



Some practice problems for exam 1

1. Solve the following systems by row reducing the augmented matrix. If there is a unique solution, state what it is. If there is no solution, explain why. If there are infinite solutions, express your solution in parametric vector form.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 3 \\y + 2z &= -5 \\x + 2y + 4z &= -4.\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 &= 3 \\2x_1 - 6x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 2 \\x_1 - 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= -5.\end{aligned}$$

2. For the following UNRELATED statements, determine if the statement is true or false. If it is TRUE, simply state TRUE. If it is FALSE, **provide an explicit counterexample** i.e. an explicit example that shows the statement is false.

- (a) Suppose A is a 3×4 matrix that is the standard matrix of a linear transformation. Then the transformation is always onto.
- (b) Suppose A is a 3×4 matrix that is the standard matrix of a linear transformation. Then the transformation is never one-to-one.
- (c) Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If $n \geq 3$, then the set of vectors must be linearly independent.
- (d) Let A be $m \times n$. If $m > n$, then the set of ROW vectors (each row represents 1 vector) must be linearly dependent.
- (e) If A is the matrix representation of a linear transformation and we know the columns of A form a linearly independent set, then the transformation is always onto.

3. Determine if $(0, 10, 8)$ lies in

$$\text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}).$$

If it does lie in the span, find an explicit linear combination.

Is the set $\text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\})$ linearly independent? What about the set $\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}$?

4. Suppose \mathbf{v} is a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$. If we add another vector \mathbf{v}_{m+1} , will \mathbf{v} sometimes, always, or never be in $\text{Span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{v}_{m+1}\})$?
5. Matlab assignment 2, problems #1 and #4.
6. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a transformation where $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 x_3, x_2)$. Show T is NOT a linear transformation.
7. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a transformation where $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_3, x_2)$. Find the standard matrix representation of the transformation.
8. Suppose you have 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^7 , and none are the zero vector, and every vector is different. You create a matrix where each column is one of those vectors. Treating this matrix as the standard matrix of a linear transformation, is the transformation sometimes, always, or never one-to-one?
9. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the following, if it exists. If it does not, just write DNE.

- (a) CC^T
 - (b) $(B + A)^2$
 - (c) AB
 - (d) CB^T
 - (e) $A^T C$
10. If the matrix of a linear transformation is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Is the transformation one-to-one/injective? Onto/surjective? Justify.