

Practice Problems

1. Each of the following equations determines a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 . Do the two planes intersect? If so, describe their intersection.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 8x_3 &= 9\end{aligned}$$

2. Write the general solution of $10x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 7$ in parametric vector form, and relate the solution set to the one found in Example 2.
3. Prove the first part of Theorem 6: Suppose that \mathbf{p} is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, so that $A\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b}$. Let \mathbf{v}_h be any solution to the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, and let $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$. Show that \mathbf{w} is a solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

1.5 Exercises

In Exercises 1–4, determine if the system has a nontrivial solution. Try to use as few row operations as possible.

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| 1. $2x_1 - 5x_2 + 8x_3 = 0$ | 2. $x_1 - 3x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$ |
| $-2x_1 - 7x_2 + x_3 = 0$ | $-2x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$ |
| $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$ | $x_1 + 2x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$ |
| 3. $-3x_1 + 5x_2 - 7x_3 = 0$ | 4. $-5x_1 + 7x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$ |
| $-6x_1 + 7x_2 + x_3 = 0$ | $x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$ |

In Exercises 5 and 6, follow the method of Examples 1 and 2 to write the solution set of the given homogeneous system in parametric vector form.

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| 5. $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 0$ | 6. $x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$ |
| $-4x_1 - 9x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$ | $x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$ |
| $-3x_2 - 6x_3 = 0$ | $-3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$ |

In Exercises 7–12, describe all solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ in parametric vector form, where A is row equivalent to the given matrix.

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| 7. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ | 8. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -9 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 9. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -8 & 6 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ | 10. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 11. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -2 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | |
| 12. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 & -6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | |

You may find it helpful to review the information in the Reasonable Answers box from this section before answering Exercises 13–16.

13. Verify that the solutions you found to Exercise 9 are indeed homogeneous solutions.

14. Verify that the solutions you found to Exercise 10 are indeed homogeneous solutions.

15. Verify that the solutions you found to Exercise 11 are indeed homogeneous solutions.

16. Verify that the solutions you found to Exercise 12 are indeed homogeneous solutions.

17. Suppose the solution set of a certain system of linear equations can be described as $x_1 = 5 + 4x_3$, $x_2 = -2 - 7x_3$, with x_3 free. Use vectors to describe this set as a line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

18. Suppose the solution set of a certain system of linear equations can be described as $x_1 = 3x_4$, $x_2 = 8 + x_4$, $x_3 = 2 - 5x_4$, with x_4 free. Use vectors to describe this set as a line in \mathbb{R}^4 .

19. Follow the method of Example 3 to describe the solutions of the following system in parametric vector form. Also, give a geometric description of the solution set and compare it to that in Exercise 5.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ -4x_1 - 9x_2 + 2x_3 &= -1 \\ -3x_2 - 6x_3 &= -3\end{aligned}$$

20. As in Exercise 19, describe the solutions of the following system in parametric vector form, and provide a geometric comparison with the solution set in Exercise 6.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 &= 4 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 &= 7 \\ -3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 &= -6\end{aligned}$$

21. Describe and compare the solution sets of $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$ and $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = -2$.

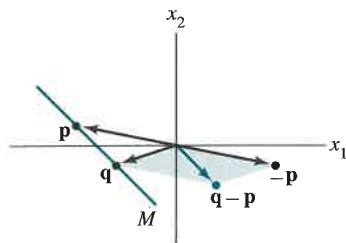
22. Describe and compare the solution sets of $x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$ and $x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 4$.

In Exercises 23 and 24, find the parametric equation of the line through \mathbf{a} parallel to \mathbf{b} .

23. $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 24. $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 25 and 26, find a parametric equation of the line M through \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} . [Hint: M is parallel to the vector $\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$. See the figure below.]

25. $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 26. $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$



The line through \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} .

In Exercises 27–36, mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer.

27. (T/F) A homogeneous equation is always consistent.
28. (T/F) If \mathbf{x} is a nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, then every entry in \mathbf{x} is nonzero.
29. (T/F) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ gives an explicit description of its solution set.
30. (T/F) The equation $\mathbf{x} = x_2\mathbf{u} + x_3\mathbf{v}$, with x_2 and x_3 free (and neither \mathbf{u} nor \mathbf{v} a multiple of the other), describes a plane through the origin.
31. (T/F) The homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution if and only if the equation has at least one free variable.
32. (T/F) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is homogeneous if the zero vector is a solution.
33. (T/F) The equation $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}$ describes a line through \mathbf{v} parallel to \mathbf{p} .
34. (T/F) The effect of adding \mathbf{p} to a vector is to move the vector in a direction parallel to \mathbf{p} .
35. (T/F) The solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is the set of all vectors of the form $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$, where \mathbf{v}_h is any solution of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
36. (T/F) The solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is obtained by translating the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
37. Prove the second part of Theorem 6: Let \mathbf{w} be any solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, and define $\mathbf{v}_h = \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{p}$. Show that \mathbf{v}_h is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. This shows that every solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has the form $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$, with \mathbf{p} a particular solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and \mathbf{v}_h a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

38. Suppose $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution. Explain why the solution is unique precisely when $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
39. Suppose A is the 3×3 zero matrix (with all zero entries). Describe the solution set of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
40. If $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$, can the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ be a plane through the origin? Explain.

In Exercises 41–44, (a) does the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ have a nontrivial solution and (b) does the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have at least one solution for every possible \mathbf{b} ?

41. A is a 3×3 matrix with three pivot positions.
42. A is a 3×3 matrix with two pivot positions.
43. A is a 3×2 matrix with two pivot positions.
44. A is a 2×4 matrix with two pivot positions.

45. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 \\ 7 & 21 \\ -3 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$, find one nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ by inspection. [Hint: Think of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ written as a vector equation.]

46. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ -8 & 12 \\ 6 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$, find one nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ by inspection.

47. Construct a 3×3 nonzero matrix A such that the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

48. Construct a 3×3 nonzero matrix A such that the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

49. Construct a 2×2 matrix A such that the solution set of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is the line in \mathbb{R}^2 through $(4, 1)$ and the origin. Then, find a vector \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^2 such that the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is not a line in \mathbb{R}^2 parallel to the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Why does this not contradict Theorem 6?

50. Suppose A is a 3×3 matrix and \mathbf{y} is a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 such that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ does not have a solution. Does there exist a vector \mathbf{z} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$ has a unique solution? Discuss.

51. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and let \mathbf{u} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n that satisfies the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Show that for any scalar c , the vector $c\mathbf{u}$ also satisfies $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. [That is, show that $A(c\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$.]

52. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, and let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n with the property that $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ and $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$. Explain why $A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$ must be the zero vector. Then explain why $A(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ for each pair of scalars c and d .

