

MATH 323 - Homework 5

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Problem 4.1.6.

Proof. Let I be the $n \times n$ identity matrix. Both I and $-I$ are invertible, but $I + (-I) = \mathbf{0}$, which is not invertible. Since the zero vector is not invertible, the set of $n \times n$ invertible matrices is not a vector space. \square

Problem 4.2.5.

Setting $a = b = c = 0$, we see that $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{V}$. Thus \mathcal{V} is nonempty.

Let $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1 - 3b_1 \\ a_1 - 5c_1 \\ a_1 \\ 4c_1 - b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_2 - 3b_2 \\ a_2 - 5c_2 \\ a_2 \\ 4c_2 - b_2 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$. Then

$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1 - 3b_1 \\ a_1 - 5c_1 \\ a_1 \\ 4c_1 - b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2a_2 - 3b_2 \\ a_2 - 5c_2 \\ a_2 \\ 4c_2 - b_2 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1 - 3b_1 + 2a_2 - 3b_2 \\ a_1 - 5c_1 + a_2 - 5c_2 \\ a_1 + a_2 \\ 4c_1 - b_1 + 4c_2 - b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(a_1 + a_2) - 3(b_1 + b_2) \\ (a_1 + a_2) - (5c_1 + c_2) \\ a_1 + a_2 \\ 4(c_1 + c_2) - (b_1 + b_2) \\ c_1 + c_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5,$$

since $a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\alpha \mathbf{x}_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1 - 3b_1 \\ a_1 - 5c_1 \\ a_1 \\ 4c_1 - b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(2a_1 - 3b_1) \\ \alpha(a_1 - 5c_1) \\ \alpha(a_1) \\ \alpha(4c_1 - b_1) \\ \alpha(c_1) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$$

Since \mathbf{x} is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication, \mathbf{x} is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 .

Problem 4.2.18.

Proof. Since \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 are subspaces, then $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{W}_1$ and $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{W}_2$. Thus $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$.

Suppose that $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$. Then \mathbf{x} is in both \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 , and \mathbf{y} is in both \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 . Since \mathcal{W}_1 is a subspace of \mathcal{V} , then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{W}_1$. Similarly, since \mathcal{W}_2 is a subspace of \mathcal{V} , then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{W}_2$. Thus $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$.

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Since \mathbf{x} is in both \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 , and \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 are subspaces of \mathcal{V} , then both \mathcal{W}_1 and \mathcal{W}_2 are closed under scalar multiplication. Thus $\alpha \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}_1$ and $\alpha \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}_2$, which implies that $\alpha \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$.

Therefore $\mathcal{W}_1 \cap \mathcal{W}_2$ is a subspace of \mathcal{V} . \square

Problem 4.3.6.

Proof. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & 8 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$. Using Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & 8 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $\text{rank}(A) = 3$, S spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

□

Problem 4.3.16.

Proof. $\text{span}(S_1) \subseteq \text{span}(S_2)$, since $a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n = (-a_1)(-\mathbf{v}_1) + \cdots + (-a_n)(-\mathbf{v}_n)$, and $\text{span}(S_2) \subseteq \text{span}(S_1)$, since $a_1(-\mathbf{v}_1) + \cdots + a_n(-\mathbf{v}_n) = (-a_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + (-a_n)\mathbf{v}_n$. Thus $\text{span}(S_1) = \text{span}(S_2)$. □