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Assignment: Section 4.2 Homework

1. Determine if $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in Nul A, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & 13 \\ -7 & 5 & -25 \end{bmatrix}$.

Is \mathbf{w} in Nul A? Select the correct choice below and fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

(Simplify your answer.)

- ☒ A. Yes, because $A\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ B. No, because $A\mathbf{w} =$ _____

2. Find an explicit description of Nul A by listing vectors that span the null space.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A spanning set for Nul A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

3. Find an explicit description of Nul A by listing vectors that span the null space.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A spanning set for Nul A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

4. Either use an appropriate theorem to show that the given set, W , is a vector space, or find a specific example to the contrary.

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} p - 2q = -s \\ 3p = -s + r \end{array} \right\}$$

Rewrite the system of equations in the form $A\mathbf{x} = 0$.

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What does the given set represent?

- ☐ A. The set of solutions to one of the homogeneous equations.
- ☒ B. The set of all solutions to the homogeneous system of equations.
- ☐ C. The set represents the values which are not solutions.

Therefore, the set $W = \text{Nul } A$.

The null space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Equivalently, the set of all solutions to a system $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ of m homogeneous linear equations in n unknowns is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Which of the following is a true statement?

- ☐ A. The proof is complete since W is a subspace of \mathbb{R} . The given set W must be a vector space because a subspace itself is a vector space.
- ☒ B. The proof is complete since W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 . The given set W must be a vector space because a subspace itself is a vector space.
- ☐ C. The proof is complete since W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . The given set W must be a vector space because a subspace itself is a vector space.
- ☐ D. The proof is complete since W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 . The given set W must be a vector space because a subspace itself is a vector space.

5. Either use an appropriate theorem to show that the given set, W , is a vector space, or find a specific example to the contrary.

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s - 2t \\ 3 + 2s \\ 3s + t \\ 3s \end{bmatrix} : s, t \text{ real} \right\}$$

The set W is a subset of \mathbb{R}^4 . If W were a vector space, what else would be true about it?

- ☒ **A.** The set W would be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .
- ☐ **B.** The set W would be the null space of \mathbb{R}^2 .
- ☐ **C.** The set W would be the null space of \mathbb{R}^4 .
- ☐ **D.** The set W would be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Determine whether the zero vector is in W . Find values for t and s such that $\begin{bmatrix} s - 2t \\ 3 + 2s \\ 3s + t \\ 3s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Select the correct choice

below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

- ☐ **A.** The zero vector is in W . The vector equation is satisfied when $t =$ _____ and $s =$ _____.
- ☒ **B.** The zero vector is not in W . There is no t and s such that the vector equation is satisfied.

Which of the following is a true statement?

- ☐ **A.** Since the zero vector is not in W , W is not the null space of \mathbb{R}^2 . Thus W is not a vector space.
- ☐ **B.** Since the zero vector is in W , W is the null space of \mathbb{R}^4 . Thus W is a vector space.
- ☒ **C.** Since the zero vector is not in W , W is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 . Thus W is not a vector space.
- ☐ **D.** Since the zero vector is in W , W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 . Thus W is a vector space.
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6. Find A such that the given set is Col A.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r + 3t \\ -2r + 2s - t \\ -3r - 2s + 2t \\ 3r - s - 3t \end{bmatrix} : r, s, t \text{ real} \right\}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

☐ A. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ B. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

☒ C. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ D. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Complete parts (a) and (b) for the matrix below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 9 \\ -9 & 0 \\ -5 & 7 \\ -8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find k such that Nul(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k .

k = 2

(b) Find k such that Col(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k .

k = 5

8. Complete parts (a) and (b) for the matrix below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 6 \\ -6 & -9 & -8 \\ -2 & -6 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find k such that Nul(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k .

k = 3

(b) Find k such that Col(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k .

k = 4

9. For the matrix A below, find a nonzero vector in Nul A and a nonzero vector in Col A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -16 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 12 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

A nonzero vector in Nul A is $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

A nonzero vector in Col A is $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

10. For parts a. through f., A denotes an $m \times n$ matrix. Determine whether each statement is true or false. Justify each answer.

a. A null space is a vector space.

Is this statement true or false?

- ☒ A. True because the null space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
- ☐ B. False, a vector space is a null space, but a null space is not necessarily a vector space
- ☐ C. True because the null space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m
- ☐ D. False, a column space is a vector space, but a null space is not a vector space

b. The column space of an $m \times n$ matrix is in \mathbb{R}^m .

Is this statement true or false?

- ☐ A. True because the column space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is the set of all solutions of the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
- ☒ B. True because the column space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m
- ☐ C. False because the column space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
- ☐ D. False because the column space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of A

c. The column space of A , $\text{Col}(A)$, is the set of all solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Is this statement true or false?

- ☐ A. True because $\text{Col}(A) = \{\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n\}$
- ☒ B. False because $\text{Col}(A) = \{\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n\}$
- ☐ C. False because $\text{Col}(A)$ is the set of all solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
- ☐ D. True because $\text{Col}(A)$ is the set of all solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

d. The null space of A , $\text{Nul}(A)$, is the kernel of the mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

Is this statement true or false?

- ☐ A. False, the kernel of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is the set of all vectors in V of the form $T(\mathbf{x})$ for some \mathbf{x} in V . Thus, the kernel of a matrix transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the column space of A , not the null space of A .
- ☐ B. False, the kernel of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is the set of all \mathbf{u} in V such that $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$. Thus, the kernel of a matrix transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the column space of A , not the null space of A .
- ☐ C. True, the kernel of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is the set of all vectors in W of the form $T(\mathbf{x})$ for some \mathbf{x} in V . Thus, the kernel of a matrix transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the null space of A .
- ☒ D. True, the kernel of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is the set of all \mathbf{u} in V such that $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$. Thus, the kernel of a matrix transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the null space of A .

e. The range of a linear transformation is a vector space.

