

# Linear Algebra A

## Problem Set 1

Collaborators: None

Sources consulted: Lecture Note #1

### PROBLEM 1

$$(1) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

"for every  $x$  that is a real number,  $x$  is a real number."

Statement is TRUE as the two statements inside are the same.

$$(2) \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, y \notin \mathbb{R}$$

"there exists a real number  $y$ , where  $y$  is not a real number"

Statement is FALSE as the two statements contradict each other.

$$(3) \forall z \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{Q}$$

"for every real number  $z$ ,  $z$  is also a rational number."

Statement is FALSE as not every real number is rational. For example,  $\pi$  is a real number but isn't rational.

$$(4) \exists w \in \mathbb{Q}, 2w+1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

"there exists a rational number  $w$ , where  $2w+1$  is an integer"

Statement is TRUE as for example, if  $w = \frac{1}{2}$ , which is rational, then  $2(\frac{1}{2}) + 1 = 2$  which is an integer.

$$(5) \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \cdot x = 0 \cdot y$$

"For an ordered pair of real numbers  $(x, y)$ ,  $0 \cdot x$  is equivalent to  $0 \cdot y$ "

This statement is TRUE as any number multiplied by 0 is 0.

$$(6) \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x + y = 0$$

"For an ordered pair of real numbers  $(x, y)$ ,  $x + y$  is 0."

This statement is TRUE as long as  $x$  and  $y$  are additive inverses ( $x = -y$ ) so e.g.  $(2, -2)$ ,  $(\pi, -\pi)$ , etc.

## Problem 2

$$\textcircled{1} \quad a_1 \quad a_2 \quad 3 \quad a_3 + 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2 \quad 7 \quad a_4 - 1 \quad a_1 + a_2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad a_1 + a_2 \quad a_3 + a_4$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad a_3 + a_4 + a_5 \quad a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + 6$$

From this information,

$$\boxed{a_1 = 2}$$

$$\boxed{a_2 = 7}$$

$$a_3 + 1 = a_1 + a_2 = 2 + 7 = 9 \rightarrow a_3 + 1 = 9 \therefore \boxed{a_3 = 8}$$

$$a_4 - 1 = 3 \rightarrow \boxed{a_4 = 4}$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4 + a_5 \rightarrow 2 + 7 = 8 + 4 + a_5$$

$$9 = 12 + a_5 \rightarrow \boxed{a_5 = -3}$$

$$a_3 + a_4 = a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + 6 \rightarrow 8 + 4 = 4 - 3 + a_6 + 6$$

$$12 = 7 + a_6 \rightarrow \boxed{a_6 = 5}$$

$$(a) a_1x + y - z = a_1 + a_2$$

$$\rightarrow 2x + y - z = 9$$

$$(b) -x + a_2y = a_2 - a_4 + a_5$$

$$\rightarrow -x + 7y = 7 - 4 + (-3) = 0$$

$$(c) a_3y - 2z = -a_1 + a_2 - a_6$$

$$\rightarrow 8y - 2z = -2 + 7 - 5 = 0$$

$$(d) x + a_4z = a_2 - a_3 + a_4 + a_5$$

$$\rightarrow x + 4z = 7 - 8 + 4 - 3 = 0$$

Therefore, 3 of these linear equations are homogeneous.

### Problem 3

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = -1, \\ 6y + 5z = 11, \\ 4x + 5z = 9; \end{cases}$$

(a)  $(1, 1, 1)$

$$2(1) - 3(1) = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$6(1) + 5(1) = 11 \quad \checkmark$$

$$4(1) + 5(1) = 9 \quad \text{so it is a solution}$$

(b)  $(4, 3, 2)$

$$2(4) - 3(3) = 8 - 9 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$6(3) + 5(2) = 18 + 10 = 28 \quad \times$$

$$4(4) + 5(2) = 16 + 10 = 26 \quad \times \quad \text{so it is not a solution}$$

(c)  $(10, 7, -3)$

$$2(10) - 3(7) = 20 - 21 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$6(7) + 5(-3) = 42 + 15 = -10 \quad \times$$

$$4(10) + 5(-3) = 40 - 15 = -15 \quad \times \quad \text{so it is not a solution}$$

(d)  $(-4, t, 5)$  is a solution

$$\hookrightarrow 2(-4) - 3t = -1 \rightarrow -8 - 3t = -1$$

$$\therefore -7 - 3t = 0$$

$$3t = -7 \quad \therefore t = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{double check: } 6t + 5(5) = 11 \rightarrow 6t + 25 = 11$$

$$6t = 11 - 25 = -14$$

$$t = -\frac{14}{6} = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{t = -\frac{7}{3}}$$

## Problem 4

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} = -1 \\ -6x - 4y = 12 \end{cases}$$

(a)  $(0, -3)$

$$\frac{0}{2} + \frac{-3}{3} = 0 - 1 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-6(0) - 4(-3) = 0 - (-12) = 12 \quad \checkmark \quad \therefore \text{is a solution}$$

(b)  $(-2, 0)$

$$\frac{-2}{2} + \frac{0}{3} = -1 + 0 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-6(-2) - 4(0) = 12 - 0 = 12 \quad \checkmark \quad \therefore \text{is a solution}$$

(c) Judging from how there are two solutions, we can assume that there are infinite sets of solutions for this linear system.

## Problem 5

$$\begin{cases} -x+y+z = 6 \\ x-y+z = 4 \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $(t, t, t)$  is a solution

$$\cancel{-t+t+t} = 6 \rightarrow t=6$$

$$\cancel{t+t} = 4 \rightarrow t=4$$

Two different values of  $t$ , therefore there are no real numbers that satisfy the linear system.

(b)  $(t-1, t, t+1)$

$$-(t-1) + t + (t+1) = 6$$

$$\cancel{-t+1} \cancel{+t+t+1} = 6 \rightarrow t+2=6, t=4$$

$$(t-1) - t + t+1 = 4$$

$$\cancel{t-1} \cancel{+t+t+1} = 4 \rightarrow t=4$$

Therefore, since  $t=4$ , the solution set will be  $(3, 4, 5)$

So 4 is the only applicable real number.

(c)  $(t, t+1, 5)$

$$\cancel{-t+t+1+5} = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

$$t - (t+1) + 5 = 4$$

$$\cancel{t-t-1+5} = 4$$

$$4 = 4$$

cancel out

This means that every real number is an appropriate solution for this triple.

$(t \in \mathbb{R})$