

# 1 Gaussian elimination and matrices

## 1.1 Solving linear systems using elimination method

*Recall:* Common method to solve linear systems using Gaussian/Gauss-Jordan elimination:

- 1) Construct coefficient matrix and augmented matrix for the system
- 2) Using *row elementary operations* on matrices to reduce the matrix to a (the) (reduced) row-echelon form.
- 3) Using back-substitution or Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve.

*Exercises:*

1. Which of the following are linear equations in  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ ?

(a)  $x_1 + 5x_2 - \sqrt{x_3} = 1$

(c)  $\pi x_1 - \sqrt{2}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 = 7^{1/3}$

(b)  $x_1^{-2} + x_2 + 8x_3 = 5$

(d)  $x_1 - 3x_2 + \frac{\sqrt{4-\sqrt{32}}}{\sqrt{5}}x_3 = 2$

2. Determine coefficient matrix and augmented matrix for the following linear equation systems. Circle their pivot positions and determine their free variables. Using back-substitution to solve them.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 7x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 + 8x_5 &= 10 \\x_2 - 3x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 &= -5 \\x_4 - x_5 &= 4\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 &= 0 \\x_3 + x_4 &= 3 \\x_4 &= 5\end{aligned}$$

3. Given augmented matrices of linear equation systems. Determine which matrices are in row-echelon form. If it is not, please transform it to row-echelon form and use back-substitution method for solving the corresponding linear equation systems.

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(d) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Rewriting the matrix-forms into systems of equations. Then solving the systems

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

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

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Solving the following linear systems using Gaussian or Gauss-Jordan (back-substitution) elimination. Write clearly all elementary row operations you used.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 0 \\ 2x + 4y - 3z &= 1 \\ 3x + 6y - 5z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + z - 4t &= 1 \\ x + 3y + 7z + 2t &= 2 \\ x - 12y - 11z - 16t &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 2y + 2z &= 0 \\ -2x + 5y + 2z &= 1 \\ 8x + y + 4z &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} 2I_1 - I_2 + 3I_3 + 4I_4 &= 9 \\ I_1 - 2I_3 + 7I_4 &= 11 \\ 3I_1 - 3I_2 + I_3 + 5I_4 &= 8 \\ 2I_1 + I_2 + 4I_3 + 4I_4 &= 10. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - t + w &= 1 \\ 3y + z - w &= 2 \\ z + 7t &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned} 2u - v &= 0 \\ -u + 2v - w &= 0 \\ -v + 2w - z &= 0 \\ -w + 2z &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

6. For which values of  $a$  will the following system have no solutions? Exactly one solution? Infinitely

many solutions?

$$x + 2y - 3z = 4$$

$$3x - y + 5z = 2$$

$$4x + y + (a^2 - 14)z = a + 2.$$

## 1.2 Operations on matrices

*Recall:*

- 1) Essential matrices: Identity, zero matrix, symmetric matrix...
- 2) Operations: addition, scalar multiply, transposition, multiplication, inverse.
- 3) General properties: Associative, commutative, distributive

### Exercises:

7. Suppose that  $A, B, C, D, E$  are matrices of the following sizes:  $A : 4 \times 5$ ;  $B : (4 \times 5)$ ;  $C : 5 \times 2$ ;  $D : 4 \times 2$ ;  $E : 5 \times 5$ . Determine (if there exists) the size of the following matrices:

- |                |                   |                    |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| (a) $BA$ ;     | (d) $AB + B$ ;    | (g) $E^t A$ ;      |
| (b) $AC + D$ ; | (e) $2E(A + B)$ ; |                    |
| (c) $AE + B$ ; | (f) $E(AC)$ ;     | (h) $(A^t + E)D$ . |

8. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the following (where possible)