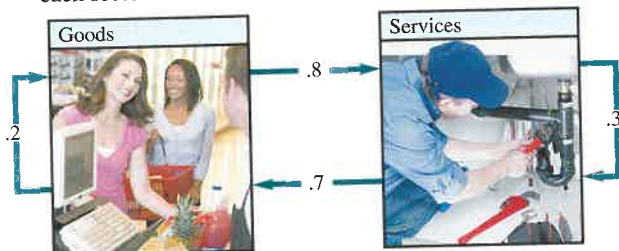
A negative flow in a network branch corresponds to flow in the direction opposite to that shown on the model. Since the streets in this problem are one way, none of the variables here can be negative. This fact leads to certain limitations on the possible values of the variables. For instance, $x_5 \leq 500$ because x_4 cannot be negative. Other constraints on the variables are considered in Practice Problem 2.

Practice Problems

- Suppose an economy has three sectors: Agriculture, Mining, and Manufacturing. Agriculture sells 5% of its output to Mining and 30% to Manufacturing, and retains the rest. Mining sells 20% of its output to Agriculture and 70% to Manufacturing, and retains the rest. Manufacturing sells 20% of its output to Agriculture and 30% to Mining, and retains the rest. Determine the exchange table for this economy, where the columns describe how the output of each sector is exchanged among the three sectors.
- Consider the network flow studied in Example 2. Determine the possible range of values of x_1 and x_2 . [Hint: The example showed that $x_5 \leq 500$. What does this imply about x_1 and x_2 ? Also, use the fact that $x_5 \geq 0$.]

1.6 Exercises

- Suppose an economy has only two sectors, Goods and Services. Each year, Goods sells 80% of its output to Services and keeps the rest, while Services sells 70% of its output to Goods and retains the rest. Find equilibrium prices for the annual outputs of the Goods and Services sectors that make each sector's income match its expenditures.



- Find another set of equilibrium prices for the economy in Example 1. Suppose the same economy used Japanese yen instead of dollars to measure the value of the various sectors' outputs. Would this change the problem in any way? Discuss.
- Consider an economy with three sectors, Chemicals & Metals, Fuels & Power, and Machinery. Chemicals sells 30% of its output to Fuels and 50% to Machinery and retains the rest. Fuels sells 80% of its output to Chemicals and 10% to Machinery and retains the rest. Machinery sells 40% to Chemicals and 40% to Fuels and retains the rest.
 - Construct the exchange table for this economy.
 - Develop a system of equations that leads to prices at which each sector's income matches its expenses. Then write the augmented matrix that can be row reduced to find these prices.

- Find a set of equilibrium prices when the price for the Machinery output is 100 units.

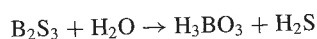
- Suppose an economy has four sectors, Agriculture (A), Energy (E), Manufacturing (M), and Transportation (T). Sector A sells 10% of its output to E and 25% to M and retains the rest. Sector E sells 30% of its output to A, 35% to M, and 25% to T and retains the rest. Sector M sells 30% of its output to A, 15% to E, and 40% to T and retains the rest. Sector T sells 20% of its output to A, 10% to E, and 30% to M and retains the rest.

- Construct the exchange table for this economy.

- Find a set of equilibrium prices for the economy.

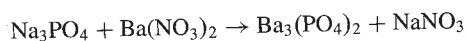
Balance the chemical equations in Exercises 5–10 using the vector equation approach discussed in this section.

- Boron sulfide reacts violently with water to form boric acid and hydrogen sulfide gas (the smell of rotten eggs). The unbalanced equation is



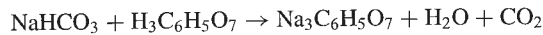
[For each compound, construct a vector that lists the numbers of atoms of boron, sulfur, hydrogen, and oxygen.]

- When solutions of sodium phosphate and barium nitrate are mixed, the result is barium phosphate (as a precipitate) and sodium nitrate. The unbalanced equation is

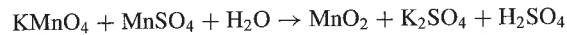


[For each compound, construct a vector that lists the numbers of atoms of sodium (Na), phosphorus, oxygen, barium, and nitrogen. For instance, barium nitrate corresponds to (0, 0, 6, 1, 2).]

7. Alka-Seltzer contains sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) and citric acid ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$). When a tablet is dissolved in water, the following reaction produces sodium citrate, water, and carbon dioxide (gas):

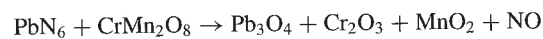


8. The following reaction between potassium permanganate (KMnO_4) and manganese sulfate in water produces manganese dioxide, potassium sulfate, and sulfuric acid:

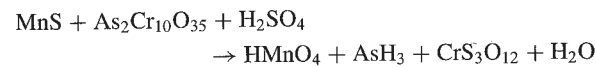


[For each compound, construct a vector that lists the numbers of atoms of potassium (K), manganese, oxygen, sulfur, and hydrogen.]

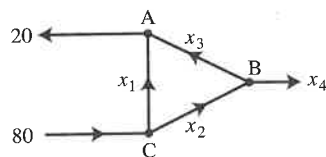
- T** 9. If possible, use exact arithmetic or rational format for calculations in balancing the following chemical reaction:



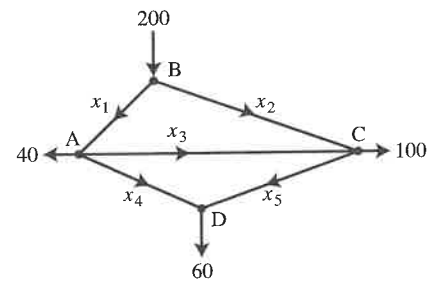
- T** 10. The chemical reaction below can be used in some industrial processes, such as the production of arsene (AsH_3). Use exact arithmetic or rational format for calculations to balance this equation.



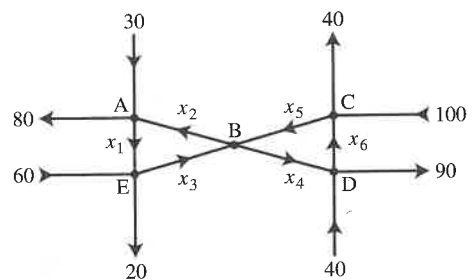
11. Find the general flow pattern of the network shown in the figure. Assuming that the flows are all nonnegative, what is the largest possible value for x_3 ?



