

do all of these questions by hand, i.e. without a computer. of course, check your answers with Julia.

### transposes and permutations

1. with

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) compute  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{y}$ .
- (b) this is the row  $\mathbf{x}^T A = ?$  times the column  $\mathbf{y}$ .
- (c) this is the row  $\mathbf{x}^T$  times the column  $A \mathbf{y} = ?$

2. what permutation matrix  $P$  makes the matrix  $A$  upper triangular via  $PA$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. factor the symmetric matrix into  $S = LDL^T$  with  $D$  the diagonal pivot matrix and  $L$  the lower-triangular matrix.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. find the  $PA = LU$  factorization of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

- (a) the plane of vectors  $[b_1, b_2, b_3]$  with  $b_1 = b_2$
- (b) the plane of vectors with  $b_1 = 1$
- (c) the vectors with  $b_1 b_2 b_3 = 0$
- (d) all vectors that satisfy  $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$
- (e) all vectors with  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3$

6. for which right-hand sides (find a condition on  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ ) are these systems solvable?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \\ -1 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 9 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**null space of a matrix**

7. construct a matrix whose null space is all combinations of the two vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. reduce the matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  to their row-reduced echelon forms  $R$ . what is the null space of each matrix? we are looking for all solutions to e.g.  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. fill out the matrix so it has rank 1.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} & 9 & \\ 1 & & \\ 2 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. choose vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  such that rank one matrix  $A = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$ . this is the natural form for every matrix that is rank one.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

11. set up a system of equations and find the null space to solve for the proper coefficients in the chemical equation:



this is a nice example of where a null space comes into play and why there are infinite solutions (some of which are physically plausible). see A. Downey's textbook "Think linear algebra for the answer, here <https://allendowney.github.io/ThinkLinearAlgebra/nullspace.html#stoichiometry>.

**the complete/general solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$** 

12. find the complete/general solution (i.e., all solutions) to the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. under what condition on  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $b_3$  is this system solvable? tag on  $\mathbf{b}$  as the fourth column to the matrix and do elimination to find out.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - 2z &= b_1 \\ 2x + 5y - 4z &= b_2 \\ 4x + 9y - 8z &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

14. construct a 2 by 3 system of equations with a particular solution  $[2, 4, 0]$  and a null space consisting of multiples of  $[1, 1, 1]$ .

15. reduce to an upper-triangular form  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  (Gaussian elimination) then further to row reduced echelon form  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$  (Gauss-Jordan). write all solutions to the system using  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

### independence, basis, dimension

16. decide the dependence or independence of the following vectors, by looking for ways to combine them to arrive at the zero vector.
- (a)  $[1, 3, 2]$ ,  $[2, 1, 3]$ ,  $[3, 2, 1]$
  - (b)  $[1, -3, 2]$ ,  $[2, 1, -3]$ ,  $[-3, 2, 1]$
  - (c)  $[1, 0, 0]$ ,  $[1, 1, 0]$ ,  $[1, 1, 1]$
  - (d)  $[2, 0, 0, 4]$ ,  $[3, 6, 0, 6]$ ,  $[4, 7, 0, 8]$ ,  $[1, 0, 9, 2]$
17. precisely describe the row space and column space of  $U$ .

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

18. find basis vectors for the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . then find a basis for the intersection of that plane with the  $xy$ -plane. find a basis for all vectors perpendicular to the plane, too.
19. find a basis for all 2 by 3 matrices whose columns add to zero. what is the dimension of this abstract space?
20. find a basis for all 2 by 3 matrices whose null space contains  $[2, 1, 1]$ . what is the dimension of this abstract space?

### the four fundamental subspaces of a matrix

21. find a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces of the following matrices. note, the  $CR$  factorization of  $D$  is provided for you (no need to multiply the matrices...). what are the dimensions of the subspaces? (check they satisfy the fundamental theorem of linear algebra.)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

22. without multiplying matrices, find bases for the row and column space of  $A$ . is the square matrix  $A$  invertible?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(source for linear algebra problems: "Introduction to Linear Algebra" by Strang, 5th Ed., 2016)