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| (a) $2B - C$ ;                        | (e) $AC$ and $CA$ ;                     |
| (b) $3D - 2E^t$ ;                     | (f) $(C^t B)A^t$ and $Tr((C^t B)A^t)$ ; |
| (c) $3D^t - 2E$ and $Tr(3D - 2E^t)$ ; | (g) $tr(DD^t)$ .                        |
| (d) $AB$ and $BA$ ;                   | (h) $D^t E^t - (ED)^t$ .                |
9. Write down the 2 by 2 matrices  $A$  and  $B$  that have entries  $a_{ij} = i + j$  and  $b_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}$ . Multiply them to find  $AB$  and  $BA$ . Is the product of  $A$  and  $B$  commutative?
10. True or false? Give a specific counterexample when false.
- (a) If columns 1 and 3 of  $B$  are the same, so are columns 1 and 3 of  $AB$ .
  - (b) If rows 1 and 3 of  $B$  are the same, so are rows 1 and 3 of  $AB$ .
  - (c) If rows 1 and 3 of  $A$  are the same, so are rows 1 and 3 of  $AB$ .
  - (d)  $(AB)^2 = A^2 B^2$ .
11. Which of the following matrices are guaranteed to equal  $(A + B)^2$

- (a)  $A^2 + 2AB + B^2$  (c)  $(A + B)(B + A)$   
 (b)  $A(A + B) + B(A + B)$  (d)  $A^2 + AB + BA + B^2$

12. By trial and error find examples of 2 by 2 matrices such that

- (a)  $A^2 = -I$ ,  $A$  having only real entries.  
 (b)  $B^2 = 0$ , although  $B \neq 0$ ;  
 (c)  $CD = -DC$ , not allowing the case  $CD = 0$ .  
 (d)  $EF = 0$ , although no entries of  $E$  or  $F$  are zero.

13. Three companies A, B and C are producing a new kind of moose food. In the beginning, the market shares are as follows: A has 40 percent, B has 20 percent and C has 40 percent. During the first year, A keeps 85% of its customers, loses 5% to B and 10% to C. B keeps 75% of its customers, loses 15% to A and 10% to C. C keeps 90% and loses 5% to A and 5% to B.

Determine a matrix showing the changes of the market shares during the first year and calculate the market shares at the end of the first year.

14. Determine  $a, b, c$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & a - 2b + 2c & 2a + b + c \\ 3 & & 5 & a + c \\ 0 & & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is symmetric.

15. Suppose  $A$  commutes with every 2 by 2 matrix (that is  $AB = BA$ ), and in particular

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Show that  $a = d$  and  $b = c = 0$ . Consequently, prove that if  $AB = BA$  for all matrices  $B$ , then  $A$  is a multiple of the identity.

16. In each part find matrices  $A, X, B$  which express the given system of linear equations as a single matrix equation  $AX = B$ . Solve those equations.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 &= 7 \\ 9x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= -1 \\ x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 & - 3x_3 + x_4 &= 7 \\ 5x_1 + x_2 & - 8x_4 &= 3 \\ 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 9x_3 - x_4 & &= 0 \\ 3x_2 & - x_3 + 7x_4 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

17. Find the powers  $A^2, A^3, B^2, B^3, C^2, C^3$ . What are  $A^k, B^k$  and  $C^k$  for a given  $k$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

### 1.3 Inverse matrix

*Recall:* For finding the inverse of a matrix, we can either

- use elementary row operations to bring  $[A|I]$  into  $[I|A^{-1}]$ , or
- use determinants and calculate adjoint matrices.

*Exercise:*

18. Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices then

- $A^t$  is invertible and  $(A^t)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^t$
- $AB$  are invertible and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

19. Use the Gauss-Jordan method to invert the following matrices then solve the equations  $Ax = b$  for  $b = (-1, 2, 7)$ .

(a)

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

(c)

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

(e)

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -4\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

(b)

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

(d)

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

(f)

$$A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{-2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \\ \frac{-4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

20. True or false (with a counterexample if false and a reason if true):

- A 4 by 4 matrix with a row of zeros is not invertible.
- If  $A$  is invertible then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible
- If  $A^t$  is invertible, then  $A$  is invertible.

21. If a matrix  $A$  has row 1 + row 2 = row 3, show that  $A$  is not invertible:

- Explain why  $Ax = (1, 0, 0)$  cannot have a solution.
- Which right-hand sides  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  might allow a solution to  $Ax = b$ ?
- What happens to row 3 in elimination?