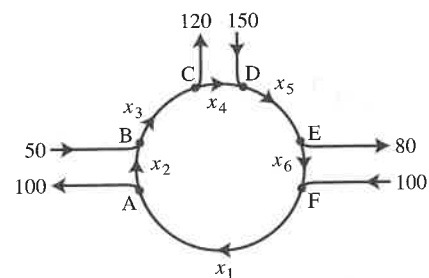
12. a. Find the general traffic pattern in the freeway network shown in the figure. (Flow rates are in cars/minute.)
b. Describe the general traffic pattern when the road whose flow is x_4 is closed.
c. When $x_4 = 0$, what is the minimum value of x_1 ?



13. a. Find the general flow pattern in the network shown in the figure.
b. Assuming that the flow must be in the directions indicated, find the minimum flows in the branches denoted by x_2 , x_3 , x_4 , and x_5 .



14. Intersections in England are often constructed as one-way "roundabouts," such as the one shown in the figure. Assume that traffic must travel in the directions shown. Find the general solution of the network flow. Find the smallest possible value for x_6 .



Solutions to Practice Problems

1. Write the percentages as decimals. Since all output must be taken into account, each column must sum to 1. This fact helps to fill in any missing entries.

Distribution of Output from			
Agriculture	Mining	Manufacturing	Purchased by
.65	.20	.20	Agriculture
.05	.10	.30	Mining
.30	.70	.50	Manufacturing

- b. Does the answer to Part (a) imply that $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly independent?
- c. To determine if $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent, is it wise to check if, say, \mathbf{w} is a linear combination of \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{z} ?
- d. Is $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$ linearly dependent?
2. Suppose that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a linearly dependent set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbf{v}_4 is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is also a linearly dependent set.

1.7 Exercises

In Exercises 1–4, determine if the vectors are linearly independent. Justify each answer.

1. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ 2. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
3. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ 4. $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 5–8, determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify each answer.

5. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 6. $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
7. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 8. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 9 and 10, (a) for what values of h is \mathbf{v}_3 in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$, and (b) for what values of h is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent? Justify each answer.

9. $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 10 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$
10. $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 10 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -10 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 11–14, find the value(s) of h for which the vectors are linearly dependent. Justify each answer.

11. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$ 12. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ h \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
13. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ h \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ 14. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$

Determine by inspection whether the vectors in Exercises 15–20 are linearly independent. Justify each answer.

15. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ 16. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$
17. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 18. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
19. $\begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 20. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 21–28, mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer on the basis of a careful reading of the text.

21. (T/F) The columns of a matrix A are linearly independent if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution.
22. (T/F) Two vectors are linearly dependent if and only if they lie on a line through the origin.
23. (T/F) If S is a linearly dependent set, then each vector is a linear combination of the other vectors in S .
24. (T/F) If a set contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors, then the set is linearly independent.
25. (T/F) The columns of any 4×5 matrix are linearly dependent.
26. (T/F) If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, and if \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$, then $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent.
27. (T/F) If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, and if $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent, then \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$.
28. (T/F) If a set in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent, then the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector.

In Exercises 29–32, describe the possible echelon forms of the matrix. Use the notation of Example 1 in Section 1.2.

29. A is a 3×3 matrix with linearly independent columns.
30. A is a 2×2 matrix with linearly dependent columns.
31. A is a 4×2 matrix, $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2]$, and \mathbf{a}_2 is not a multiple of \mathbf{a}_1 .
32. A is a 4×3 matrix, $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$, such that $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$ is linearly independent and \mathbf{a}_3 is not in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$.

33. How many pivot columns must a 7×5 matrix have if its columns are linearly independent? Why?
34. How many pivot columns must a 5×7 matrix have if its columns span \mathbb{R}^5 ? Why?
35. Construct 3×2 matrices A and B such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution and $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has a nontrivial solution.
36. a. Fill in the blank in the following statement: "If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then the columns of A are linearly independent if and only if A has _____ pivot columns."
b. Explain why the statement in (a) is true.

Exercises 37 and 38 should be solved *without performing row operations*. [Hint: Write $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ as a vector equation.]

37. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -5 & 1 & -4 \\ -3 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, observe that the third column

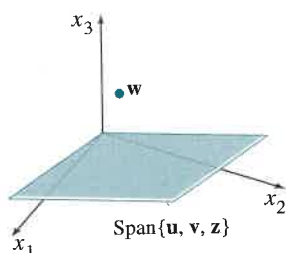
is the sum of the first two columns. Find a nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

38. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 8 \\ -9 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & -5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$, observe that the first column plus three times the second column equals the third column. Find a nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Each statement in Exercises 39–44 is either true (in all cases) or false (for at least one example). If false, construct a specific example to show that the statement is not always true. Such an example is called a *counterexample* to the statement. If a statement is true, give a justification. (One specific example cannot explain why a statement is always true. You will have to do more work here than in Exercises 21–28.)

39. (T/F-C) If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are in \mathbb{R}^4 and $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is linearly dependent.
40. (T/F-C) If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are in \mathbb{R}^4 and $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is linearly dependent.

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41. (T/F-C) If \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are in \mathbb{R}^4 and \mathbf{v}_2 is not a scalar multiple of \mathbf{v}_1 , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is linearly independent.
42. (T/F-C) If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are in \mathbb{R}^4 and \mathbf{v}_3 is not a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4$, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is linearly independent.
43. (T/F-C) If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are in \mathbb{R}^4 and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is also linearly dependent.
44. (T/F-C) If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 , then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is also linearly independent. [Hint: Think about $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + x_3\mathbf{v}_3 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = \mathbf{0}$.]
45. Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix with the property that for all \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution. Use the definition of linear independence to explain why the columns of A must be linearly independent.
46. Suppose an $m \times n$ matrix A has n pivot columns. Explain why for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution. [Hint: Explain why $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ cannot have infinitely many solutions.]

T In Exercises 47 and 48, use as many columns of A as possible to construct a matrix B with the property that the equation $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. Solve $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ to verify your work.

47. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -9 & 4 & 5 & 11 & -7 \\ 6 & -2 & 2 & -4 & 4 \\ 5 & -1 & 7 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

48. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -6 & -3 & 7 & 10 \\ -7 & -6 & 4 & 7 & -9 & 5 \\ 9 & 9 & -9 & -5 & 5 & -1 \\ -4 & -3 & 1 & 6 & -8 & 9 \\ 8 & 7 & -5 & -9 & 11 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$

T 49. With A and B as in Exercise 47 select a column \mathbf{v} of A that was not used in the construction of B and determine if \mathbf{v} is in the set spanned by the columns of B . (Describe your calculations.)

T 50. Repeat Exercise 49 with the matrices A and B from Exercise 48. Then give an explanation for what you discover, assuming that B was constructed as specified.

