

# Week 3 Worksheet Solutions

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## 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.

**Solution:** TRUE. A pivot in the last column of an augmented matrix is equivalent to having a row of the following form  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ | \ b]$ , where  $b \neq 0$ . In this case, there is no possible solution that would make the equivalent equation for this row hold.

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  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:** TRUE. If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , then it implies that the dimension of the null space in  $A$  must be 0 (or equivalently,  $A$  can be reduced to a row echelon form such that there is a pivot in every column). In this case, the column vectors in  $A$  must span all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and consequently, 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).

**Solution:** FALSE.  $A$  must also be a square matrix. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix has only  $\vec{0}$  as the solution to

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

; however, since it is not square, we cannot find an inverse for it.

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*.

**Solution:** TRUE. We want to show that  $A^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}$ . Hence,  $A^{-1}$  is also *symmetric*.

**Note:** To show why  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$ , consider:

$$A^T(A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1}A)^T = I^T = I$$

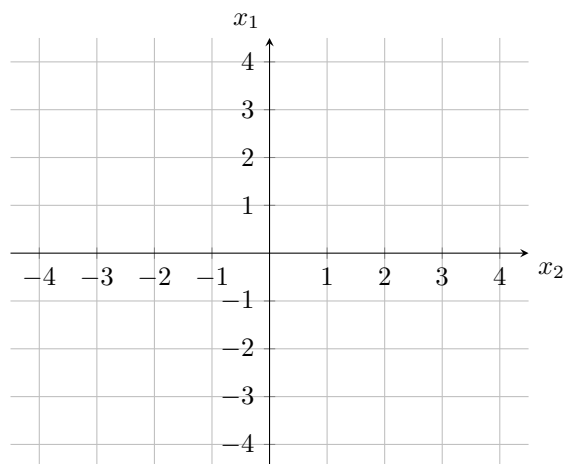
$$A^T(A^T)^{-1} = I$$

Hence,

$$A^T(A^{-1})^T = A^T(A^T)^{-1}, A^T((A^{-1})^T - (A^T)^{-1}) = 0$$

Since  $A^T$  can be any matrix, it must be true that  $(A^{-1})^T - (A^T)^{-1} = 0 \implies (A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$

## 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?

**Solution:** The 1 dimensional space for the column space is a line on the  $x_2 = x_1$  axis (so a diagonal line that goes perfectly northeast, intersecting the origin along the way). The 1 dimensional space for the row space is the line  $x_2 = 2x_1$

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  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v} = v_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

**Solution:** If we are given some point on the line for the colspace from part (a), we do not know where it came from. For example, if you gave the point given by  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x}$ , you have no way of knowing that it came from  $\vec{x}$ . For example,  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T$  also works.

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?

**Solution:** This line should be a straight line that is perpendicular to the line for the row space from part (a). It is a space of dimension 1

## 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?

**Solution:** To prove whether a transformation is linear, we must check whether it preserves scalar multiplication, addition and the zero vector.

**Scalar multiplication**

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Is  $\mathbf{S}(\alpha\vec{x}) = \alpha\vec{y}$ ?

$$\mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha a \\ \alpha b \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a-b \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Try it!}$$

**Addition**

Is  $\mathbf{S}(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_1 + \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_2$ ?

Let  $\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_1 + \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_2$ . Try it out!

**Zero vector**

Is  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ ? Yes.

This proves that  $\mathbf{S}$  is indeed a linear transformation.

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

**Solution:** The matrix  $\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We can see that the matrix is invertible as all rows and columns are linearly independent. It means we can uniquely recover the input (initial) vector by multiplying the inverse of the matrix with the output (transformed) vector. Try doing it yourself!

This problem reduced to whether we can uniquely identify  $a$  and  $b$  given the values of  $a+b$  and  $a-b$ . (Yes, we can!)

Since we can uniquely recover our input vector by using the inverse of the matrix, there exists a one-to-one mapping between all possible input and output vectors. Hence, this linear transformation is 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?

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**Scalar multiplication**

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**Addition**

Is  $\mathbf{S}(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_1 + \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_2$ ?

Let  $\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_1 + \mathbf{S}\vec{x}_2$ . Try it out!

**Zero vector**

Is  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ ? Yes.

This proves that  $\mathbf{S}$  is indeed a linear transformation.

4. Write out the matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  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?

