We are nearly experts at typing by now. Though you are not required to type your homework, it's strongly encouraged. You can even download the tex file for this homework and type your answers below each problem. Using the \begin{quote} and \end{quote} environment will indent anything you type inbetween. Perfect for typing answers!

- 1. Let A and B be $n \times n$ invertible matrices and let X = AB. Does $X^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$ or does $X^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ or neither? Explain.
- 2. For each of the following sets, determine whether or not it is a subspace. Explain your answer.

(a)
$$A = \left\{ \vec{x} : \vec{x} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

- (b) $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ is the plane with normal vector $\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ passing through the point $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (c) $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ is the x-axis.

(d)
$$D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$
 is the plane given in vector form as $\vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(e)
$$E = \{(x, y) : y = 3x + 4\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$
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(f)
$$F = \operatorname{span}\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$
 where $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(g)
$$G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$$
 is the set of all solutions to the matrix equation
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(h)
$$H = \{(x, y) : xy = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$
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- 3. For every set in problem 1 that is a vector space, find a basis.
- 4. For every set in problem 1 that is a vector space, find its dimension.
- 5. Let \mathcal{P} be the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 given in vector form by $\vec{x} = t\vec{d_1} + s\vec{d_2} + \vec{p}$ for unknown vectors $\vec{d_1}, \vec{d_2}, \vec{p}$.
 - (a) Show that \mathcal{P} is a subspace if and only if $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$. That is, show that if $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$, then \mathcal{P} is a subspace, and if $\vec{p} \neq \vec{0}$, then \mathcal{P} is not a subspace.
 - (b) Suppose that $\vec{d_1}$ and $\vec{d_2}$ were accidentally chosen to be linearly dependent. Is it still the case that \mathcal{P} is a subspace exactly when $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$, or is the outcome different now?

6. Let
$$\mathcal{V}$$
 be the subspace spanned by $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Find a basis for \mathcal{V} and call your basis vectors \vec{b}_1 , \vec{b}_2 , etc.
- (b) Describe \mathcal{V} geometrically.
- (c) Let $V = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \vec{v}_3 | \vec{v}_4 | \vec{v}_5]$ be the matrix whose columns are the vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4, \vec{v}_5$, let $B = [\vec{b}_1 | \vec{b}_2 | \cdots]$ be the matrix whose columns are your basis vectors from part (a), and let $\vec{v} \in \mathcal{V}$.

Without computing, how many solutions does the equation $V\vec{x} = \vec{v}$ have? How about $B\vec{x} = \vec{v}$?

7. Suppose A is an invertible matrix and $\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2, \dots, \vec{c}_n$ are its columns. Is $\{\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2, \dots, \vec{c}_n\}$ a basis? If so, what is it a basis of? Explain.