Solutions to Practice Problems

- Yes. In each case, neither vector is a multiple of the other. Thus each set is linearly independent.
 - No. The observation in Part (a), by itself, says nothing about the linear independence of $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$.
 - No. When testing for linear independence, it is usually a poor idea to check if one selected vector is a linear combination of the others. It may happen that the selected vector is not a linear combination of the others and yet the whole set of vectors is linearly dependent. In this practice problem, \mathbf{w} is not a linear combination of \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{z} .
 - Yes, by Theorem 8. There are more vectors (four) than entries (three) in them.

1.8 Exercises

1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, and define $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$.

Find the images under T of $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$.

2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$.
Define $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. Find $T(\mathbf{u})$ and $T(\mathbf{v})$.

In Exercises 3–6, with T defined by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, find a vector \mathbf{x} whose image under T is \mathbf{b} , and determine whether \mathbf{x} is unique.

3. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

4. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$

5. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & -7 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

6. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Let A be a 4×6 matrix. What must a and b be in order to define $T : \mathbb{R}^a \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^b$ by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$?

8. How many rows and columns must a matrix A have in order to define a mapping from \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{R}^6 by the rule $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$?

For Exercises 9 and 10, find all \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^4 that are mapped into the zero vector by the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ for the given matrix A .

9. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

10. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Let $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and let A be the matrix in Exercise 9. Is \mathbf{b} in the range of the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$? Why or why not?

12. Let $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, and let A be the matrix in Exercise 10. Is \mathbf{b} in the range of the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$? Why or why not?

In Exercises 13–16, use a rectangular coordinate system to plot $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, and their images under the given transformation T . (Make a separate and reasonably large sketch for each exercise.) Describe geometrically what T does to each vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 .

13. $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

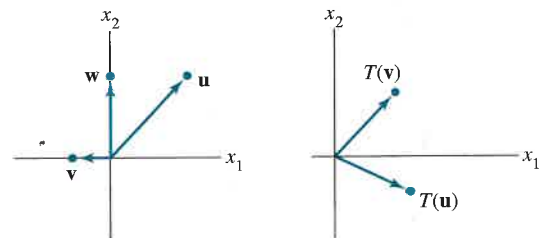
14. $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & 0 \\ 0 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

15. $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

16. $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

17. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation that maps $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ into $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and maps $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ into $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$. Use the fact that T is linear to find the images under T of $5\mathbf{u}$, $4\mathbf{v}$, and $5\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{v}$.

18. The figure shows vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} , along with the images $T(\mathbf{u})$ and $T(\mathbf{v})$ under the action of a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Copy this figure carefully, and draw the image $T(\mathbf{w})$ as accurately as possible. [Hint: First, write \mathbf{w} as a linear combination of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .]



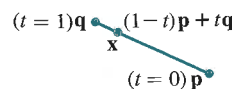
19. Let $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation that maps \mathbf{e}_1 into \mathbf{y}_1 and maps \mathbf{e}_2 into \mathbf{y}_2 . Find the images of $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

20. Let $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$, and let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation that maps \mathbf{x} into $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2$. Find a matrix A such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for each \mathbf{x} .

In Exercises 21–30, mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer.

21. (T/F) A linear transformation is a special type of function.
22. (T/F) Every matrix transformation is a linear transformation.
23. (T/F) If A is a 3×5 matrix and T is a transformation defined by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, then the domain of T is \mathbb{R}^3 .
24. (T/F) The codomain of the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of A .
25. (T/F) If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then the range of the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ is \mathbb{R}^m .
26. (T/F) If $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear transformation and if \mathbf{c} is in \mathbb{R}^m , then a uniqueness question is “Is \mathbf{c} in the range of T ?”
27. (T/F) Every linear transformation is a matrix transformation.
28. (T/F) A linear transformation preserves the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication.
29. (T/F) A transformation T is linear if and only if $T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2)$ for all \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 in the domain of T and for all scalars c_1 and c_2 .
30. (T/F) The superposition principle is a physical description of a linear transformation.
31. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation that reflects each point through the x_1 -axis. (See Practice Problem 2.) Make two sketches similar to Figure 6 that illustrate properties (i) and (ii) of a linear transformation.
32. Suppose vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ span \mathbb{R}^n , and let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation. Suppose $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{0}$ for $i = 1, \dots, p$. Show that T is the zero transformation. That is, show that if \mathbf{x} is any vector in \mathbb{R}^n , then $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$.
33. Given $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and \mathbf{p} in \mathbb{R}^n , the line through \mathbf{p} in the direction of \mathbf{v} has the parametric equation $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}$. Show that a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ maps this line onto another line or onto a single point (a *degenerate line*).
34. Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , and let P be the plane through \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and $\mathbf{0}$. The parametric equation of P is $\mathbf{x} = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}$ (with s, t in \mathbb{R}). Show that a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ maps P onto a plane through $\mathbf{0}$, or onto a line through $\mathbf{0}$, or onto just the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 . What must be true about $T(\mathbf{u})$ and $T(\mathbf{v})$ in order for the image of the plane P to be a plane?
35. a. Show that the line through vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} in \mathbb{R}^n may be written in the parametric form $\mathbf{x} = (1-t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$. (Refer to the figure with Exercises 25 and 26 in Section 1.5.)
b. The line segment from \mathbf{p} to \mathbf{q} is the set of points of the form $(1-t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ (as shown in the figure

below). Show that a linear transformation T maps this line segment onto a line segment or onto a single point.



36. Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . It can be shown that the set P of all points in the parallelogram determined by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} has the form $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$, for $0 \leq a \leq 1$, $0 \leq b \leq 1$. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Explain why the image of a point in P under the transformation T lies in the parallelogram determined by $T(\mathbf{u})$ and $T(\mathbf{v})$.
 37. Define $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = mx + b$.
a. Show that f is a linear transformation when $b = 0$.
b. Find a property of a linear transformation that is violated when $b \neq 0$.
c. Why is f called a linear function?
 38. An *affine transformation* $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ has the form $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$, with A an $m \times n$ matrix and \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m . Show that T is *not* a linear transformation when $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$. (Affine transformations are important in computer graphics.)
 39. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation, and let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ be a linearly dependent set in \mathbb{R}^n . Explain why the set $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), T(\mathbf{v}_3)\}$ is linearly dependent.
- In Exercises 40–44, column vectors are written as rows, such as $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$, and $T(\mathbf{x})$ is written as $T(x_1, x_2)$.
40. Show that the transformation T defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (4x_1 - 2x_2, 3|x_2|)$ is not linear.
 41. Show that the transformation T defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_1 - 3x_2, x_1 + 4, 5x_2)$ is not linear.
 42. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Show that if T maps two linearly independent vectors onto a linearly dependent set, then the equation $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ has a nontrivial solution. [Hint: Suppose \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n are linearly independent and yet $T(\mathbf{u})$ and $T(\mathbf{v})$ are linearly dependent. Then $c_1T(\mathbf{u}) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ for some weights c_1 and c_2 , not both zero. Use this equation.]
 43. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the transformation that reflects each vector $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ through the plane $x_3 = 0$ onto $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, x_2, -x_3)$. Show that T is a linear transformation. [See Example 4 for ideas.]
 44. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the transformation that projects each vector $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ onto the plane $x_2 = 0$, so $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, 0, x_3)$. Show that T is a linear transformation.

