60 Solutions to Exercises

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- **1** $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ gives $c_3 = c_2 = c_1 = 0$. So those 3 column vectors are independent. But $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is solved by c = (1, 1, -4, 1). Then
- **2** v_1, v_2, v_3 are independent (the -1's are in different positions). All six vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 are on the plane $(1, 1, 1, 1) \cdot v = 0$ so no four of these six vectors can be independent.
- **3** If a=0 then column $1=\mathbf{0}$; if d=0 then $b(\operatorname{column} 1)-a(\operatorname{column} 2)=\mathbf{0}$; if f=0then all columns end in zero (they are all in the xy plane, they must be dependent).
- $\textbf{4} \ U \boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ gives } z = 0 \text{ then } y = 0 \text{ then } x = 0 \text{ (by back } x = 0)$

substitution). A square triangular matrix has independent columns (invertible matrix) when its diagonal has no zeros.

- - (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ columns add to $\mathbf{0}$.
- **6** Columns 1, 2, 4 are independent. Also 1, 3, 4 and 2, 3, 4 and others (but not 1, 2, 3). Same column numbers (not same columns!) for A. This is because EA = U for the matrix E that subtracts 2 times row 1 from row 4. So A and U have the same nullspace (same dependencies of columns).

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7 The sum $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ because $(\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_3) - (\mathbf{w}_1 - \mathbf{w}_3) + (\mathbf{w}_1 - \mathbf{w}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. So the differences are *dependent* and the difference matrix is singular: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- 8 If $c_1(\boldsymbol{w}_2+\boldsymbol{w}_3)+c_2(\boldsymbol{w}_1+\boldsymbol{w}_3)+c_3(\boldsymbol{w}_1+\boldsymbol{w}_2)=\mathbf{0}$ then $(c_2+c_3)\boldsymbol{w}_1+(c_1+c_3)\boldsymbol{w}_2+(c_1+c_2)\boldsymbol{w}_3=\mathbf{0}$. Since the \boldsymbol{w} 's are independent, $c_2+c_3=c_1+c_3=c_1+c_2=0$. The only solution is $c_1=c_2=c_3=0$. Only this combination of $\boldsymbol{v}_1,\boldsymbol{v}_2,\boldsymbol{v}_3$ gives 0. (changing -1's to 1's for the matrix A in solution 7 above makes A invertible.)
- 9 (a) The four vectors in R³ are the columns of a 3 by 4 matrix A. There is a nonzero solution to Ax = 0 because there is at least one free variable (b) Two vectors are dependent if [v₁ v₂] has rank 0 or 1. (OK to say "they are on the same line" or "one is a multiple of the other" but not "v₂ is a multiple of v₁" —since v₁ might be 0.)
 (c) A nontrivial combination of v₁ and 0 gives 0: 0v₁ + 3(0,0,0) = 0.
- 10 The plane is the nullspace of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Three free variables give three independent solutions (x, y, z, t) = (2, -1, 0, 0) and (3, 0, 1, 0) and (1, 0, 0, 1). Combinations of those special solutions give more solutions (all solutions).
- 11 (a) Line in \mathbb{R}^3 (b) Plane in \mathbb{R}^3 (c) All of \mathbb{R}^3 (d) All of \mathbb{R}^3 .
- **12** b is in the column space when Ax = b has a solution; c is in the row space when $A^{T}y = c$ has a solution. *False*. The zero vector is always in the row space.
- 13 The column space and row space of A and U all have the same dimension = 2. The row spaces of A and U are the same, because the rows of U are combinations of the rows of A (and vice versa!).
- **14** $v = \frac{1}{2}(v+w) + \frac{1}{2}(v-w)$ and $w = \frac{1}{2}(v+w) \frac{1}{2}(v-w)$. The two pairs *span* the same space. They are a basis when v and w are *independent*.
- **15** The n independent vectors span a space of dimension n. They are a *basis* for that space. If they are the columns of A then m is *not less* than n ($m \ge n$). *Invertible* if m = n.

16 These bases are not unique! (a) (1,1,1,1) for the space of all constant vectors (c,c,c,c) (b) (1,-1,0,0),(1,0,-1,0),(1,0,0,-1) for the space of vectors with sum of components = 0 (c) (1,-1,-1,0),(1,-1,0,-1) for the space perpendicular to (1,1,0,0) and (1,0,1,1) (d) The columns of I are a basis for its column space, the empty set is a basis (by convention) for N(I) = Z = {zero vector}.

- 17 The column space of $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is \mathbf{R}^2 so take any bases for \mathbf{R}^2 ; (row 1 and row 2) or (row 1 and row 2) or (row 1 and row 2) are bases for the row space of U.
- **18** (a) The 6 vectors *might not* span \mathbb{R}^4 (b) The 6 vectors *are not* independent (c) Any four *might be* a basis.
- **19** n independent columns \Rightarrow rank n. Columns span $\mathbf{R}^m \Rightarrow$ rank m. Columns are basis for $\mathbf{R}^m \Rightarrow rank = m = n$. The rank counts the number of *independent* columns.
- **20** One basis is (2,1,0), (-3,0,1). A basis for the intersection with the xy plane is (2,1,0). The normal vector (1,-2,3) is a basis for the line perpendicular to the plane.
- **21** (a) The only solution to Ax = 0 is x = 0 because the columns are independent (b) Ax = b is solvable because the columns span \mathbb{R}^5 . Key point: A basis gives exactly one solution for every b.
- **22** (a) True (b) False because the basis vectors for \mathbb{R}^6 might not be in S.
- **23** Columns 1 and 2 are bases for the (**different**) column spaces of A and U; rows 1 and 2 are bases for the (**equal**) row spaces of A and U; (1, -1, 1) is a basis for the (**equal**) nullspaces.
- 24 (a) False $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ has dependent columns, independent row (b) False Column space \neq row space for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) True: Both dimensions = 2 if A is invertible, dimensions = 0 if A = 0, otherwise dimensions = 1 (d) False, columns may be dependent, in that case not a basis for C(A).

