

**Mathematics 227**  
**Exam 1 Review**

1. Describe the solution space to the linear system:

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

Describe the solution space to the vector equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Suppose that

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Can  $\mathbf{b}$  be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4$ ? If so, find one set of weights.

Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ ?

Describe  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ . Explain your thinking.

2. Give a condition on the pivots

(a) of an augmented matrix such that the associated linear system is not consistent.

(b) of an augmented matrix such that the associated linear system has a unique solution.

(c) of a matrix  $A$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for any vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

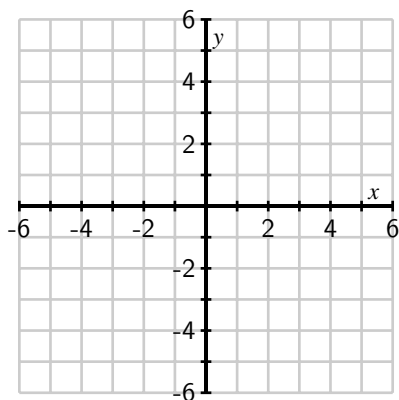
(d) of a  $10 \times 10$  matrix  $A$  such that the homogeneous equation has a unique solution.

3. What is the smallest number of vectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^{1234}$ ? Explain your thinking.

4. Determine if the following matrix is in reduced row echelon form. If not, perform a sequence of row operations to put it in reduced row echelon form (without using any computational device). Then give a description of the solution space of the associated linear system.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

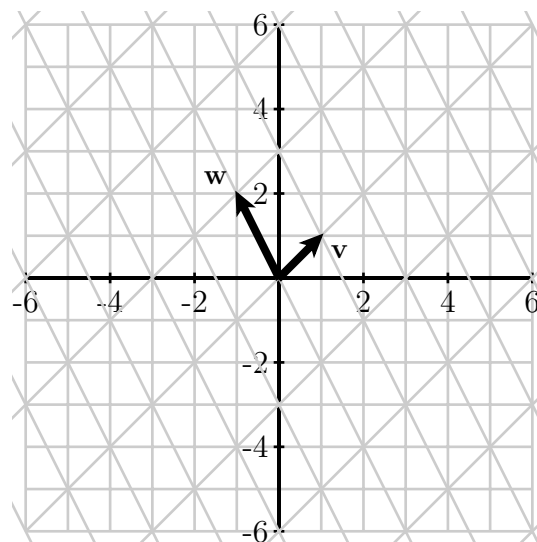
5. Suppose that  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Sketch the vectors  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $2\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ .



Sketch all vectors of the form  $t\mathbf{v}$  where  $t$  is any scalar.

Sketch all vectors of the form  $\mathbf{w} + t\mathbf{v}$  where  $t$  is any scalar.

6. Consider the 2-dimensional vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  shown below.



Sketch the linear combination  $a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w}$  with weights  $a = -3$  and  $b = 2$ .

Can the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ ? If so, how?

Describe the solution space to the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Determine whether the following statements are true or false including a justification for your response.

(a) If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  and  $\mathbf{v}_4$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then their span is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Suppose that the span of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{27}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{27}$ . Then every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{27}$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{27}$  in exactly one way.

(c) If  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , then the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

is consistent.