22. Find the inverse (in any legal way) of

(a)

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

(b)

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

23. For which three numbers  $c$  is this matrix not invertible, and why not?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & c & c \\ c & c & c \\ 8 & 7 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

24. Give examples of matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that

- (a)  $A + B$  is not invertible although  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible.
- (b)  $A + B$  is invertible although  $A$  and  $B$  are not invertible.
- (c) all of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $A + B$  are invertible.
- (d) In the last case use  $A^{-1}(A + B)B^{-1} = B^{-1} + A^{-1}$  to show that  $C = B^{-1} + A^{-1}$  is also invertible and find a formula for  $C$

25. Show that  $A^2 = 0$  is possible but  $A^t A = 0$  is not possible (unless  $A =$  zero matrix).

26. If the inverse of  $A^2$  is  $B$ , show that the inverse of  $A$  is  $AB$ . Thus,  $A$  is invertible whenever  $A^2$  is invertible.

27. If  $A = A^t$  and  $B = B^t$ , which of these matrices are certainly symmetric?

- (a)  $A^2 - B^2$ ;
- (b)  $(A + B)(A - B)$ ;
- (c)  $ABA$ ;
- (d)  $ABAB$ .



## 1.4 Determinants

28. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ . Assume that  $\det(A) = 7$ , find

- (a)  $\det(3A)$ ; (d)  $\det A^t$ ;  
 (b)  $\det(2A^{-1})$ ;  
 (c)  $\det((2A)^{-1})$ ; (e)  $\det A^2$ ;

(f)  $\begin{vmatrix} a & g & d \\ b & h & e \\ c & i & f \end{vmatrix}$ .

29. Prove the identity without evaluating the determinants

- (a)  $\det \begin{bmatrix} b+c & c+a & b+a \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ ;  
 (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & a_1+b_1+c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & a_2+b_2+c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & a_3+b_3+c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1+b_1 & a_1-b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2+b_2 & a_2-b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3+b_3 & a_3-b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ;

30. Evaluate determinants by cofactor expansion along a row or column of your choice:

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} k+1 & k-1 & 7 \\ 2 & k-3 & 4 \\ 5 & k+1 & k \end{bmatrix}$  (f)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  (g)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 1 & k & k^2 \\ 1 & k & k^2 \end{bmatrix}$  (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

31. Find the inverse of the following matrices by calculating its cofactors

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 5 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

32. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Evaluate  $A^{-1}$  using its cofactors;

- (b) Evaluate  $A^{-1}$  using the elimination method.
33. Solving equations using Cramer's Rule

$$(a) \begin{cases} 7x_1 - 2x_2 &= 3 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 &= 5 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 70 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \begin{cases} 4x + 5y &= 3 \\ 11x + y + 2z &= 3 \\ x + 5y + 2z &= 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(d) \begin{cases} x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 &= -2 \\ 4x_1 - 3x_3 &= 0 \end{cases}$$

34. Let  $v = (3, 2)$  and  $w = (1, 4)$ .

- (a) Find the area of the parallelogram with edges  $v$  and  $w$ ;
- (b) Find the area of the triangle with sides  $v, w$  and  $v + w$ . Draw it.
- (c) Find the area of the triangle with sides  $v, w$  and  $w - v$ . Draw it.
- (d) The corners of a triangle are  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(3, 4)$  and  $(0, 5)$ . What is its area?

35. Knowing that the volume spanned by vectors  $\{u, v, w\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is equal to 10. What is the volume spanned by vectors

- (a)  $\{u, v, 2w\}$ ?
- (b)  $\{u, v, 2w - 3u - v\}$ ?

