
Problem Set - 08

MA 1201

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1. The columns of A are n vectors from \mathbb{R}^m . If they are linearly independent, what is the rank of A ? If they span \mathbb{R}^m , what is the rank? If they are a basis for \mathbb{R}^m , what then?
2. *Suppose the columns of a 5 by 5 matrix A are a basis for \mathbb{R}^5 .
 - (a) The equation $Ax = 0$ has only the solution $x = 0$ because _____.
 - (b) For every $b \in \mathbb{R}^5$, the system $Ax = b$ is solvable because _____.

Note: A is invertible. Its rank is 5 .

3. *Suppose \mathbf{S} is a five-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^6 . True or false?
 - (a) Every basis for \mathbf{S} can be extended to a basis for \mathbb{R}^6 by adding one more vector.
 - (b) Every basis for \mathbb{R}^6 can be reduced to a basis for \mathbf{S} by removing one vector.
4. *Prove that if \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} are three-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^5 , then \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} must have a nonzero vector in common. [Hint: Start with bases for the two subspaces, making six vectors in all.]
5. If A is a 64 by 17 matrix of rank 11, how many independent vectors satisfy $Ax = 0$? How many independent vectors satisfy $A^T y = 0$?
6. Find a basis for each of these subspaces of 3 by 3 matrices:
 - (a) All diagonal matrices.
 - (b) All symmetric matrices ($A^T = A$).
 - (c) All skew-symmetric matrices ($A^T = -A$).

7. Find the dimension and a basis for the four fundamental subspaces ($C(A), C(A^T), N(A), N(A^T)$) for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. Suppose A is an m by n matrix of rank r . Under what conditions on those numbers does
 - (a) A have a two-sided inverse: $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$?
 - (b) $Ax = b$ have infinitely many solutions for every b ?
9. Why is there no matrix whose row space and nullspace both contain $(1, 1, 1)$?
10. Suppose the only solution to $Ax = 0$ (m equations in n unknowns) is $x = 0$. What is the rank and why? The columns of A are linearly _____.
11. *Find a 1 by 3 matrix whose nullspace consists of all vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$. Find a 3 by 3 matrix with that same nullspace.

12. If $Ax = 0$ has a nonzero solution, show that $A^T y = b$ fails to be solvable for some right-hand sides b . Construct an example of A and b .

13. *Construct a matrix with the required property, or explain why you can't.

(a) Column space contains $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, row space contains $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) Column space has basis $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, nullspace has basis $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Row space = column space.

14. What 3 by 3 matrices represent the transformations that

(a) project every vector onto the xy plane?

(b) reflect every vector through the xy plane?

(c) rotate the xy plane through 90° , leaving the z -axis alone?

(d) rotate the xy plane, then xz plane, then yz plane, through 90° ?

(e) rotate the xy plane, then xz plane, then yz plane, through 180° ?

15. *If $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation, then prove that T^2 is also a linear transformation.

16. *The space $M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ of all 2 by 2 matrices has the four basis "vectors"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the linear transformation T of transposing (that is, $T : M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ is defined by $T(P) = P^T$ for every $P \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$), find its matrix A with respect to the above basis. We know that $T^2(P) = (P^T)^T = P$, that is, $T^2 = I$. Is $A^2 = I$?

17. With $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, suppose $T(v) = v$, except that $T(0, v_2) = (0, 0)$. Show that this transformation satisfies $T(cv) = cT(v)$ for every $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, but it need not satisfy $T(v + w) = T(v) + T(w)$ for some $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

18. Which of these transformations is not linear? The input is $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

(a) $T(v) = (v_2, v_1)$; (b) $T(v) = (v_1, v_1)$; (c) $T(v) = (0, v_1)$; (d) $T(v) = (0, 1)$.

19. Suppose a linear T transforms $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 2)$ and $(2, 0)$ to $(0, 0)$. Find $T(v)$ when

(a) $v = (2, 2)$; (b) $v = (3, 1)$; (c) $v = (-1, 1)$; (d) $v = (a, b)$.

20. (a) What matrix transforms $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ to $(2, 5)$ and $(1, 3)$?

(b) What matrix transforms $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ to (r, t) and (s, u) ?

(c) *What matrix transforms $(2, 5)$ and $(1, 3)$ to $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$?

(d) *Why does no matrix transform $(2, 6)$ and $(1, 3)$ to $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$?