T In Exercises 45 and 46, the given matrix determines a linear transformation T . Find all \mathbf{x} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$.

45. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 5 & -5 \\ -9 & 7 & -8 & 0 \\ -6 & 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

46. $\begin{bmatrix} -9 & -4 & -9 & 4 \\ 5 & -8 & -7 & 6 \\ 7 & 11 & 16 & -9 \\ 9 & -7 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

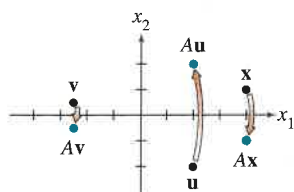
T 47. Let $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ and let A be the matrix in Exercise 45. Is \mathbf{b}

in the range of the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$? If so, find an \mathbf{x} whose image under the transformation is \mathbf{b} .

T 48. Let $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -7 \\ 13 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ and let A be the matrix in Exercise 46. Is \mathbf{b}

in the range of the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$? If so, find an \mathbf{x} whose image under the transformation is \mathbf{b} .

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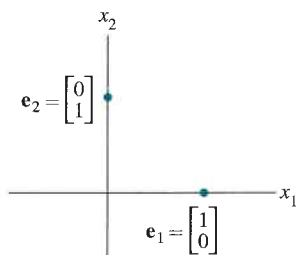
The transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

Solutions to Practice Problems

1. A must have five columns for $A\mathbf{x}$ to be defined. A must have two rows for the codomain of T to be \mathbb{R}^2 .
2. Plot some random points (vectors) on graph paper to see what happens. A point such as $(4, 1)$ maps into $(4, -1)$. The transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ reflects points through the x -axis (or x_1 -axis).
3. Let $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{u}$ for some t such that $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Since T is linear, $T(t\mathbf{u}) = tT(\mathbf{u})$, which is a point on the line segment between $\mathbf{0}$ and $T(\mathbf{u})$.

1.9 The Matrix of a Linear Transformation

Whenever a linear transformation T arises geometrically or is described in words, we usually want a “formula” for $T(\mathbf{x})$. The discussion that follows shows that every linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m is actually a matrix transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ and that important properties of T are intimately related to familiar properties of A . The key to finding A is to observe that T is completely determined by what it does to the columns of the $n \times n$ identity matrix I_n .



EXAMPLE 1 The columns of $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Suppose T is a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^3 such that

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With no additional information, find a formula for the image of an arbitrary \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 .

SOLUTION Write

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \quad (1)$$

Since T is a linear transformation,

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 T(\mathbf{e}_1) + x_2 T(\mathbf{e}_2) \quad (2)$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5x_1 - 3x_2 \\ -7x_1 + 8x_2 \\ 2x_1 + 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

PROOF

- a. By Theorem 4 in Section 1.4, the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m if and only if for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent—in other words, if and only if for every \mathbf{b} , the equation $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$ has at least one solution. This is true if and only if T maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m .
- b. The equations $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ and $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ are the same except for notation. So, by Theorem 11, T is one-to-one if and only if $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. This happens if and only if the columns of A are linearly independent, as was already noted in the boxed statement (3) in Section 1.7. ■

Statement (a) in Theorem 12 is equivalent to the statement “ T maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m if and only if every vector in \mathbb{R}^m is a linear combination of the columns of A .” See Theorem 4 in Section 1.4.

In the next example and in some exercises that follow, column vectors are written in rows, such as $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$, and $T(\mathbf{x})$ is written as $T(x_1, x_2)$ instead of the more formal $T((x_1, x_2))$.

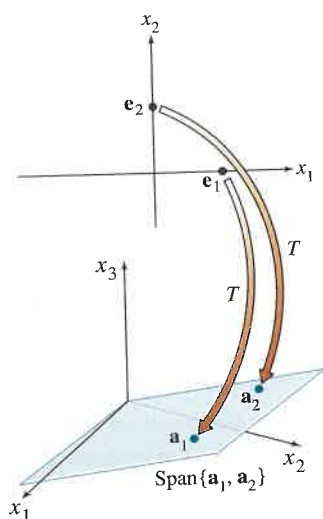
EXAMPLE 5 Let $T(x_1, x_2) = (3x_1 + x_2, 5x_1 + 7x_2, x_1 + 3x_2)$. Show that T is a one-to-one linear transformation. Does T map \mathbb{R}^2 onto \mathbb{R}^3 ?

SOLUTION When \mathbf{x} and $T(\mathbf{x})$ are written as column vectors, you can determine the standard matrix of T by inspection, visualizing the row–vector computation of each entry in $A\mathbf{x}$.

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 + x_2 \\ 5x_1 + 7x_2 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? \\ ? & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

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So T is indeed a linear transformation, with its standard matrix A shown in (4). The columns of A are linearly independent because they are not multiples. By Theorem 12(b), T is one-to-one. To decide if T is onto \mathbb{R}^3 , examine the span of the columns of A . Since A is 3×2 , the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^3 if and only if A has 3 pivot positions, by Theorem 4. This is impossible, since A has only 2 columns. So the columns of A do not span \mathbb{R}^3 , and the associated linear transformation is not onto \mathbb{R}^3 . ■



The transformation T is not onto \mathbb{R}^3 .

Practice Problems

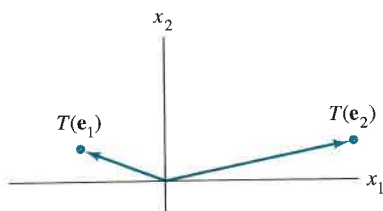
- Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the transformation that first performs a horizontal shear that maps \mathbf{e}_2 into $\mathbf{e}_2 - .5\mathbf{e}_1$ (but leaves \mathbf{e}_1 unchanged) and then reflects the result through the x_2 -axis. Assuming that T is linear, find its standard matrix. [Hint: Determine the final location of the images of \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 .]
- Suppose A is a 7×5 matrix with 5 pivots. Let $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ be a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^5 into \mathbb{R}^7 . Is T a one-to-one linear transformation? Is T onto \mathbb{R}^7 ?

