

**MA 102 (Mathematics II)**  
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Tutorial Sheet No. 1

Linear Algebra

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1. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove or disprove the following statements.
  - (a) The equality  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2)$  holds.
  - (b) The equality  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$  holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.
  - (c) There exist  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1, \|\mathbf{v}\| = 2$  and  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 3$ .
2. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ . What does this say about parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Further, show that  $|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \alpha \mathbf{v}$  for some scalar  $\alpha$ .
3. Express  $\mathbf{w}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , where
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
  - (b)  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .
4. True or False? Give justifications.
  - (a) If  $\hat{A}$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $i$ th column  $\mathbf{a}_i$  of  $A$  by  $2\mathbf{a}_i$  then the systems  $\hat{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are equivalent.
  - (b) If the rref of a  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $A$  has the third column as  $[1, 2, 0, 0, 0]^\top$  then  $[-1, -2, 1, 0, 0]^\top$  is a solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - (c) For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the systems  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are equivalent.
5. The *trace* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is the sum of its diagonal entries and is denoted by  $\text{tr}(A)$ , i.e.  $\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + \cdots + a_{nn}$ .  
Prove the following: if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices and  $\alpha$  is scalar, then
  1.  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ ;
  2.  $\text{tr}(\alpha A) = \alpha \text{tr}(A)$ ;
  3.  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .
6. Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are two distinct solutions of the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Prove that there are infinitely many solutions to this system. Interpret your findings geometrically.
7. Decide whether the following pairs are row-equivalent:
  - (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
  - (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
  - (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$
8. Find all the solutions of the linear system with the augmented matrix  $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$  as given below:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 5 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

(a) Find  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$  does not have a solution.

(b) By changing exactly one entry of  $A$ , find an  $\hat{A}$  such that  $\hat{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  will be consistent for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

9. Determine the reduced row echelon form and the rank of the following matrices

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are equivalent, then show that  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent.

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