## 2 Vector spaces

### 2.1 Vector spaces and subspaces

36. By checking the vector space axioms, determine which sets together with the two operations (scalar and addition) defined respectively are vector spaces:
- (a) The set of all triples of real numbers  $(x, y, z)$  with the following operations  $(x, y, z) + (x', y', z') = (x + x', y + y', z + z')$  and  $k \cdot (x, y, z) = (kx, y, z)$ ;
  - (b) The set of all triples of real numbers  $(x, y, z)$  with the following operations  $(x, y, z) + (x', y', z') = (x + x', y + y', z + z')$  and  $k \cdot (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ ;
  - (c) The set of all triples of real numbers  $(x, y, z)$  with the following operations  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1 + x_2 + 1, y_1 + y_2 + 1, z_1 + z_2 + 1)$  and  $k \cdot (x, y, z) = (kx, ky, kz)$ ;
  - (d) The set of all pairs of real numbers  $(x, y)$  with the following operations  $(x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x', y + y')$  and  $k \cdot (x, y) = (2kx, 2ky)$ ;
  - (e) The set of all pairs of real numbers of the form  $(x, y)$  where  $x \geq 0$ , with the standard operations on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ;
  - (f) All 2 by 2 matrices with the matrix addition and scalar multiplication;
  - (g) The set of singular 2 by 2 matrices with the matrix addition and scalar multiplication;
  - (h) The set of non-singular 2 by 2 matrices with the matrix addition and scalar multiplication;
  - (i) All non-singular matrices 2 by 2 with the matrix scalar multiplication and the addition is the matrix multiplication.
  - (j) The set of all 2 by 2 matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix}$  with the matrix addition and scalar multiplications;
  - (k) The set of all 2 by 2 matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$  with the matrix addition and scalar multiplications;
  - (l) All one variable polynomials of degree 2 with the scalar multiplication and addition are the scalar multiplication and additions in polynomials.
37. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are actually subspaces?
- (a) The plane of vectors  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  with first component  $b_1 = 0$ .
  - (b) The plane of vectors  $b$  with  $b_1 = 1$ .
  - (c) The vectors  $b$  with  $b_2 b_3 = 0$  (this is the union of two subspaces, the plane  $b_2 = 0$  and the plane  $b_3 = 0$ ).
  - (d) All combinations of two given vectors  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(2, 0, 1)$ .
  - (e) The plane of vectors  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  that satisfy  $b_3 - b_2 + 3b_1 = 0$ .
38. Which of the followings are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$ ?
- (a) All sequences like  $(1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$  that include infinitely many zeros?

- (b) All sequences  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  with  $x_j = 0$  from some point onward?
- (c) All decreasing sequences  $x_{j+1} \leq x_j$  for each  $j$ ?
- (d) All convergent sequences?
- (e) All arithmetic progression  $x_{j+1} - x_j$  is the same for all  $j$ ?
- (f) All geometric progression  $(x_1, kx_1, k^2x_1, \dots)$  allowing all  $k$  and  $x_1$ ?

39. Given

$$W = \{(6a - b, a + b, -7a) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (b) Find a spanning set for  $W$ .

40. Given vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$v_1 = (1, -1, -2), \quad v_2 = (5, -4, -7), \quad v_3 = (-3, 1, 0), \quad v = (-4, 3, h).$$

For which value of  $h$  will  $v \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ?

41. Which of the following descriptions are correct? The solutions  $x$  of

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

form

- (a) a plane;
- (b) a line;
- (c) a point;
- (d) a subspace;
- (e) the nullspace of  $A$ ;
- (f) the column space of  $A$ .

42. Describe the smallest subspace of the 2 by 2 matrix space  $M$  that contains

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

43. Describe the null space of the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

44. For which vectors  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  is each system below consistent?

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \\ -1 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 9 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.2 Solving $Ax = 0$ and $Ax = b$

45. Using Gauss or Gauss-Jordan elimination to find the rank of each given matrix. In each case, specify which variables are free? Describe the nullspaces. Solve the complete solution of the system

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -5 & 8 & -3 \end{bmatrix};$

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

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

46. What conditions on  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$  make each system solvable? Solve for  $x$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

47. If  $Ax = b$  has two distinct solutions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , find two solutions to  $Ax = 0$ . Then find another solution to  $Ax = b$ .
48. Suppose that you know  $x_p$  (free variables of equation  $Ax = 0$ ) and all special solutions for  $Ax = b$ . Find  $x_p$  and all special solutions for these systems:

$$Ax = 2b, \quad [A \quad A] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix} = b, \quad \begin{bmatrix} A \\ A \end{bmatrix} [x] = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

49. Write all known relations among  $r, m$  and  $n$  if  $Ax = b$  has

- (a) no solution for some  $b$ ;
- (b) infinite many solutions for every  $b$ ;
- (c) exactly one solution for some  $b$ , no solution for other  $b$ .
- (d) exactly one solution for every  $b$ .