Is this statement true or false?

- ☐ A. False, the range of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is a subspace of W .
- ☒ B. True, the range of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is a subspace of W .
- ☐ C. False, the range of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is a subspace of V .
- ☐ D. True, the range of a linear transformation T , from a vector space V to a vector space W , is a subspace of V .

f. The set of all solutions of a homogeneous linear differential equation is the kernel of a linear transformation.

Is this statement true or false?

- ☒ A. False, the set of all solutions of a homogeneous linear differential equation is the range of a linear transformation, rather than the kernel.
- ☐ B. False, a homogeneous linear differential equation cannot be modeled by a linear transformation.
- ☒ C. True, the linear transformation maps each function f to a linear combination of f and at least one of its derivatives, exactly as these appear in the homogeneous linear differential equation.

YOU ANSWERED: A.

11. Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Given a subspace U of V , let $T(U)$ denote the set of all images of the form $T(\mathbf{x})$, where \mathbf{x} is in U . Show that $T(U)$ is a subspace of W .

To show that $T(U)$ is a subspace of W , first show that the zero vector of W is in $T(U)$. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Since V is a subspace of U , the zero vector of U , $\mathbf{0}_U$, is in V . Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{0}_U) = \mathbf{0}_W$, where $\mathbf{0}_W$ is the zero vector of W . So $\mathbf{0}_W$ is in $T(U)$.
- ☐ B. Since V is a subspace of U , the zero vector of V , $\mathbf{0}_V$, is in U . Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$, where $\mathbf{0}_W$ is the zero vector of W . So $\mathbf{0}_W$ is in $T(U)$.
- ☒ C. Since U is a subspace of V , the zero vector of V , $\mathbf{0}_V$, is in U . Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$, where $\mathbf{0}_W$ is the zero vector of W . So $\mathbf{0}_W$ is in $T(U)$.
- ☐ D. Since U is a subspace of W , the zero vector of W , $\mathbf{0}_W$, is in U . Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{0}_W) = \mathbf{0}_V$, where $\mathbf{0}_V$ is the zero vector of V . So $\mathbf{0}_V$ is in $T(U)$.

Let \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be in $T(U)$. Relate \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} to vectors in U .

Since $T(U)$ is the set of all images from U , there exist \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in U such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v}$ and $T(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{w}$.

Next, show that $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W .

Let $T(\mathbf{x})$ and $T(\mathbf{y})$ be in $T(U)$, for some \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in U . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Since \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in $T(U)$ and U is a subspace of V , $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is also in U .
- ☒ B. Since \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in U and U is a subspace of V , $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is also in U .
- ☐ C. Since \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in $T(U)$ and $T(U)$ is a subspace of W , $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is also in W .
- ☐ D. Since \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in U and $T(U)$ is a subspace of W , $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is also in W .

Use these results to explain why $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})$. So $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$ is in W , and $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W .
- ☐ B. Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})$. So $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$ is in V , and $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W .
- ☒ C. Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})$. So $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$ is in $T(U)$, and $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W .
- ☐ D. Since T is linear, $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})$. So $T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$ is in U , and $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition in W .

Next, show that $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars.

Let c be any scalar and \mathbf{x} be in U . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Since \mathbf{x} is in U and U is a subspace of W , $c\mathbf{x}$ is in U . Thus, $T(c\mathbf{x})$ is in $T(W)$.
- ☐ B. Since \mathbf{x} is in U and U is a subspace of V , $c\mathbf{x}$ is in V . Thus, $T(c\mathbf{x})$ is in $T(U)$.
- ☐ C. Since \mathbf{x} is in U and U is a subspace of V , $c\mathbf{x}$ is in W . Thus, $T(c\mathbf{x})$ is in $T(V)$.
- ☒ D. Since \mathbf{x} is in U and U is a subspace of V , $c\mathbf{x}$ is in U . Thus, $T(c\mathbf{x})$ is in $T(U)$.

The preceding result helps to show why $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars. Recall that every element of $T(U)$ can be written as $T(\mathbf{x})$ for some \mathbf{x} in U . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Since T is linear, $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ and $cT(\mathbf{x})$ is in V . Thus, $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars.

- ☒ B. Since T is linear, $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ and $cT(\mathbf{x})$ is in $T(U)$. Thus, $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars.
- ☐ C. Since T is linear, $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ and $cT(\mathbf{x})$ is in W . Thus, $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars.
- ☐ D. Since T is linear, $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ and $cT(\mathbf{x})$ is in U . Thus, $T(U)$ is closed under multiplication by scalars.

Use these results to explain why $T(U)$ is a subspace of W . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. The image of the transformation $T(U)$ is a subspace of W because $T(U)$ contains the zero vector of V and is closed under vector addition and multiplication by a scalar.
- ☐ B. The image of the transformation $T(U)$ is a subspace of W because $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition and multiplication by a scalar.
- ☐ C. The image of the transformation $T(U)$ is a subspace of W because U contains the zero vector of W and $T(U)$ is closed under vector addition and multiplication by a scalar.
- ☒ D. The image of the transformation $T(U)$ is a subspace of W because $T(U)$ contains the zero vector of W and is closed under vector addition and multiplication by a scalar.