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Linear Algebra - Problem Set 1 - Spring 2023

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Exercise I ($5 \times 5 = 25$ points)

True or False? In both cases, explain clearly.

1. The system of equations below does not have any solutions because the two lines are parallel.

$$3x_1 + 9x_2 = 15$$

$$x_2 = -3x_1 + 5$$

2. Let a be any real number. If $\vec{u} = (a, a, a)$ is perpendicular to \vec{v} and \vec{w} , then \vec{v} is parallel to \vec{w} .
3. \vec{s} is a linear combination of \vec{v} and \vec{w} . If \vec{u} is perpendicular to \vec{v} and \vec{w} , then \vec{u} is perpendicular to \vec{s} .
4. If \vec{u} and \vec{v} are perpendicular unit vectors, then $\|\vec{u} + 3\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{10}$.
5. The length of a unit vector in n dimensions is n .

Exercise II ($3 \times 10 = 30$ points)

Consider the following set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Exercise III ($3 \times 5 = 15$ points)

Write each of the following vector equations as a matrix equation. That is, write it in the form $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$. Specify what the matrix A , the vector \vec{x} , and the vector \vec{b} are.

$$1. \quad x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \quad x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 11 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \quad x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise IV (20 points)

Consider the matrix below. Are the column vectors of this matrix linearly independent or linearly dependent? Show all explanations or computations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercise V (10 points)

Suppose that $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a linearly dependent set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and \vec{v}_4 is vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$ is also a linearly dependent set.

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5. The length of a unit vector in n dimensions is n .

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \quad 3x_1 + 9x_2 = 15 \\ \underline{3x_1 + x_2 = 5} \\ 8x_2 = 10 \\ x_2 = \frac{10}{8} \end{array}$$

$$3x_1 + \frac{10}{8} = 5$$

$$3x_1 = 5 - \frac{10}{8} = \frac{40 - 10}{8} = \frac{30}{8}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{30}{8} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{10}{8}$$

Ans: False, because these equations have solutions

② True

③ True, because \vec{s} is a linear combination of \vec{v} and \vec{w}

④ False, because a unit vector means the length is 1.

⑤ False, because the length of a unit vector is 1

Exercise II ($3 \times 10 = 30$ points)Consider the following set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 :

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Answer:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4 + 0 - 8 + 0 = -4 \neq 0$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - 2 + 2 - 1 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 2 - 2 + 1 = 2$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 4 + 0 - 4 + 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 4 + 0 + 4 + 0 = 8$$

$$\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 = -2$$

$\therefore \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3$ and \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 are the pairs that are orthogonal

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \|\vec{v}_1\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\|\vec{v}_2\| = \sqrt{4^2 + 0^2 + 4^2 + 0} = \sqrt{16 + 16} = \sqrt{32}$$

$$\|\vec{v}_3\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\|\vec{v}_4\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\textcircled{a} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \|\vec{v}_1\| \|\vec{v}_2\| \cos \theta$$

$$-4 = \sqrt{10} \sqrt{32} \cos \theta$$

$$-4 = \sqrt{320} \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{-4}{4\sqrt{20}} = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = \theta = 102.9209 = 102.9^\circ$$

$$\textcircled{b} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \|\vec{v}_1\| \|\vec{v}_4\| \cos \theta$$

$$2 = 2\sqrt{10} \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{2}{2\sqrt{10}} = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\right) = \theta = 71.5650 = 71.6^\circ$$

$$\textcircled{c} \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \|\vec{v}_2\| \|\vec{v}_4\| \cos \theta$$

$$8 = \sqrt{32} \times 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{8}{8\sqrt{2}} = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \theta = 45^\circ$$

$$\textcircled{d) } \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \|\vec{v}_3\| \|\vec{v}_4\| \cos \theta$$

$$-2 = 4 \cos \theta$$

$$\cos^{-1}(-1/2) = \theta = 120^\circ$$

$$\textcircled{3) } \textcircled{a) } \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|} \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ 2/\sqrt{10} \\ -1/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{b) } \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}_2\|} \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{c) } \vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}_3\|} \vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\textcircled{1} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Consider the matrix below. Are the column vectors of this matrix linearly independent or linearly dependent? Show all explanations or computations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

① Column 1 is linearly independent because it is a non-zero vector.

② Column 2 is linearly independent because it is not a scalar multiple of Column 1.

③ Column 3 is linearly dependent because it is a linear combination of Columns 1 and 2.

$$5 \times \text{Column 1} + 4 \times \text{Column 2} = \text{Column 3}$$

like this $\Rightarrow 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

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Since \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 and \vec{v}_3 are linearly dependent, it means $\vec{v}_2 = c_1 \vec{v}_1$, $\vec{v}_3 = c_2 \vec{v}_1$ where c_1, c_2 is some constant. So therefore \vec{v}_4 has to equal $c_3 \vec{v}_1$ because all the other vectors are linearly dependent.