## 2.3 Linear independence, dependence, spanning, bases and dimension

50. By using the definitions, show that  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent but  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are dependent:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

51. Which of the followings are bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

- (a)  $(1, 2, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, -1)$ ?
- (b)  $(1, 1, -1), (2, 3, 4), (4, 1, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ ?
- (c)  $(1, 2, 2), (-1, 2, 1), (0, 8, 0)$ ?
- (d)  $(1, 2, 2), (-1, 2, 1), (0, 8, 6)$ ?

52. True or False

- (a) The vectors  $(1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3)$  and  $(3, 2, 1)$  are independent;
- (b) The vectors  $(1, -3, 2), (2, 1, -3), (-3, 2, 1)$  are independent;
- (c) The two vectors  $(1, 1, -1)$  and  $(-1, -1, 1)$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; Describe the subspace spanned by two these vectors. Find its dimension.
- (d) The three vectors  $(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and it forms a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ;
- (e)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is spanned by the columns of a 3 by 5 echelon matrix with 2 pivots?
- (f) All vectors with positive components forms a spanning system for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

53. Given vectors  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $v_2 = (0, 1, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $H = \{(s, s, 0) : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .
- (b) Is  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  a basis for  $H$ ?
- (c) Find a basis for  $H$ .

54. Given  $v_1 = (0, 2, -1), v_2 = (2, 2, 0), v_3 = (6, 16, -5)$ .

- (a) Is  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  linearly independent?
- (b) Find a basis for  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .

55. Find a basis for

- (a) the set of points on the line  $y = -3x$
- (b) the space of solutions of  $x - 3y + 2z = 0$

56. Given vectors  $S = \{1 + t, 1 - t, 2\}$  in  $P_1(t)$ .

- (a) Prove that  $S$  is linear dependent.
- (b) Find a basis for  $\text{span}(S)$ .



57. Let  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  be linearly independent vectors. Are the following vectors independent or dependent? If they are dependent, find a their non-zero linear combination that gives zero. Does the claims hold if the given vectors  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  are dependent.

- (a)  $v_1 = w_1 - w_2, v_2 = w_2 - w_3, v_3 = w_3 - w_1$ ;  
 (b)  $v_1 = w_1 + w_2, v_2 = w_2 + w_3, v_3 = w_3 + w_1$ .

58. Decide whether or not the following vectors are linearly independent, by solving the equation  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 + c_4v_4 = 0$ , where

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then decide also if they span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . If it not, find the largest number of independent vectors among them and find the dimension of the subspace spanned by these vectors.

59. To decide whether  $b$  is in the subspace spanned by  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$ , let  $A$  be matrix having column vectors  $w$  and try to solve the equation  $Ax = b$ . What is the result for

- (a)  $w_1 = (1, 1, 0), w_2 = (2, 2, 1), w_3 = (0, 0, 2), b = (3, 4, 5)$ ;  
 (b)  $w_1 = (1, 2, 0), w_2 = (2, 5, 0), w_3 = (0, 0, 2), w_4 = (0, 0, 0)$  and any  $b$ ?

60. For which numbers  $c$  and  $d$  do these matrices have rank 2?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

61. Find a basis for each of these subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

- (a) All vectors whose components are equal;  
 (b) All vectors whose components add to zero.  
 (c) All vectors that are perpendicular to  $(1, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, 1, 1)$ .  
 (d) The column space (in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) and null space (in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ) of  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find their dimensions.

## 2.4 Linear Transformations

**Recall:** Let  $T$  be a map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $T$  is linear transformation if  $T$  satisfies three properties:

- i)  $T(0) = 0$ ;
- ii)  $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;
- iii)  $T(cx) = cT(x)$ .