**Solution:**  $\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This matrix is not invertible, but it was still linear! What does this tell us?

There is no definitive relationship between invertibility and linear transformation! One does not lead to the other.

**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  $W$ ?

**Solution:** The way set notation works is that for an element to be a part of the set,  $a_1 + 2a_2 - 3a_3$  must be satisfied. We can plug in numbers for  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  from the vector and see if the equation is satisfied.  $1 + 4 - 9 \neq 0$ , so this element is not a member of the set.

2. Write any 3 elements from this set.

**Solution:** There are many possibilities. For instance, we could set the values of  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  to be 0 and then see what value of  $a_1$  works.  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the set.

Another element can be obtained by setting the values of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  to be 1, and then we get  $1 + 2 - 3a_3 = 0$ , or  $a_3 = 1$ . Therefore  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is also in the set.

Another element can be obtained by setting the values of  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_3 = 2$  and then we get  $3 + 2a_2 - 6 = 0 \implies a_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ . Therefore  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the set too.

3. Is the set  $W$  a subspace?

**Solution:** **Step 1: Claim that  $W$  is a subset of, say,  $X$ .**

$W$  is clearly a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . This can be seen because the elements of  $W$  contain 3 elements, but  $W$  is not equal to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  since some elements from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not in  $W$ .

**Step 2: Claim that  $X$  is a vector space**

$\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space that we have seen in lecture.

**Step 3: If  $X$  is a known vector space, and  $W$  is a subset of  $X$ , only 3 axioms must be proven.**

**a: Prove closure under addition**

Consider two arbitrary elements from the set  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since these elements are a part of the set, it is true that  $b_1 + 2b_2 - 3b_3 = 0$  and that  $c_1 + 2c_2 - 3c_3 = 0$ .

Consider the sum of these elements.  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 + c_1 \\ b_2 + c_2 \\ b_3 + c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this element a part of the set too? In other words, is  $(b_1 + c_1) + 2(b_2 + c_2) - 3(b_3 + c_3) = 0$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} & (b_1 + c_1) + 2(b_2 + c_2) - 3(b_3 + c_3) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \\ \implies & (b_1 + 2b_2 - 3b_3) + (c_1 + 2c_2 - 3c_3) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the left hand side equals the right hand side. Therefore,

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

. Thus, the element  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 + c_1 \\ b_2 + c_2 \\ b_3 + c_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a part of the set and we have proven closure under addition.

**b: Prove closure under scalar multiplication**

Consider an arbitrary element from the set  $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . This means that  $d_1 + 2d_2 - 3d_3 = 0$  is true.

Consider some scalar  $s$ . Is  $s \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix}$  in the set  $W$ ? I.e., is  $\begin{bmatrix} sd_1 \\ sd_2 \\ sd_3 \end{bmatrix}$  in the set  $W$ ? I.e. is  $sd_1 + 2sd_2 - 3sd_3 = 0$ ?

$$sd_1 + 2sd_2 - 3sd_3 \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$$\implies s \cdot (d_1 + 2d_2 - 3d_3) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

Indeed the left hand side of the equation equals the right hand side, i.e.,

$$s \cdot 0 = 0$$

Therefore,  $\begin{bmatrix} sd_1 \\ sd_2 \\ sd_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the set  $W$  and the set  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

**c: Prove existence of 0 element**

We need to check whether  $\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  exists in the set. This is easy to check because we just need to check whether  $0 + 2 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 0 = 0$ , which it is. So the 0 element exists in the set.

Therefore, the set  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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

**Solution:** Since we know the set is closed under scalar multiplication and under addition, we can easily find more elements. Previously, we found  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to be an element. Now we know that any multiple of this is in the set too!

We also found that  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  was in the set. Now we can add the 2 elements we found, and  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ \frac{5}{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is also in the set. In fact, any  $s\vec{v}_1 + r\vec{v}_2$ , where  $s, r \in \mathbb{R}$  are in the 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  $X$  a subspace?

**Solution:** We can quickly see that this set would have a zero vector.

This set also satisfies the scalar multiplication property; if  $a_1 * a_2 * a_3 = 0$ , one of the elements of the vector has to be zero and scaling the vector will not change that.

However, this set is not closed under addition. We can verify this:

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to the set as  $1 * 1 * 0 = 0$ .

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  also belongs to the set as  $0 * 0 * 1 = 0$ .

