

**Assignment 1:** Assigned Thu 01/11. Due Thu 01/18

1. **Section 1.1** 10, 20, 36
2. **Section 1.2** 22, 24, 32
3. If you have a system of  $m$  linear homogeneous equations in  $n$  variables, then justify the following:
  - (a) If  $m < n$ , then the set of solutions is *at least* a  $n - m$  dimensional hyperplane. (More precisely, at least  $n - m$  variables can be chosen arbitrarily).
  - (b) If  $m < n$ , the system has infinitely many solutions. [This means that if you have *fewer equations than variables*, then the *homogeneous* system always has infinitely many solutions.]
  - (c) The system always has at least one solution, no matter what  $m$  and  $n$  are.
4. Let  $M$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix, and consider the linear homogeneous system of equations  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . (Here the notation means that  $\vec{x}$  is an  $n$  dimensional vector).
  - (a) If  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a solution of  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is any number, then show that  $\alpha\vec{u}$  is also a solution.
  - (b) If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are two solutions to the system, then show that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is also a solution.
  - (c) What is wrong with the following logic:

By question 3c, we know the system  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has at least one solution, call it  $\vec{v}$ . Now take any real number  $\alpha$ . By the previous subpart,  $\alpha\vec{x}$  is also a solution. Thus the system has infinitely many solutions.
  - (d) Give an example of a linear homogeneous system of equations with exactly one solution. [If you were not convinced that the logic in the previous was incorrect, then this should convince you.]
5. Let  $M$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and consider the linear system of equations  $M\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ . Suppose the property in questions 4a and 4b hold: Namely if  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are two solutions to  $M\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  then so is  $\alpha\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$ . The show that the system must be homogeneous (i.e.  $\vec{c} = \vec{0}$ ). [You can assume that the system  $M\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  has at least one solution]
6. Show that if you perform *column* operations on a matrix  $M$ , then you will not change the row rank. [HINT: First convince yourself that this is true for matrices that are already in row echelon form]

**Assignment 2:** Assigned Thu 01/18. Due Thu 01/25

1. **Section 2.1** 6, 8, 44, 48. **Section 2.3** 2, 8.
2. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ 3x_2 - x_1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Express  $T(\vec{x})$  as multiplication by some matrix  $A$ .
  - (b) Verify that the columns of  $A$  are  $T(\vec{e}_1)$ ,  $T(\vec{e}_2)$  and  $T(\vec{e}_3)$  respectively.
  - (c) Let  $R : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation obtained by rotating counter clockwise by  $30^\circ$ . Compute the matrix of  $R$ , and  $R \circ T$ , and verify that the matrix of  $R \circ T$  is the product of the matrices of  $R$  and  $T$  respectively.
3. We know that rotating the plane by an angle of  $\alpha_1$  and then by  $\alpha_2$  should result in a total rotation of  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ . Verify this by multiplying the appropriate rotation matrices.
4. To make the notation from class a little more conventional, we re-index as follows: Say  $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation. Suppose  $T(\vec{e}_i) = \sum_j a_{ji}\vec{e}_j$  (i.e.  $T(\vec{e}_i)$  is the vector with coordinates  $a_{1i}, a_{2i}, \dots, a_{ni}$ ). Note how this is different from class. Let  $A$  be the  $n \times m$  matrix whose entry in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column is  $a_{ij}$ . Show that  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ . [This is pretty much the same as in class, except now the matrix  $A$  is written in the more conventional form.]
5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation.
  - (a) If  $m < n$  show that  $T$  is not injective. Thus if  $m < n$ ,  $T$  can not be invertible. [HINT: Remember  $T$  can be written as multiplication by some matrix,  $A$ . Then try and show there exist infinitely many  $\vec{x}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = 0$ . Previous homework problems will help ...]
  - (b) If  $m > n$ , show that  $T$  can not be invertible. [HINT: Suppose  $T$  is invertible. Try and apply the previous part to  $T^{-1}$ .]
  - (c) Conclude that if  $T$  is invertible, then  $m = n$ . The converse however is false. Give an example of a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  which is not invertible.