered pairs (u, w) where $u \in U$ and $w \in W$. Show that V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} with addition in V and scalar multiplication on V defined by $(u, w) + (u', w') = (u + u', w + w')$ and $k(u, w) = (ku, kw)$.
4. Let V be a vector space of n -square matrices over a field \mathbb{R} . Show that W is a subspace of V if W consist of all matrices $A = [a_{ij}]$ that are:
 - (a) symmetric
 - (b) triangular
 - (c) diagonal
 - (d) scalar
5. Let $AX = B$ be a nonhomogeneous system of Linear equations in n unknowns. Show that the solution set is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .
6. Consider the vectors $u = (1, 2, 3)$ and $v = (2, 3, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .
 - (a) Write $w = (1, 3, 8)$ as a linear combination of u and v .
 - (b) Write $w = (2, 4, 5)$ as a linear combination of u and v .
 - (c) Find k so that $w = (1, k, 4)$ is a linear combination of u and v .
 - (d) Find the condition on a, b, c so that $w = (a, b, c)$ is a linear combination of u and v .
7. Write the polynomial $f(t) = at^2 + bt + c$ as a linear combination of the polynomials $p_1 = (t - 1)^2, p_2 = t - 1, p_3 = 1$.
8. Find one vector in \mathbb{R}^3 that spans the intersection of U and W where U is the xy -plane and W is the space spanned by the vectors $(1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3)$.

9. If $S \subseteq T$, then show that $\text{span}(S) \subseteq \text{span}(T)$.
10. Determine whether the following polynomials u, v, w in $P(t)$ are linearly dependent or independent:
 - (a) $u = t^3 - 4t^2 + 3t + 3, v = t^3 + 2t^2 + 4t - 1, w = 2t^3 - t^2 - 3t + 5,$
 - (b) $u = t^3 - 5t^2 - 2t + 3, v = t^3 - 4t^2 - 3t + 4, w = 2t^3 - 17t^2 - 7t + 9$
11. Show that the following functions f, g, h are linearly independent: $f = e^t, g(t) = e^{2t}, h(t) = t$
12. Show that $u = (a, b)$ and $v = (c, d)$ in R^2 are linearly dependent if and only if $ad - bc = 0$.
13. Suppose u, v, w are linearly independent vectors then show that $S = u + v - 3w, u + 3v - w, v + w$ are linearly independent.
14. Find a subset of u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 that gives a basis for $W = \text{span}(u_i)$ of R^5 where:
 - (a) $u_1 = (1, -2, 1, 3, -1), u_2 = (-2, 4, -2, -6, 2), u_3 = (1, -3, 1, 2, 1), u_4 = (3, -7, 3, 8, -1)$
 - (b) $u_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1), u_2 = (1, 1, 2, 1, 0), u_3 = (2, 1, 3, 1, 1), u_4 = (1, 2, 1, 1, 1)$
15. Consider the subspaces $U = (a, b, c, d) : b - 2c + d = 0$ and $W = (a, b, c, d) : a = d, b = 2c$ of R^4 . Find a basis and the dimension of U, W and $U \cap W$.
16. Find a basis and the dimension of the solution space W of the following homogeneous system:

$$x + 2y - z + 3s - 4t = 0; 2x + 4y - 2z - s + 5t = 0; 2x + 4y - 2z + 4s - 2t = 0.$$
17. Find a homogeneous system whose solution space is spanned by $(1, -2, 0, 3, -1), (2, -3, 2, 5, -3), (1, -2, 1, 2, -2)$.
18. Determine whether each of the following is a basis of vector space $P_n(t)$:
 - (a) $1, 1 + t, 1 + t + t^2, 1 + t + t^2 + t^3, \dots, 1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^{n-1} + t^n$
 - (b) $1 + t, t + t^2, t^2 + t^3, \dots, t^{n-1}, t^n$
19. Find a basis and the dimension of the subspace W of $P(t)$ spanned by
 - (a) $u = t^3 + 2t^2 - 2t + 1, v = t^3 + 3t^2 + -3t + 4, w = 2t^3 + t^2 - 7t - 7.$
 - (b) $u = t^3 + t^2 - 3t + 2, v = 2t^3 + t^2 + t - 4, w = 4t^3 + 3t^2 - 5t + 2$
20. Find a basis and the dimension of the subspace W of $V = M_{2,2}$ spanned by $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
21. Construct a subset of the X-Y plane R^2 that is
 - a) closed under vector addition and subtraction, but not scalar multiplication.
 - b) closed under scalar multiplication but not under vector addition.
22. Which of the following are subspaces of R^∞ ?
 - a) All sequences like $(1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ that include infinitely many zeros.
 - b) All sequences (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) with $x_j = 0$ from some point onward.
 - c) All decreasing sequences: $x_{j+1} \leq x_j$ for each j .
23. Describe the column space and the nullspace of the matrices:

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

24. Let P be the plane in 3-space with equation $x + 2y + z = 6$. What is the equation of the plane P_0 through origin parallel to P ? Are P and P_0 subspace of R^3 ?
25. a) Describe a subspace of M that contains $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ but not $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- b) If a subspace of M contains A and B , must it contain I ?
- c) Describe a subspace of M that contains no nonzero diagonal matrices.
26. The four types of subspaces of R^3 are planes, lines, R^3 itself, or Z contains only $(0, 0, 0)$.
- a) Describe the three types of subspaces of R^2 .
- b) Describe the five types of subspaces of R^4 .
27. Let P be the plane in R^3 with equation $x + y - 2z = 4$. The origin $(0, 0, 0)$ is not in P . Find two vectors in P and check that their sum is not in P .
28. If we add an extra column b to a matrix A , then the column space gets larger unless Give an example in which the column space gets larger and an example in which it doesn't. Why is $Ax = b$ solvable exactly when the column space doesn't get larger by including b ?
29. If A is any 8 by 8 invertible matrix, then its column space is Why?
30. True or false (with counterexample if false)?
- a) The vector b that are not in the column space form a subspace.
- b) If column space contains only the zero vector, then A is the zero matrix.
- c) the column space of $2A$ equals the column space of A .
- d) the column space of $A - I$ equals the column space of A .
31. Why isn't R^2 a subspace of R^3 ?
32. Find the row echelon form and hence the rank of following matrices:
- a) the 3 by 4 matrix of all 1s.
- b) the 4 by 4 matrix with $a_{ij} = (-1)^{ij}$.
- c) the 3 by 4 matrix with $a_{ij} = (-1)^j$.
33. What conditions on b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 make each system solvable? Solve for x :
- a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$. b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$.
34. The complete solution of $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find A .
35. True or false (Give reason if true, or counterexample if false)
- a) A square matrix has no free variables.
- b) an invertible matrix has no free variables.
- c) an m by n matrix has no more than n pivot variables.
- d) an m by n matrix has no more than m pivot variables.

36. Decide the dependence or independence of :
- a) the vectors $(1, 3, 2)$, $(2, 1, 3)$ and $(3, 2, 1)$.
 - b) the vectors $(1, -3, 2)$, $(2, 1, -3)$ and $(-3, 2, 1)$
37. Suppose v_1, v_2, v_3 and v_4 are vectors in R^3 .
- a) These four vectors are dependent because
 - b) the two vectors v_1 and v_2 will be dependent if
 - c) the vector v_1 and $(0, 0, 0)$ are dependent because
38. Find the basis for each of these subspaces of R^4 :
- a) All vectors whose components are equal.
all vectors whose components add to zero.
 - c) all vectors that are perpendicular to $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 0, 1, 1)$.
 - d) the column space and null space of $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.