1.9 Exercises

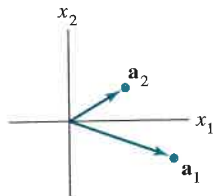
In Exercises 1–10, assume that T is a linear transformation. Find the standard matrix of T .

- $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$, $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (2, 1, 2, 1)$ and $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = (-5, 2, 0, 0)$, where $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)$.
- $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (1, 3)$, $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = (4, 2)$, and $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = (-5, 4)$, where $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$ are the columns of the 3×3 identity matrix.
- $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ rotates points (about the origin) through $3\pi/2$ radians (in the counterclockwise direction).

4. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ rotates points (about the origin) through $-\pi/4$ radians (since the number is negative, the actual rotation is clockwise). [Hint: $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2})$.]
5. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a vertical shear transformation that maps \mathbf{e}_1 into $\mathbf{e}_1 - 2\mathbf{e}_2$ but leaves the vector \mathbf{e}_2 unchanged.
6. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a horizontal shear transformation that leaves \mathbf{e}_1 unchanged and maps \mathbf{e}_2 into $\mathbf{e}_2 + 5\mathbf{e}_1$.
7. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ first rotates points through $-3\pi/4$ radians (since the number is negative, the actual rotation is clockwise) and then reflects points through the horizontal x_1 -axis. [Hint: $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (-1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$.]
8. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ first reflects points through the vertical x_2 -axis and then reflects points through the line $x_2 = x_1$.
9. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ first performs a horizontal shear that transforms \mathbf{e}_2 into $\mathbf{e}_2 - 3\mathbf{e}_1$ (leaving \mathbf{e}_1 unchanged) and then reflects points through the line $x_2 = -x_1$.
10. $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ first reflects points through the vertical x_2 -axis and then rotates points $3\pi/2$ radians.
11. A linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ first reflects points through the x_1 -axis and then reflects points through the x_2 -axis. Show that T can also be described as a linear transformation that rotates points about the origin. What is the angle of that rotation?
12. Show that the transformation in Exercise 8 is merely a rotation about the origin. What is the angle of the rotation?
13. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation such that $T(\mathbf{e}_1)$ and $T(\mathbf{e}_2)$ are the vectors shown in the figure. Using the figure, sketch the vector $T(2, 1)$.



14. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation with standard matrix $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2]$, where \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 are shown in the figure. Using the figure, draw the image of $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ under the transformation T .



In Exercises 15 and 16, fill in the missing entries of the matrix, assuming that the equation holds for all values of the variables.

$$15. \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - 3x_3 \\ 4x_1 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$16. \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? \\ ? & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 3x_2 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 17–20, show that T is a linear transformation by finding a matrix that implements the mapping. Note that x_1, x_2, \dots are not vectors but are entries in vectors.

17. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (0, x_1 + x_2, x_2 + x_3, x_3 + x_4)$
18. $T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_2 - 3x_1, x_1 - 4x_2, 0, x_2)$
19. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - 5x_2 + 4x_3, x_2 - 6x_3)$
20. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 2x_1 + 3x_3 - 4x_4 \quad (T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$
21. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation such that $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, 4x_1 + 5x_2)$. Find \mathbf{x} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = (3, 8)$.
22. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation such that $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, -x_1 + 3x_2, 3x_1 - 2x_2)$. Find \mathbf{x} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = (-1, 4, 9)$.

In Exercises 23–32, mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer.

23. (T/F) A linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is completely determined by its effect on the columns of the $n \times n$ identity matrix.
24. (T/F) A mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is one-to-one if each vector in \mathbb{R}^n maps onto a unique vector in \mathbb{R}^m .
25. (T/F) If $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ rotates vectors about the origin through an angle ϕ , then T is a linear transformation.
26. (T/F) The columns of the standard matrix for a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m are the images of the columns of the $n \times n$ identity matrix.
27. (T/F) When two linear transformations are performed one after another, the combined effect may not always be a linear transformation.
28. (T/F) Not every linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m is a matrix transformation.
29. (T/F) A mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is onto \mathbb{R}^m if every vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n maps onto some vector in \mathbb{R}^m .
30. (T/F) The standard matrix of a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 that reflects points through the horizontal axis, the vertical axis, or the origin has the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$, where a and d are ± 1 .

31. (T/F) A is a 3×2 matrix, then the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ cannot be one-to-one.

32. (T/F) A is a 3×2 matrix, then the transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ cannot map \mathbb{R}^2 onto \mathbb{R}^3 .

In Exercises 33–36, determine if the specified linear transformation is (a) one-to-one and (b) onto. Justify each answer.

33. The transformation in Exercise 17

34. The transformation in Exercise 2

35. The transformation in Exercise 19

36. The transformation in Exercise 14

In Exercises 37 and 38, describe the possible echelon forms of the standard matrix for a linear transformation T . Use the notation of Example 1 in Section 1.2.

37. $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ is one-to-one.

38. $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is onto.

39. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation, with A its standard matrix. Complete the following statement to make it true: “ T is one-to-one if and only if A has _____ pivot columns.” Explain why the statement is true. [Hint: Look in the exercises for Section 1.7.]

40. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation, with A its standard matrix. Complete the following statement to make it true: “ T maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m if and only if A has _____ pivot columns.” Find some theorems that explain why the statement is true.

41. Verify the uniqueness of A in Theorem 10. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = B\mathbf{x}$ for some

$m \times n$ matrix B . Show that if A is the standard matrix for T , then $A = B$. [Hint: Show that A and B have the same columns.]

42. Why is the question “Is the linear transformation T onto?” an existence question?

43. If a linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m , can you give a relation between m and n ? If T is one-to-one, what can you say about m and n ?

44. Let $S: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be linear transformations. Show that the mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto T(S(\mathbf{x}))$ is a linear transformation (from \mathbb{R}^p to \mathbb{R}^m). [Hint: Compute $T(S(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}))$ for \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^p and scalars c and d . Justify each step of the computation, and explain why this computation gives the desired conclusion.]

T In Exercises 45–48, let T be the linear transformation whose standard matrix is given. In Exercises 45 and 46, decide if T is a one-to-one mapping. In Exercises 47 and 48, decide if T maps \mathbb{R}^5 onto \mathbb{R}^5 . Justify your answers.

45.
$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 10 & -5 & 4 \\ 8 & 3 & -4 & 7 \\ 4 & -9 & 5 & -3 \\ -3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

46.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 & 4 & -9 \\ 10 & 6 & 16 & -4 \\ 12 & 8 & 12 & 7 \\ -8 & -6 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

47.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 6 & -8 & 5 & 12 & -8 \\ -7 & 10 & -8 & -9 & 14 \\ 3 & -5 & 4 & 2 & -6 \\ -5 & 6 & -6 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

48.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 13 & 5 & 6 & -1 \\ 14 & 15 & -7 & -6 & 4 \\ -8 & -9 & 12 & -5 & -9 \\ -5 & -6 & -8 & 9 & 8 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 2 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

STUDY GUIDE offers additional resources for mastering existence and uniqueness.

