

## Week 3 Worksheet

*Term:* **Spring 2020***Name:***Problem 1: Conceptual Checks**

For each of the following statements, determine if they are **TRUE** or **FALSE**. If they are **FALSE**, try to come up with a counterexample; if they are **TRUE**, give a brief explanation.

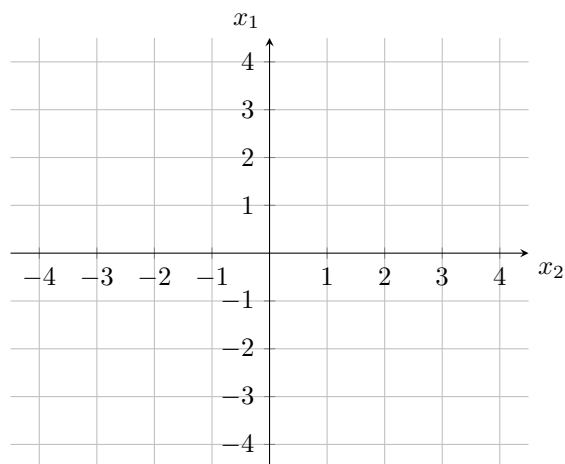
1. If the augmented matrix of the linear system represented by  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a pivot in the last column, then the matrix vector equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no solution.

2. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that the matrix vector equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution ( $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ), then the matrix vector equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent for every vector  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

3. If the matrix vector equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is true only when  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , then the matrix  $A$  has an inverse ( $A$  is invertible).

4. A matrix  $A$  is called *symmetric* if it is equal to its transpose:  $A = A^T$ . If  $A$  is an invertible and *symmetric* matrix,  $A^{-1}$  must also be *symmetric*.

## Problem 2: Range Intuition



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Draw the space on the figure above that is represented by the span of all the column vectors in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Also draw the space covered by the span of all the row vectors in  $\mathbf{A}$ . What dimension are these spaces?

2. Consider some arbitrary vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write out the product  $\mathbf{A}\vec{v}$  in terms of  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

3. We have talked about how matrices like  $\mathbf{A}$  have no inverse. Give a geometric explanation for why this is the case.

4. Consider all points  $\vec{y}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\vec{y} = 0$ . Draw the space that the  $\vec{y}$ 's will make up. What do you notice geometrically? What is the dimension of this space?

**Problem 3: More on Linear Transformation**

1. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  that transforms a vector  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a-b \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that  $a, b$  can take on any values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . In other words,  $\mathbf{S}\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ . Is this transformation linear?

2. What is the matrix  $\mathbf{S}$ ? Is the matrix invertible? Is the transformation invertible?

3. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  that transforms a vector  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b-c \\ a-b-c \\ a-b+c \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that  $a, b, c$  can take on any values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . In other words,  $\mathbf{S}\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ . Is this transformation linear?

4. Write out the matrix **S** from part 3. Is it invertible? Combining with what you saw in the previous part, what can you say about the relationship between whether a matrix is invertible and whether the matrix transformation is a linear transformation?

**Problem 4: Subsets v.s. Subspaces**

**Learning Goal:** Prereqs: What are vector spaces and subspaces?

Description: Explains how to read set notation, tries to make students really realize that the notation means a set of vectors, and that a subspace is also a set of vectors. And what a subspace intuitively means.

1. Consider the set  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R} : a_1 + 2a_2 - 3a_3 = 0 \right\}$ . Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  an element of the set  $W$ ?

2. Write any 3 elements from this set.

3. Is the set  $W$  a subspace?

4. How can we now quickly find more elements of this set?

5. Consider the set  $X = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R} : a_1 * a_2 * a_3 = 0 \right\}$ . Is  $X$ ? is subspace?

**Problem 5: Null Spaces and Transformations**

Assume that the vector  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ . For each of the following matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , answer the following:

- Compute the matrix product  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x}$ . Explain in words how the matrix transforms the vector.
- Suppose you know that  $A$  transforms  $\vec{x}$  to give  $\vec{y}$ . Given  $\vec{y}$ , can you find what the original vector  $\vec{x}$  was?
- Is the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  invertible? How do you know? If it is invertible, find the inverse.
- Verify that (dimension of nullspace) + (dimension of column space) = # of columns.

(a).  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b).  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c).  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d).  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$