However, the sum of the two vectors,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  doesn't belong to the set as  $1 * 1 * 1 = 1$ .

Hence, set X is not a 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).  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

- $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . We can see that this matrix keeps  $x_0$  and turns  $x_1$  to 0. In other words, the matrix **projects** the vector  $\vec{x}$  to the  $x$ -axis.
- No. We can figure out  $x_0$ , since the value does not change, but the transformation converts all the  $x_1$  values to 0. Given 0 as an output,  $x_1$  could have been any value, so we cannot determine the original vector  $\vec{x}$ . As a rule of thumb, if there isn't a one-to-one mapping of inputs to outputs for the elements of  $\vec{x}$ , we cannot find the original vector after the transformation.
- No,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not invertible, since the columns are linearly dependent, or there is no way to turn it into an upper triangular matrix using Gaussian elimination. Intuitively, we cannot retrieve a vector to its original state after applying the matrix, and therefore we cannot "invert" the operation.
- The dimension of the nullspace is 1, or the number of elements that cannot be retrieved after the matrix transformation. The column space is dimension 1, since there is only one pivot in the matrix. Adding both together, we get  $1 + 1 = 2$ , which is equal to  $\min(2, 2) = 2$ .

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

**Solution:**

- $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 + x_1 \\ x_0 + x_1 \end{bmatrix}$  The first and second entries of the resulting vector have the same value;  $x_0 = x_1$ . We can consider the first entry to be equivalent to "x" and the second to "y", Hence, it is a projection onto  $y = x$ . Note that the constants are  $\frac{1}{2}$  so that the  $x$  vector is not scaled.
- No, we cannot retrieve the original values because when we write out the equations represented by the transformation, the two equations that are the same (linearly dependent), so we only have one equation to work with. This is not enough information to retrieve the original information; we are trying to solve for two variables with one equation.
- No; this goes hand-in-hand with the whether or not we can retrieve the original values; the matrix has linearly dependent columns so we cannot invert it. We also know that we cannot invert matrices with determinant equal to 0, and it is clear that this transformation matrix has determinant 0.
- The column space of the matrix is 1 since we retrieved one linearly independent equation from earlier. To calculate the nullspace, we first row reduce the matrix, giving us  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then we solve for  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . This gives us the equation  $x_0 + x_1 = 0$ . Solving this equation, we get  $x_0 = -x_1$ , so the nullspace is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



Hence, we have one vector in the column space and one vector in the nullspace;  $1 + 1 = 2$ , the rank of the original transformation, so everything is accounted for.

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

**Solution:**

- $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 - x_1 \\ x_0 + x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ . However, this does not offer us much insight into what the matrix actually **does**. For that, we notice that this is actually the rotation matrix corresponding to an angle of  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ . So, we can interpret this matrix as being a transformation that takes a vector and shifts it counterclockwise by  $45^\circ$ .
- Yes. We know that  $x_0 - x_1 = 2$  and  $x_0 + x_1 = 0$ . Solving these, we get  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This makes sense, since we can think of the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as being a 45-degree-rotated version of the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Yes, the matrix is invertible. We know this because the columns are linearly independent (replace row 2 with row 2 - row 1 to get an upper triangular matrix). This also makes sense intuitively, because we know that we can reverse a rotation by applying its inverse rotation (a clockwise rotation by 45 degrees). So, in this case, the inverse matrix will be  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos -\frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin -\frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin -\frac{\pi}{4} & \cos -\frac{\pi}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ . You can verify that  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Because this matrix is invertible, it has a nullspace of dimension 0. And since it is full rank (rows are lin. ind.), its column space has dimension 2. Their sum is equal to  $\min(2, 2) = 2$ . Thus the equation is verified.

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

**Solution:**

- $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 2x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This is a diagonal matrix, and performs component-wise scaling. We can interpret this as a transformation that scales the first component by 1, and the second component by 2.
- Yes. We know that  $x_0 = 2$  and  $2x_1 = 4$ . Solving these, we get  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . This makes sense, because the components are getting scaled by 1 and 2 respectively.
- Yes, the matrix is invertible. We know this because the columns are linearly independent (the matrix is already in upper triangular form). We also know that all diagonal matrices with nonzero entries are invertible. This also makes sense intuitively, because we know that we can reverse each component's scaling by applying its inverse scaling. So, in this case, the inverse matrix will be  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ . You can verify that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
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