Solution to Practice Problems

1. Follow what happens to \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 . See Figure 5. First, \mathbf{e}_1 is unaffected by the shear and then is reflected into $-\mathbf{e}_1$. So $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = -\mathbf{e}_1$. Second, \mathbf{e}_2 goes to $\mathbf{e}_2 - .5\mathbf{e}_1$ by the shear transformation. Since reflection through the x_2 -axis changes \mathbf{e}_1 into $-\mathbf{e}_1$ and leaves \mathbf{e}_2 unchanged, the vector $\mathbf{e}_2 - .5\mathbf{e}_1$ goes to $\mathbf{e}_2 + .5\mathbf{e}_1$. So $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_2 + .5\mathbf{e}_1$.

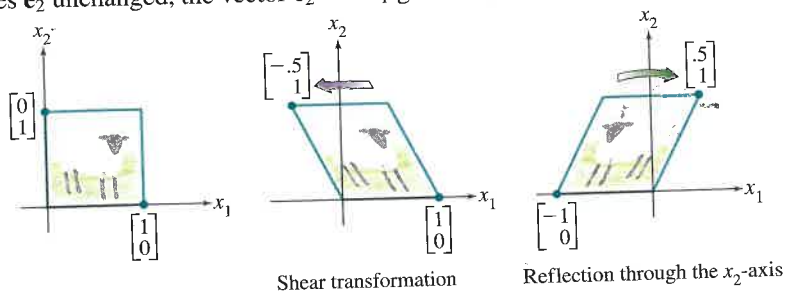


FIGURE 5 The composition of two transformations.

The model for population movement in (9) is *linear* because the correspondence $\mathbf{x}_k \mapsto \mathbf{x}_{k+1}$ is a linear transformation. The linearity depends on two facts: the number of people who chose to move from one area to another is *proportional* to the number of people in that area, as shown in (6) and (7), and the cumulative effect of these choices is found by *adding* the movement of people from the different areas.

Practice Problem

Find a matrix A and vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{b} such that the problem in Example 1 amounts to solving the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

1.10 Exercises

- The container of a breakfast cereal usually lists the number of calories and the amounts of protein, carbohydrate, and fat contained in one serving of the cereal. The amounts for two common cereals are given below. Suppose a mixture of these two cereals is to be prepared that contains exactly 295 calories, 9 g of protein, 48 g of carbohydrate, and 8 g of fat.
 - Set up a vector equation for this problem. Include a statement of what the variables in your equation represent.
 - Write an equivalent matrix equation, and then determine if the desired mixture of the two cereals can be prepared.

Nutrition Information per Serving

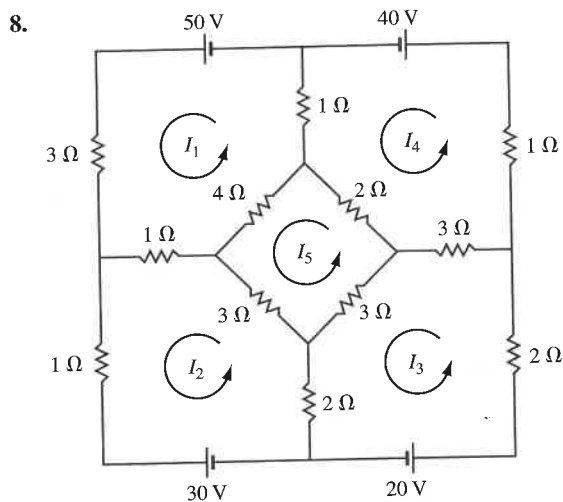
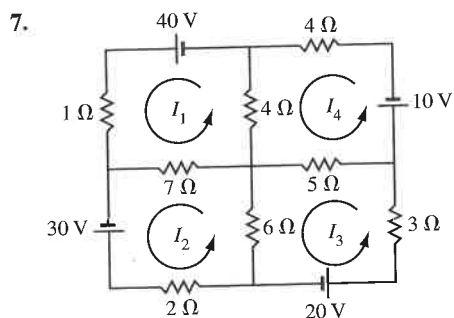
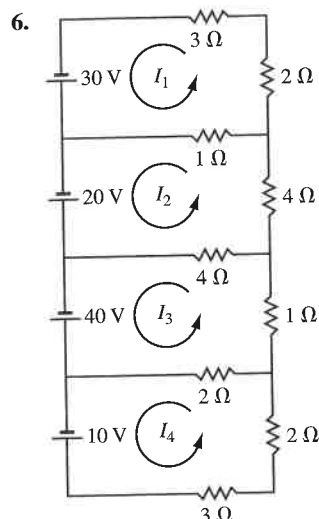
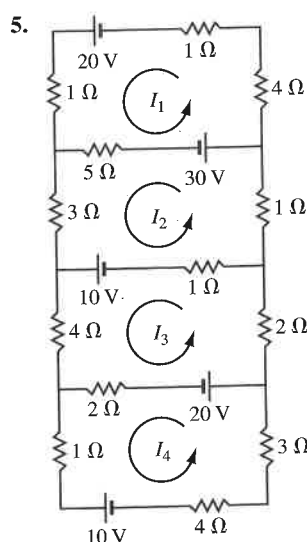
Nutrient	General Mills Cheerios®	Quaker® 100% Natural Cereal
Calories	110	130
Protein (g)	4	3
Carbohydrate (g)	20	18
Fat (g)	2	5

- One serving of Post Shredded Wheat® supplies 160 calories, .5 g of protein, 6 g of fiber, and 1 g of fat. One serving of Crispix® supplies 110 calories, 2 g of protein, .1 g of fiber, and .4 g of fat.
 - Set up a matrix B and a vector \mathbf{u} such that $B\mathbf{u}$ gives the amounts of calories, protein, fiber, and fat contained in a mixture of three servings of Shredded Wheat and two servings of Crispix.
 - Suppose that you want a cereal with more fiber than Crispix but fewer calories than Shredded Wheat. Is it possible for a mixture of the two cereals to supply 130 calories, 3.20 g of protein, 2.46 g of fiber, and .64 g of fat? If so, what is the mixture?
- After taking a nutrition class, a big Annie's® Mac and Cheese fan decides to improve the levels of protein and fiber in her favorite lunch by adding broccoli and canned chicken. The nutritional information for the foods referred to in this are given in the table.

