

**MATH 313: LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**HOMEWORK 1**

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- (1) Write the solutions of the following linear equations as vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

(a)

$$x + y = 3.$$

(b)

$$x + 3y = 1$$

- (2) Write the solutions of the following linear equations as vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ :

(a)

$$x + y + z = 0.$$

(b)

$$x + y + z = -7.$$

- (3) Write the solutions of the following linear equations as vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ :

(a)

$$x + y + z + w = 0$$

(b)

$$x + 3y - 7z + 2w = 1$$

- (4) Compute the following linear combinations of vectors:

(a)

$$3 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 8 \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$8 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (5) In the vector space  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , let

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that every vector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^3$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_3$ .

(6) Prove that if

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $x = y = 0$ .

(7) (a) Let  $W$  be the set of solutions of the homogeneous linear equation

$$5x - 8y = 0.$$

Compute a set  $S$  of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  such that  $W$  is the set of linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ .

(b) Let  $L$  be the set of solutions of the inhomogeneous linear equation

$$5x - 8y = 1.$$

Compute a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $L = \mathbf{v} + W$ .

(8) (a) Let  $W$  be the set of solutions of the homogeneous linear equation

$$5x - 8y - 2z = 0.$$

Compute a set  $S$  of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  such that  $W$  is the set of linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ .

(b) Let  $L$  be the set of solutions of the inhomogeneous linear equation

$$5x - 8y - 2z = 3.$$

Compute a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $L = \mathbf{v} + W$ .

(9) In the vector space  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , draw the vector subspace

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2 : x + y = 0 \right\}$$

and the affine subspaces

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2 : x + y = c \right\}$$

for  $c = -2, -1, 1, 2$ .

(10) Consider the affine subspace

$$L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2 : x + y = 1 \right\}$$

Prove that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in L$$

if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = (1 - t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for some  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ .

- (11) In the vector space  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , draw the vector subspace

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2 : 5x - 2y = 0 \right\}$$

and the affine subspaces

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2 : 5x - 2y = c \right\}$$

for  $c = -2, -1, 1, 2$ .

- (12) In the vector space  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , draw the vector subspace

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^3 : x + y + z = 0 \right\}$$

and the affine subspaces

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^3 : x + y + z = c \right\}$$

for  $c = -2, -1, 1, 2$ .