

Problem 1. (20 points total). This problem has six parts in total. Consider the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (i) (1 point). Write down the associated augmented matrix for the above system.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

- (ii) (7 points). Use the reduction algorithm to solve the above system. Note: *no other method will receive credit, you must use the reduction algorithm.*

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{2r_2 + r_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}r_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{r_2 + r_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \frac{3}{2}x_3 = \frac{1}{2} \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

let  $x_3 = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + \frac{3}{2}x_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_1 + \frac{3}{2}t = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}t$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}t \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = t, t \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$



(iii) (2 points). Is the original system consistent or inconsistent?

The original system is consistent, because it does not have the form of  $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ .

(iv) (3 points). How many variables are basic and how many variables are free?

There are 2 basic variables and 1 free variables.

(v) (5 points). Set  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\mathbf{b}$  a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$  and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ ? If not, explain. If yes, write  $\mathbf{b}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$  and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ .

WTS: if  $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $c_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{a}_3$  is consistent, which means  $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is consistent.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim$$

which is equivalent to show if the original system is consistent.

According to question iii,  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ .

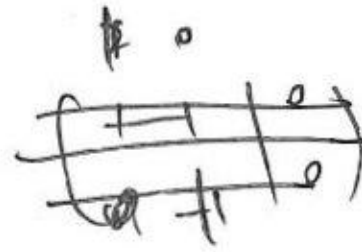
$$\text{let } t=0, \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(vi) (2 points). Is  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ ? Why or why not?

WTS: if  $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\mathbf{b} = c_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{a}_3$

according to question v.  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$





Problem 2. (10 points). Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(i) (5 points). Does  $c_1\mathbf{u} + c_2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  have a unique solution? Justify your answer.

~~WTS if~~  $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$  ~~is con~~

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2r_1+r_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}r_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \therefore c_1\mathbf{u} + c_2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  have a unique solution.

(ii) (5 points). For which  $h, k \in \mathbb{R}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ ? Justify your answer.

~~WTS~~  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} c_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} c_2 = \begin{pmatrix} h \\ k \end{pmatrix} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  is consistent.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & | & h \\ -1 & 1 & | & k \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2r_2+r_1 \\ -r_2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & | & 2k+h \\ 1 & -1 & | & -k \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & -k \\ 0 & 4 & | & 2k+h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & -k \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{2k+h}{4} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & \frac{h-2k}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{2k+h}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

it is always consistent

so  $\forall h, k \in \mathbb{R}, \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$



Problem 3. (12 points). Let  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal.

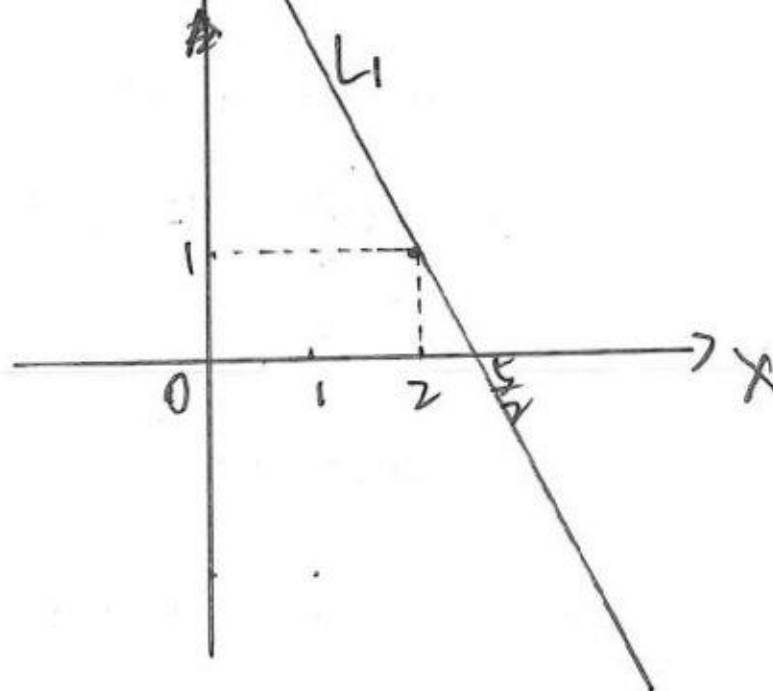
Proof:  ~~$\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| \geq \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|$~~   $\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| \geq \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|$   
 $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| > 0, \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| > 0$   
 so  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq (\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|)^2$   
 $= \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{w}\|$   
 when  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} \neq 0$ :  
 $\geq \|\mathbf{v}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{w}\| \geq 0$   
 so,  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$   
 so,  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0, \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{w}$   
 so,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal



Problem 4. (12 points total). This problem has 3 parts total. Consider two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by the parametric descriptions

$$L_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- (a) (3 points). Draw  $L_1$ . To receive full credit you must **clearly mark and label your axes** and draw a clear, accurate picture.



- (b) (3 points). Write down an equation of *any* line which intersects  $L_1$  at a right angle.

$$L = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let  $L$  intersects  $L_1$  at a right angle,

$$L = \left\{ C + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, C \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ans}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$





(c) (6 points). Do  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect? If so, find the point of intersection.

$$L_1: y = -2x + 5$$

~~$L_1$  is parallel to~~

$L_1$  has the same direction as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

also,  $L_1$  passes through the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$L_1: y = -2x + 5$$

Similarly,  $L_2$  has the same direction as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and

$L_2$  passes through the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$L_2: y = 2x - 6$$

$$2x - 6 = -2x + 5$$

$$4x = 11$$

$$x = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$y = 2x - 6 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

So, the point of intersection is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$



Problem 5. (21 points total, 3 points each) For the following questions, answer using the word "True" or the word "False". You **don't need to justify your answer** to receive full credit. There's no partial credit.

- (a) True/False: If  $A$  is of size  $n \times (n+1)$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  then  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is solvable.

True

- (b) True/False: A linear system with two basic variables cannot be consistent.

False

- (c) True/False: Pivot columns cannot correspond to free variables.

True

- (d) True/False: If  $\mathbf{u} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  then  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ .

True

- (e) True/False: If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .

$$|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq (\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|)$$

True

- (f) True/False: If  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  are nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{v}$ .

False

- (g) True/False: If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

True

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