

Linear Algebra - HCMUS - February 16th, 2023  
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**Question 1.** Given the solution space  $W_1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of the following linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 + 8x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $W_2$  is the subset spawned by  $\{v_1 = (1, -2, 2, 3), v_2 = (0, 1, -4, -2)\}$

- (a) Find the basis of space  $W_1$
- (b) Find the dimension of spaces:  $W_1 + W_2, W_1 \cap W_2$

**Question 2.** In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  there exists the subspace  $W$  consisting the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1 = (1, 2, 2), u_2 = (2, 3, 1)\}$ .

- (a) Let  $u = (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the condition of respectively a, b, c such that  $u \in W$ . From the evidence, calculate  $[u]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
- (b) Given  $v_1 = (2, 1, -5)$  and  $u_2 = (-4, -5, 1)$ . Show that  $\mathcal{C} = \{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis of  $W$ . Find the matrix transformation from  $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .
- (c) Find  $[u]_{\mathcal{B}}$  given that  $[u]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Question 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation identified by

$$f(x, y) = (x + y, 2x + y, 3x + 2y)$$

and  $v = (3, 1, 4)$ . Does  $v \in \text{Im}(f)$ . How come?

**Question 4.** Given  $u = (2, 1, 3)$  and linear mapping  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  comprising the matrix represented by bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1 = (1, 1, 2), u_2 = (1, 2, 0), u_3 = (1, 2, 1)\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{v_1 = (2, 1), v_2 = (1, 2)\}$

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1, 0, 1 \\ 2, 1, 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find  $[u]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
- (b) Find  $f(u)$ .

**Question 5.** Given  $u_1 = (1, 0), u_2 = (1, 1), u_3 = (1, -2), v_1 = (2, 1), v_2 = (1, 1)$  and  $v_3 = (4, 2)$ . Does there exist a linear mapping  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(u_1) = v_1, f(u_2) = v_2, f(u_3) = v_3$ ?. Justify the answer.

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**END**

## SUGGESTED ANSWER

**Question 1.**

(a) Express the linear system under the matrix form (whichever styles you prefer: parentheses or square matrices)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = t_1 - 2t_2 \\ x_2 = t_2 \\ x_3 = 2t_1 \\ x_4 = t_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \left\{ t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Check for linear independence of the subset

$$u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 = 0 \\ \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is a basis for  $W_1$  with  $\dim(W_1) = 2$

(b) Do the similar process of checking independence to the space  $W_2$ , which also brings about the only solution exists in nullspace  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$ . Let us find the dimension of intersection of subspaces. Intuitively we can observe that both bases are scalar multipliers of each other and all unique, so we conclude that  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 0$ . For rougher procedure, we might be solving manually the linear systems that would lead us towards zero solution.

$$W_1 \cap W_2 = \{v \in V \mid v \in W_1 \vee v \in W_2\}$$

1.  $W_1$ :

$$\begin{cases} x = \alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 \\ y = \alpha_2 \\ z = 2\alpha_1 \\ t = \alpha_1 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x = t - 2y \\ z = 2t \end{cases}$$

2.  $W_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} x = \alpha_1 \\ y = \alpha_2 - 2\alpha_1 \\ z = 2\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 \\ t = 3\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} z = -6x - 4 \\ t = -x - 2y \end{cases}$$

3.  $W_1$  &  $W_2$

$$\begin{cases} x = t - 2y \\ z = 2t \\ z = -6x - 4 \\ t = -x - 2y \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 2x = -4y \\ -2x - 4y = -6x - 4y \end{cases} \implies x = 0 \vee y = 0$$

$$\implies \boxed{U \cap W = \{v = (0, 0, 0, 0)\}, \quad \dim(U \cap W) = 0}$$

By properties of dimensions for finite-dimensional vector space  $W_1, W_2$

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 2 + 2 - 0 = 4$$

**Question 2.**

(a)  $u = (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3, u \in W \iff u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2$

$$(a, b, c) = \alpha_1(1, 2, 2) + \alpha_2(2, 3, 1) \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 3 & b \\ 2 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -1 & b - 2a \\ 0 & -3 & c - 2a \end{bmatrix} \implies \frac{2a - c}{3} = \frac{2a - b}{1} \iff \boxed{4a = 3b - c}$$

From the previously solved linear system, we can derive the coordinate of  $u$  vector relative to the base  $\mathcal{B}$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 = a - 2\alpha_2 \\ \alpha_2 = c - 2\alpha_1 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 2b - 3a \\ \alpha_2 = 2a - b \end{cases} \implies [u]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} (u_1)_{\mathcal{B}} \\ (u_2)_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} a + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} b$$

(b) Check if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for  $W$

$$\begin{cases} (2, 1, -5) = \alpha_1(1, 2, 2) + \alpha_2(2, 3, 1) \\ (-4, -5, 1) = \alpha_1(1, 2, 2) + \alpha_2(2, 3, 1) \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 2 \\ \alpha_2 = -3 \\ \alpha_1 = -4 \\ \alpha_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

Since both vectors can be expressed as linear combination of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $v_1$  &  $v_2$  are not scalar multipliers,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Additionally, the matrix transformation from  $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is:

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}} = ([c_1]_{\mathcal{B}} [c_2]_{\mathcal{B}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$[u]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}} [u]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 3.** By aggregating the operations between  $x$  and  $y$ , we can derive its subsets spawned from the function and verify the linear independence.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} y \implies B = \{x = (1, 2, 3), y = (1, 1, 2)\}$$

Check for independence:

$$\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 y = \vec{0} \iff \begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0 \\ 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0 \\ 3\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$$

Therefore,  $B$  is the basis for  $f \rightarrow \text{Im}(f) = \{(1, 2, 3), (1, 1, 2)\}$

$$v = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 \implies (3, 1, 4) = \alpha_1(1, 2, 3) + \alpha_2(1, 1, 2) \iff \begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 3 \\ 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1 \\ 4 = 3\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 \end{cases} \implies \boxed{\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, v \in \text{Im}(f)}$$

Any images can be expressed as linear combination of column bases.

**Question 4.** The coordinate of vector relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  is identified by the linear combination of column vectors.

$$u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = \alpha_1(1, 1, 2) + \alpha_2(1, 2, 0) + \alpha_3(1, 2, 1) \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 2 \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 1 \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 2 \\ \alpha_2 = 1 \\ \alpha_3 = -1 \end{cases} \implies [u]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The coordinate of matrix transformation from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ , which results in the function  $f(u)$  spanned by the basis  $\mathcal{C}$

$$[f(u)]_{\mathcal{C}} = [f]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}} [u]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \implies f(u) = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = (2, 1) + 5(1, 2) = (7, 11)$$

**Question 5.** Notice that a mapping exists if a vector is formed by the linear combination of two vectors. Therefore, we need to prove if the one-to-one function also yield the respective values according to initial conditions, or not yields the same linear combination of  $v_3$ .

$$u_3 = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 \implies f(u_3) = \alpha_1 f(u_1) + \alpha_2 f(u_2)$$

Find the constants of the vector  $v_3$  spanned by  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1 \\ \alpha_2 = -2 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 3 \\ \alpha_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_3) = \alpha_1 f(u_1) + \alpha_2 f(u_2) = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (v_3)$$

Hence, there doesn't exist a linear mapping  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that satisfies the conditions.

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