### Exercises:

62. Which of these transformations is not linear? The input is  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ . Find its matrix with respect to the standard basis  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$ ?

- (a)  $T(v) = (v_2, v_1)$ ,
- (b)  $T(v) = (v_1, v_1)$ ,
- (c)  $T(v) = (0, v_1)$ ,
- (d)  $T(v) = (0, 1)$ ,
- (e)  $T(v) = (2v_1 + v_2, v_1^2)$ .

63. Suppose a linear  $T$  transforms  $(1, 1)$  to  $(2, 2)$  and  $(2, 0)$  to  $(0, 0)$ . Find  $T(v)$  when

- (a)  $v = (2, 2)$
- (b)  $v = (3, 1)$
- (c)  $v = (-1, 1)$
- (d)  $v = (a, b)$ .

64. For these transformations of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $W = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Find  $T(T(v))$

- (a)  $T(v) = -v$ ;
- (b)  $T(v) = v + (1, 1)$ ;
- (c)  $T(v) = 90^\circ \text{ rotation} = (-v_2, v_1)$ ;

65. Find the range and kernel of  $T$ :

- (a)  $T(v_1, v_2) = (v_2, v_1)$ ;
- (b)  $T(v_1, v_2, v_3) = (v_1, v_2)$ ;
- (c)  $T(v_1, v_2) = (0, 0)$ ;
- (d)  $T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1, v_1)$ .

66. From the cubics  $\mathbb{P}_3$  to the fourth-degree polynomials  $\mathbb{P}_4$ , what matrix represents multiplication by  $2 + 3t$ ? The columns of the 5 by 4 matrix  $A$  come from applying the transformation to  $1, t, t^2, t^3$ .

67. The space of all 2 by 2 matrices has the four basis "vectors":

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the linear transformation of "*transposing*", find its matrix  $A$  with respect to this matrix. Why is  $A^2 = I$ ?

## 2.5 Reviews

**Goal:** Understand the equation  $Ax = b$ : the existence of solutions, the space of solutions (or nullspace) in case it has infinite solutions (find the dimension, the basis of the solution space); For which  $b$  the equation has a solution, the space of the vectors  $b$  such that  $Ax = b$  (or the column space) has at least one solution. Find solutions of a linear equation, the inverse matrix, the dimension, the basis...

68. Given  $A \in M_{4 \times 7}$  with  $r(A)$ . Determine  $\dim(\text{null}(A))$ ,  $\dim(\text{row}(A))$ ,  $r(A^T)$ ,  $\dim(\text{null}(A^T))$ .

69. Given  $A \in M_{6 \times 8}$  with 4 pivot columns. Find  $r(A)$ ,  $\dim(\text{null}(A))$ .

70. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $u = (3, -2, -1, 0)$  and  $v = (3, -1, 3)$ .

- Determine if  $u \in \text{null}(A)$ ? Could  $u$  be in  $\text{col}(A)$ ?
- Determine if  $v \in \text{col}(A)$ ? Could  $v$  be in  $\text{null}(A)$ ?

71. Find the basis and dimension for the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

- (a) The vectors for which  $x_1 = 2x_4$ ;
- (b) The vectors for which  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$  and  $x_3 + x_4 = 0$ ;
- (c) The subspace spanned by  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ ,  $(2, 3, 4, 5)$ ;

72. What is the echelon form  $U$  of  $A$ ? Find the dimensions of its four fundamental subspaces?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 & -7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

73. (a)  $Ax = b$  has a solution under what conditions on  $b$ , for the following  $A$  and  $b$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find a basis for the null-space of  $A$ ;
- (c) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ ;
- (d) Find the rank of  $A^T$ ;
- (e) Find the general solution to  $Ax = b$ , when a solution exists;

74. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then solve the equation  $Ax = (0, 1, 2)$ .

75. Write down the matrix representation of the following linear maps relative to the natural bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

- (a)  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_2, x_3)$ ;
- (b)  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1 + x_2 - x_3, 0, 3x_4)$ ;
- (c)  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $T(x) = 3x$ ;