

Math 2135 - Assignment 5

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Problems 1-5 are review material for the first midterm on September 29. Solve them before Wednesday!

(1) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Give the solution for $Ax = b$ in parametrized vector form.

(b) Give vectors that span the null space of A .

Ans:

(a) • Row reduce augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{13}{3} & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Parametric form:

$$x_1 - \frac{4}{3}x_3 + \frac{13}{3}x_4 = -3, x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{2}{3}x_4 = 2$$

we have the two free variables $x_4 = t, x_3 = u$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ span the nullspace of A because the solution to the equation $Ax = 0$ is the same as the one in part a except there is no constant term.

(2) Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation with

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the standard matrix of T ?

Ans:

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) - 2T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

so the standard matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \\ -4 & \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

- (3) Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, x \mapsto Ax$, be a surjective linear map. Show that T is injective as well.

Ans:

- Since the function is mapping between two sets of the same size (\mathbb{R}^n) the standard matrix A will be a square $n \times n$ matrix.
- Because the function is surjective, every column must be linearly independent in order to make the range and codomain equal.
- This means that there has to be a pivot in every row.
- In a square matrix, this must mean that there is no column without a pivot, which means there are no free variables.
- Since there are no free variables, the function must be injective as well as surjective.

- (4) True or false? Explain your answer.

- (a) If $Ax = b$ is inconsistent for some vector b , then A cannot have a pivot in every column.
- (b) If vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ are linearly independent and \mathbf{v}_3 is not in the span of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, then $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ is linear independent.
- (c) The range of $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, x \mapsto Ax$, is the span of the columns of A .

Ans:

- (a) FALSE
It can if there are more rows than columns.
- (b) TRUE
If we think about it geometrically, v_3 must be in the plane spanned by the other two vectors to be a linear combination of them. Since it is not, it cannot be a linear combination of them.
- (c) TRUE
The linear map outputs linear combinations of the columns of the matrices. The span of these columns represents every possible linear combination, which is the same as the range.

- (5) (a) Give examples of square matrices A, B such that neither A nor B is 0 (the matrix with all entries 0) but $AB = 0$.
- (b) If the first two columns of a matrix B are equal, what can you say about the columns of AB ?

- (c) We can view vectors in \mathbb{R}^n as $n \times 1$ matrices. For $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ compute $\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}^T$. Interpret the results.

Ans:

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) We know that AB's first two columns will also be the same.

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$

This is just a 1×1 matrix with the element being the dot product of the two vectors.

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

This has every combination of multiplying one element of one vector with one element of the other vector, almost like a multiplication table.

- (6) Prove for $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ with $ad - bc \neq 0$ that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint: Multiply A with the given matrix and check the result.

Ans:

Multiplying the two matrices, we get

$$\frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} ad - bc & ba - ab \\ dc - cd & ad - bc \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which is the 2×2 identity matrix, showing that the matrices are inverses of each other.

- (7) Are the following invertible? Give the inverse if possible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans:

(a) $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-22} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) B is not invertible because $\frac{1}{ad-bc} = \frac{1}{-12+12} = \frac{1}{0}$

(c) C is not invertible because the first column is all zeroes. This means there is no way for element 1,1 to be 1 no matter what it is multiplied by.

(8) A **diagonal matrix** A has all entries 0 except on the diagonal, that is,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Under which conditions is A invertible and what is A^{-1} ?

Ans:

A as long as none of the elements on the diagonal are zero.

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a_{11}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{a_{22}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{a_{nn}} \end{bmatrix}.$$