Nutrition Information per Serving

Nutrient	Mac and Cheese	Broccoli	Chicken	Shells
Calories	270	51	70	260
Protein (g)	10	5.4	15	9
Fiber (g)	2	5.2	0	5

- If she wants to limit her lunch to 400 calories but get 30 g of protein and 10 g of fiber, what proportions of servings of Mac and Cheese, broccoli, and chicken should she use?
 - She found that there was too much broccoli in the proportions from part (a), so she decided to switch from classical Mac and Cheese to Annie's® Whole Wheat Shells and White Cheddar. What proportions of servings of each food should she use to meet the same goals as in part (a)?
- The Cambridge Diet supplies .8 g of calcium per day, in addition to the nutrients listed in Table 1 for Example 1. The amounts of calcium per unit (100 g) supplied by the three ingredients in the Cambridge Diet are as follows: 1.26 g from nonfat milk, .19 g from soy flour, and .8 g from whey. Another ingredient in the diet mixture is isolated soy protein, which provides the following nutrients in each unit: 80 g of protein, 0 g of carbohydrate, 3.4 g of fat, and .18 g of calcium.
 - Set up a matrix equation whose solution determines the amounts of nonfat milk, soy flour, whey, and isolated soy protein necessary to supply the precise amounts of protein, carbohydrate, fat, and calcium in the Cambridge Diet. State what the variables in the equation represent.
 - Solve the equation in (a) and discuss your answer.
 - In Exercises 5–8, write a matrix equation that determines the loop currents. If MATLAB or another matrix program is available, solve the system for the loop currents.



9. In a certain region, about 7% of a city's population moves to the surrounding suburbs each year, and about 5% of the suburban population moves into the city. In 2020, there were 800,000 residents in the city and 500,000 in the suburbs. Set up a difference equation that describes this situation, where \mathbf{x}_0 is the initial population in 2020. Then estimate

the populations in the city and in the suburbs two years later, in 2022. (Ignore other factors that might influence the population sizes.)

10. In a certain region, about 6% of a city's population moves to the surrounding suburbs each year, and about 4% of the suburban population moves into the city. In 2020, there were 10,000,000 residents in the city and 800,000 in the suburbs. Set up a difference equation that describes this situation, where \mathbf{x}_0 is the initial population in 2020. Then estimate the populations in the city and in the suburbs two years later, in 2022.

11. College Moving Truck Rental has a fleet of 20, 100, and 200 trucks in Pullman, Spokane, and Seattle, respectively. A truck rented at one location may be returned to any of the three locations. The various fractions of trucks returned to the three locations each month are shown in the matrix below. What will be the approximate distribution of the trucks after three months?

Trucks Rented From:			Returned To:
Pullman	Spokane	Seattle	
.30	.15	.05	Airport
.30	.70	.05	East
.40	.15	.90	West

12. Budget® Rent a Car in Wichita, Kansas, has a fleet of about 500 cars, at three locations. A car rented at one location may be returned to any of the three locations. The various fractions of cars returned to the three locations are shown in the matrix below. Suppose that on Monday there are 295 cars at the airport (or rented from there), 55 cars at the east side office, and 150 cars at the west side office. What will be the approximate distribution of cars on Wednesday?

Cars Rented From:			Returned To:
Airport	East	West	
.97	.05	.10	Airport
.00	.90	.05	East
.03	.05	.85	West

13. Let M and \mathbf{x}_0 be as in Example 3.

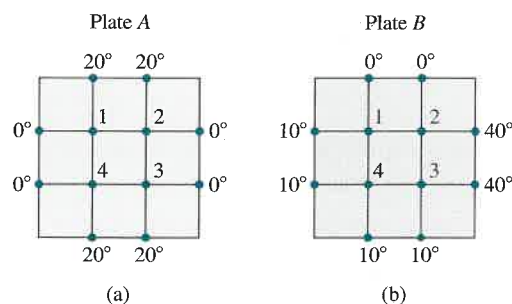
- Compute the population vectors \mathbf{x}_k for $k = 1, \dots, 20$. Discuss what you find.
- Repeat part (a) with an initial population of 350,000 in the city and 650,000 in the suburbs. What do you find?

14. Study how changes in boundary temperatures on a steel plate affect the temperatures at interior points on the plate.

- Begin by estimating the temperatures T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 at each of the sets of four points on the steel plate shown in the figure. In each case, the value of T_k is approximated by the average of the temperatures at the four closest points. See Exercises 43 and 44 in Section 1.1, where the values

(in degrees) turn out to be (20, 27.5, 30, 22.5). How is this list of values related to your results for the points in set (a) and set (b)?

- Without making any computations, guess the interior temperatures in (a) when the boundary temperatures are all multiplied by 3. Check your guess.
- Finally, make a general conjecture about the correspondence from the list of eight boundary temperatures to the list of four interior temperatures.



Solution to Practice Problem

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 51 & 13 \\ 52 & 34 & 74 \\ 0 & 7 & 1.1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 45 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

CHAPTER 1 PROJECTS

Chapter 1 projects are available online.

- Interpolating Polynomials:** This project shows how to use a system of linear equations to fit a polynomial through a set of points.
- Splines:** This project also shows how to use a system of linear equations to fit a piecewise polynomial curve through a set of points.
- Network Flows:** The purpose of this project is to show how systems of linear equations may be used to model flow through a network.

- The Art of Linear Transformations:** In this project, it is illustrated how to graph a polygon and then use linear transformations to change its shape and create a design.
- Loop Currents:** The purpose of this project is to provide more and larger examples of loop currents.
- Diet:** The purpose of this project is to provide examples of vector equations that result from balancing nutrients in a diet.

CHAPTER 1 SUPPLEMENTARY EXERCISES

Mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer. (If true, cite appropriate facts or theorems. If false, explain why or give a counterexample that shows why the statement is not true in every case.)

- (T/F) Every matrix is row equivalent to a unique matrix in echelon form.
- (T/F) Any system of n linear equations in n variables has at most n solutions.
- (T/F) If a system of linear equations has two different solutions, it must have infinitely many solutions.
- (T/F) If a system of linear equations has no free variables, then it has a unique solution.
- (T/F) If an augmented matrix $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ is transformed into $[C \ \mathbf{d}]$ by elementary row operations, then the equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ have exactly the same solution sets.
- (T/F) If a system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has more than one solution, then so does the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
- (T/F) If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent for some \mathbf{b} , then the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m .
- (T/F) If an augmented matrix $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ can be transformed by elementary row operations into reduced echelon form, then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent.
- (T/F) If matrices A and B are row equivalent, they have the same reduced echelon form.
- (T/F) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution if and only if there are no free variables.
- (T/F) If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent for every \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m , then A has m pivot columns.