

Linear Algebra

Seminar 4: Linear vector spaces

Problem 1. (3pts)

- (a) Determine whether the set of all pairs of real numbers of the form $(1, x)$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}$) with the operations

$$(1, x) + (1, x') = (1, x + x'), \quad k \cdot (1, x) = (1, kx)$$

form a vector space.

- (b) Determine which of the following are subspaces of the corresponding vector space V :

- (1) the set of all vectors $(x, y, z)^\top$ in $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ with $y = x + z$;
- (2) the set of all $n \times n$ symmetric matrices in $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ (i.e. satisfying $A^\top = A$);
- (3) the set of all $n \times n$ antisymmetric matrices A in $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ (i.e., satisfying $A^\top = -A$);
- (4) the set of all sequences (x_1, x_2, \dots) in $V = \mathbb{R}^\infty$ with finitely many nonzero entries.

Problem 2. (3pts)

- (a) Let V be the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers under the following addition and multiplication by scalar operations on $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$:

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1 + v_1 + 1, u_2 + v_2 + 1), \quad k \cdot \mathbf{u} = (ku_1, ku_2)$$

Determine whether V is a vector space.

- (b) Determine which of the following are subspaces of the corresponding vector space V :

- (1) the set of all $n \times n$ matrices A in $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $A^2 = A$;
- (2) all polynomials $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$ in $V = \mathcal{P}_3$ for which $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$;
- (3) all functions f in $V = \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$;
- (4) the set of all $n \times n$ matrices A in $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $AB = BA$ for some fixed matrix B ;

Problem 3. (4pts)

- (a) Express the following vectors as linear combinations of $\mathbf{u} = (2, 1, 4)$, $\mathbf{v} = (1, -1, 3)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (3, 2, 5)$:

- (1) $(-9, -7, -15)$
- (2) $(6, 11, 6)$
- (3) $(0, 0, 0)$
- (4) $(7, 8, 9)$

- (b) In each part, determine whether the given vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 and are linearly independent.

- (1) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 6)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (3, 4, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (4, 3, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_4 = (3, 3, 1)$

- (2) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, -1, 3)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (4, 1, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (8, -1, 8)$

Problem 4. (4pts)

- (a) In each part express the vector as a linear combination of $p_1(x) = 2 + x + 4x^2$, $p_2(x) = 1 - x + 3x^2$, and $p_3(x) = 3 + 2x + 5x^2$:

- (1) $-9 - 7x - 15x^2$
- (2) $6 + 11x + 6x^2$
- (3) 0
- (4) $7 + 8x + 9x^2$

- (b) In each part, determine whether the given vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 and are linearly independent.

- (1) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (3, 1, 4)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (2, -3, 5)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (5, -2, 9)$, $\mathbf{v}_4 = (1, 4, -1)$

- (2) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 2, 2)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$

- Problem 5. (4pts)** Determine whether the solution space of the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ for the following coefficient matrix is a line through the origin, a plane through the origin, or the origin only. If it is a plane, find an equation for it. If it is a line, find parametric equations for it.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 6. (4pts)

- (a) Prove that the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 6, 4)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 4, -1)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 2, 5)$ and the vectors $\mathbf{w}_1 = (1, -2, -5)$, $\mathbf{w}_2 = (0, 8, 9)$ span the same subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .
- (b) Show that the three vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 3, 1, -1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (6, 0, 5, 1)$, and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (4, -7, 1, 3)$ form a linearly dependent set in \mathbb{R}^4 .
- (c) Express each vector in part (b) as a linear combination of the other two.

Extra problems

(to be discussed if time permits)

Problem 7. Which of the following are linear combinations of $\mathbf{u} = (0, -2, 2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (1, 3, -1)$?

- (a) $(2, 2, 2)$ (b) $(3, 1, 5)$ (c) $(0, 4, 5)$ (d) $(0, 0, 0)$

Problem 8. For what values of λ do the following vectors form a linearly dependent set in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (\lambda, 1, -1), \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, \lambda, 1), \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 1, \lambda).$$

Problem 9. Assume that f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are functions of a variable $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that they are linearly independent if and only if there are real points a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that $\det(f_i(a_j))_{i,j=1}^n \neq 0$.

Hint: one part is straightforward; we need to prove that if that determinant is zero for all choices of the points a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , then the functions are linearly dependent. Induction on n can be helpful here: for induction step, assume for $n = k$ the above determinant is not zero for some choice of a_1, \dots, a_k and use the determinant of $(k+1) \times (k+1)$ matrix for functions f_1, \dots, f_{k+1} and the points a_1, \dots, a_k, x .

Problem 10. (a) Assume that the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ of three vectors in a vector space V is linearly independent.

Prove that the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_1\}$ is linearly independent as well.

(b) Assume that the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ of n vectors in a vector space V is linearly independent and that

$$\mathbf{w}_j := \sum_k a_{jk} \mathbf{v}_k, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

Under what conditions on the $m \times n$ matrix $A = (a_{jk})$ is the set $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ linearly independent as well?