- **25** A has rank 2 if c=0 and d=2; $B=\begin{bmatrix}c&d\\d&c\end{bmatrix}$ has rank 2 except when c=d or c=-d.
- **26** (a) Basis for all diagonal matrices: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 - (b) Add $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ = basis for symmetric matrices.
 - (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

These are simple bases (among many others) for (a) diagonal matrices (b) symmetric matrices (c) skew-symmetric matrices. The dimensions are 3, 6, 3.

$$\mathbf{27} \ I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

echelon matrices do *not* form a subspace; they span the upper triangular matrices (not every U is an echelon matrix).

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$; $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

29 (a) The invertible matrices span the space of all 3 by 3 matrices (b) The rank one matrices also span the space of all 3 by 3 matrices (c) I by itself spans the space of all multiples cI.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. **Dimension** = **4**.

- **31** (a) y(x) = constant C (b) y(x) = 3x. (c) $y(x) = 3x + C = y_p + y_n$ solves y' = 3.
- **32** y(0) = 0 requires A + B + C = 0. One basis is $\cos x \cos 2x$ and $\cos x \cos 3x$.

- **33** (a) $y(x) = e^{2x}$ is a basis for all solutions to y' = 2y (b) y = x is a basis for all solutions to dy/dx = y/x (First-order linear equation $\Rightarrow 1$ basis function in solution space).
- **34** $y_1(x), y_2(x), y_3(x)$ can be x, 2x, 3x (dim 1) or $x, 2x, x^2$ (dim 2) or x, x^2, x^3 (dim 3).
- **35** Basis $1, x, x^2, x^3$, for cubic polynomials; basis $x 1, x^2 1, x^3 1$ for the subspace with p(1) = 0.
- **36** Basis for **S**: (1,0,-1,0), (0,1,0,0), (1,0,0,-1); basis for **T**: (1,-1,0,0) and (0,0,2,1); **S** \cap **T** = multiples of (3,-3,2,1) = nullspace for 3 equations in **R**⁴ has dimension 1.
- **37** The subspace of matrices that have AS = SA has dimension *three*. The 3 numbers a, b, c can be chosen independently in A.
- (a) No, 2 vectors don't span R³
 (b) No, 4 vectors in R³ are dependent
 (c) Yes, a basis
 (d) No, these three vectors are dependent
- **39** If the 5 by 5 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible, b is not a combination of the columns of A: no solution to Ax = b. If $\begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix}$ is singular, and the 4 columns of A are independent (rank 4), b is a combination of those columns. In this case Ax = b has a solution.
- **40** (a) The functions $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$, $y = e^x$, $y = e^{-x}$ are a basis for solutions to $d^4y/dx^4 = y(x)$.
 - (b) A particular solution to $d^4y/dx^4 = y(x)+1$ is y(x)=-1. The complete solution is $y(x)=-1+c_1\sin x+c_2\cos x+c_3e^x+c_4e^{-x}$ (or use another basis for the nullspace of the 4th derivative).

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$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
. The six P 's are dependent.

Those five are independent: The 4th has $P_{11} = 1$ and cannot be a combination of the others. Then the 2nd cannot be (from $P_{32} = 1$) and also 5th ($P_{32} = 1$). Continuing, a nonzero combination of all five could not be zero. Further challenge: How many independent 4 by 4 permutation matrices?

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42 The dimension of S spanned by all rearrangements of x is (a) zero when x = 0 (b) one when x = (1, 1, 1, 1) (c) three when x = (1, 1, -1, -1) because all rearrangements of this x are perpendicular to (1, 1, 1, 1) (d) four when the x's are not equal and don't add to zero. No x gives dim S = 2. I owe this nice problem to Mike Artin—the answers are the same in higher dimensions: 0, 1, n - 1, n.

- 43 The problem is to show that the u's, v's, w's together are independent. We know the u's and v's together are a basis for V, and the u's and w's together are a basis for W. Suppose a combination of u's, v's, w's gives 0. To be proved: All coefficients = zero. Key idea: In that combination giving 0, the part x from the u's and v's is in V. So the part from the w's is -x. This part is now in V and also in W. But if -x is in V ∩ W it is a combination of u's only. Now the combination giving 0 uses only u's and v's (independent in V!) so all coefficients of u's and v's must be zero. Then x = 0 and the coefficients of the w's are also zero.
- **44** The inputs to multiplication by an m by n matrix fill \mathbf{R}^n : dimension n. The outputs (column space!) have dimension r. The nullspace has n-r special solutions. The formula becomes r+(n-r)=n.
- 45 If the left side of dim(V) + dim(W) = dim(V ∩ W) + dim(V + W) is greater than n, then dim(V ∩ W) must be greater than zero. So V ∩ W contains nonzero vectors.
 Oh here is a more basic approach: Put a basis for V and then a basis for W in the columns of a matrix A. Then A has more columns than rows and there is a nonzero solution to Ax = 0. That x gives a combination of the V columns = a combination of the W columns.
- **46** If $A^2 = \text{zero matrix}$, this says that each column of A is in the nullspace of A. If the column space has dimension r, the nullspace has dimension 10 r. So we must have r < 10 r and this leads to r < 5.