(1) a) Addition: $(x, x') + (y, y') = (x+x', y+y')$: $x, x' \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x+x' \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow S$ is closed under addition
Multiplication: $k(x, x') = (kx, kx')$, $k, x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow kx \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow S$ is closed under multiplication
Forms a vector space

$$\text{B) } S = \{ (x, y, z)^T \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = x+z \}$$

S is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 if: i) $(x, y, z)^T + (x', y', z')^T = (x+x', y+y', z+z')^T$ is in S and

$$ii) \alpha(x, y, z)^T = (\alpha x, \alpha y, \alpha z)^T \in S$$

Lets check: i) $y+y' = (x+x')+(z+z') = (x+z) + (x'+z') = y+z'$ \checkmark

$$ii) \alpha x + \alpha z = \alpha(x+z) = \alpha y \quad \checkmark$$

If it is a subspace

$$\text{C) } S = \{ A_{n \times n} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = A \}$$

i) addition: $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T = A + B$, because A, B are symmetric. $A+B$ is also symmetric $\Rightarrow A+B \in S$

ii) multpl. $(\alpha A)^T = \alpha A^T = \alpha A$, because A is symmetric. αA is also symmetric $\Rightarrow \alpha A \in S$

iii) zero vector $\vec{0}$ is also symmetric $\in S$

H is a subspace

$$\text{D) } S = \{ A_{n \times n} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = -A \}$$

i) $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T = -A - B = -(A+B)$ is antisymmetric $\Rightarrow -(A+B) \in S$

ii) $(\alpha A)^T = \alpha A^T = \alpha(-A) = -\alpha A$ is antisymmetric $\Rightarrow -\alpha A \in S$

iii) $\vec{0} \in S: \vec{0}^T = \vec{0} = -\vec{0}$, $0_{n \times n}$ - zero matrix

$$\text{E) } S = \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^\infty \mid (\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}) (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots) = 0 \}$$

i) $(c_1, b_1, c_2, b_2, \dots, a_i, b_i, \dots)$

$$(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}) \{ a_1, b_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_{n-1} \neq 0 \wedge a_n, b_n, a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, \dots = 0 \} \in S$$

ii) $\alpha(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots)$, where $a_i, i \neq n \neq 0$ and $a_j, j \neq n = 0$, then

$$\alpha a_j, j \neq n = 0 \Rightarrow \in S$$

H is a subspace

$$\text{F) } S = \{ u+v = (u_1+v_1, u_2+v_2, \dots), k \cdot u = (ku_1, ku_2)$$

$$\text{let } \vec{0} = \vec{0}: \vec{u} + \vec{0} = (u_1+0, u_2+0, \dots) = (u_1, u_2, \dots) = \vec{u}$$

$\vec{u} + \vec{0} + \vec{u} \not\in S$ not satisfies the property that $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$

H is not a vector space

$$\text{G) } S = \{ A_{n \times n} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^2 = A \}$$

i) $(A+B)^2 = A^2 + AB + BA + B^2 \neq A+B \Rightarrow H$ is not closed under addition

H is not a subspace

$$\text{H) } S = \{ a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 \in \mathbb{P}_3 \mid a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0 \}$$

$$i) a_0 + b_0 + a_1 x + b_1 x + a_2 x^2 + b_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + (a_3 + b_3)x^3$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 a_i b_i = 0 \Rightarrow \in S$$

$$ii) \alpha(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3) = \alpha a_0 + \alpha a_1 x + \alpha a_2 x^2 + \alpha a_3 x^3$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 \alpha a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \in S$$

$$iii) \vec{0}: a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 \in S$$

H is a subspace

$$\text{I) } S = \{ f(x) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}) \mid f(-x) = f(x) \}$$

i) $(f+g)(x)$ is even if g is even $\Rightarrow \in S$

ii) $\alpha f(x)$ is even $\Rightarrow \in S$

iii) $f(-0) = f(0) \Rightarrow \vec{0} \in S$

H is a subspace

$$\text{J) } S = \{ f(x) \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid AB = BA \text{ for some } B \}$$

i) $(A+C)B = AB + CB = BA + BC = B(A+C) \in S$

ii) $(KA)B = K(AB) = K(BA) \in S$

iii) $\vec{0} \cdot B = B \cdot \vec{0} \in S$

H is a subspace

$$\text{K) } a) \quad u = (2, 1, 4) \quad v = (1, -1, 3) \quad w = (3, 2, 5)$$

Find inverse matrix.

$$\begin{array}{|ccc|c|} \hline & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ & 4 & 3 & 5 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{-3R_1} \begin{array}{|ccc|c|} \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{-R_2} \begin{array}{|ccc|c|} \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \begin{array}{|ccc|c|} \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{-2R_2} \begin{array}{|ccc|c|} \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\vec{c} = \vec{A}^{-1} \vec{B}$$

$$\text{Q) } \begin{array}{|cc|c|} \hline & -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ & 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ & 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \\ \hline & -9 & -7 & -15 \\ \hline \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} -9 \\ -7 \\ -15 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{R) } \begin{array}{|cc|c|} \hline & -11/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ & 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ & 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \\ \hline & 6 & 11 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -11/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{S) } \begin{array}{|cc|c|} \hline & -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ & 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ & 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \\ \hline & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{T) } \begin{array}{|cc|c|} \hline & -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ & 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ & 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \\ \hline & 7 & 9 & 9 \\ \hline \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ 9 \\ 9 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1/2 & 2 & 5/2 \\ 3/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 7/2 & -1 & -3/2 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right)$$

b) Vectors span $\mathbb{R}^3 \Leftrightarrow$ matrix rank = 3

$x=0$ is the only solution for $Ax=0 \Rightarrow$ vectors are linearly independent

④ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - R_1 - R_2$ there is at least 1 free var,
so the set of vectors is linearly dependent

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - R_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2}R_2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ rank} = 3 \text{ vectors span } \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{⑤ } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix} - 2R_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - R_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ rank} = 3 \Rightarrow \text{vectors span } \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ vectors are linearly independent}$$

⑥ a) $p_1(x) = 2 + x + 4x^2$,

$p_2(x) = 1 - x + 3x^2$

$p_3(x) = 3 + 2x + 5x^2$

$P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - 2R_2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3}R_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-\frac{3}{5})$

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$\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 &$

