

Problem 1. (10 pts.) Mark as TRUE/FALSE the following statements. If a statement is false, give a simple example. If a statement is true, give a justification.

a) If  $W$  and  $V$  are linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\dim V + \dim W \leq n$ . TRUE

FALSE

could be  $W = V = \mathbb{R}^n$

and then  $\dim W + \dim V = 2n > n$

b) If  $A$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix, then  $\dim N(A) \leq k$ .

TRUE

FALSE

$\dim N(A) = \#$  of columns w/o pivot

so take

$$A = [0, 0, \dots, 0]$$

as many as you wish

here  $k=1$

but  $\dim N(A) = n$ , which can be arbitrary large.

c) If  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $V = \text{Span}(\vec{v})$ , then  $\dim V = 1$ .

TRUE

FALSE

$\vec{v}$  is the only basis vector

d) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Then  $\dim N(A) \geq 1$ .

TRUE

FALSE

$\dim N(A) = \#$  of columns w/o pivot  
and there are 3 columns with at most  
2 pivots (in one row there may be  
at most one pivot).

Problem 2. Show that if  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  is a basis of a subspace  $S$ , then  $\{\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}\}$  is also a basis of  $S$ .

$$S = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$$

We need to show: 1.  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}$  are linearly independent.

$$2. S = \text{span}(\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}).$$

Ad. 1

$$c_1(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) + c_2(\vec{v} - \vec{w}) =$$

$$(c_1 + c_2)\vec{v} + (c_1 - c_2)\vec{w} = \vec{0} \text{ if and only if}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 \text{ and } c_1 - c_2 = 0 \text{ (as } \vec{v}, \vec{w} \text{ are independent).}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  and  $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$  are independent.

Ad 2.

We'll use the fact that  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2) = \text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{u})$  for  $\vec{u}$  any linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}(\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}) &= \text{Span}(\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}, \vec{v}) \quad \text{as } \vec{v} = \frac{1}{2}((\vec{v} + \vec{w}) + (\vec{v} - \vec{w})) \\ &= \text{Span}(\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v}) \quad \text{as } \vec{v} - \vec{w} = 2\vec{v} - (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \\ &= \text{Span}(\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}) \quad \text{as } \vec{w} = (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) - \vec{v} \\ &= \text{Span}(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) \quad \text{as } \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}. \end{aligned}$$

$$= S$$

Problem 3. (10 pts.) Let  $\vec{u} = [1, -1, 1, -1]^T$  and  $\vec{w} = [0, 3, 3, 1]^T$ .

a) Find the cosine of the angle between the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{w}$ .

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{w}|}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = -1$$

$$|\vec{u}|^2 = 4$$

$$|\vec{w}|^2 = 9 + 9 + 1 = 19$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{19}}$$

b) Find the numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that the vector  $[2, 4, a, b]^T$  is in the Span  $(\vec{u}, \vec{w})$ .

$c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{w} = [2, 4, a, b]^T$  should have a solution.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & a \\ -1 & 1 & b \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & a-2 \\ 0 & 1 & b+2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & a-2-6 \\ 0 & 0 & b+2-2 \end{array} \right]$$

so:

$$\begin{cases} a = 8 \\ b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Problem 4. (10 pts.) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be some matrices.

a) The spaces  $N(A)$  and  $N(B)$  are linear subspaces of the same  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if (choose one that applies):

- The number of rows of  $A$  equals to the number of rows of  $B$ .
- The number of columns of  $A$  equals to the number of rows of  $B$ .
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b) Assuming that  $N(A)$  and  $N(B)$  are linear subspaces of the same  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , determine if the space  $V = N(A) \cap N(B)$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If it is, show that three subspace properties are satisfied. If it is not, show by example that one of the properties fails.

Note: You may use the fact that the space  $V = \{\vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ and } B\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$ .

$$1) \vec{0} \in V \quad \text{as} \quad A \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0} \quad \text{and} \quad B \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}.$$

$$2) \vec{x} \in V \Rightarrow c \cdot \vec{x} \in V$$

$$\text{if } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ and } B\vec{x} = \vec{0}, \text{ then}$$

$$c \cdot A\vec{x} = A \cdot c\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \text{and} \quad c \cdot B\vec{x} = B \cdot c\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{so: } c \cdot \vec{x} \in V$$

$$3) \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V \Rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$$

$$\text{If: } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}, A\vec{y} = \vec{0}, B\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ and } B\vec{y} = \vec{0}, \text{ then:}$$

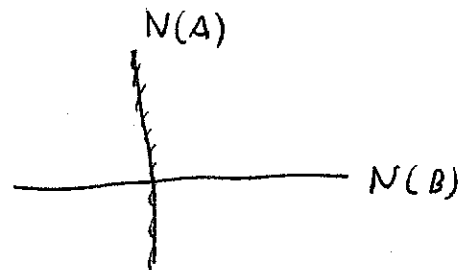
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} + \vec{0} = A\vec{x} + A\vec{y} &= A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \\ \vec{0} + \vec{0} = B\vec{x} + B\vec{y} &= B(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \end{aligned} \quad \Bigg| \Rightarrow \quad A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = \vec{0} \text{ and } B(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = \vec{0} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$$

c) Let's take  $A = [1, 0]$  and  $B = [0, 1]$ . Determine if the union  $N(A) \cup N(B)$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Note: You may use the fact that the union is the space  $\{\vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ or } B\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$ .

$$N(A) = \{\vec{x} \mid x_1 = 0\}$$

$$N(B) = \{\vec{x} \mid x_2 = 0\}$$



then:  $\vec{e}_2 \in N(A) \subset N(A) \cup N(B)$

$$\vec{e}_1 \in N(B) \subset N(A) \cup N(B)$$

but

$$A(\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2) = 1$$

and  $B(\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2) = 1$

$$\text{so: } \vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 \notin N(A) \cup N(B)$$

$$\text{so } N(A) \cup N(B)$$

is not a linear subspace.

Problem 5. Let  $\vec{v} = [1, 0, -1]^T$ .

a) Find a basis for a linear subspace  $V = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = 0\}$ .

$$V = N(\tilde{A}) \quad \text{for} \quad \tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

this matrix has one pivot, so  $x_2, x_3$  are free variables and

$$N(\tilde{A}) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\uparrow$   $x_2$                        $\uparrow$   $x_3$

b) Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $N(A) = \text{Span}(\vec{v})$ .

The two linearly independent vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  together with  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

So take  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  which is formed from transposing the basis of  $\tilde{A}$ .

$$A \cdot \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \cdot 0 = 0$$

if and only if  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad N(A) = \{ c_3 \cdot \vec{v} \mid c_3 \in \mathbb{R} \} = \text{Span}(\vec{v}).$$

c) Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $C(A) = \text{Span}(\vec{v})$ .

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

Problem 6. For a given matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 3 & -6 & -2 & -4 & -5 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 & -8 & -13 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \text{rref}(A) = \begin{matrix} & x_2 & & & x_5 \\ \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

(you don't have to verify that  $\text{rref}(A)$  is equal to the above matrix.)

a) find a basis of  $N(A)$ .

free:  $x_2, x_5$

basis of  $N(A)$  :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Given that  $A[1, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T = [-1, -3, -3, -2]^T$  find all solutions to

$$A\vec{x} = [-1, -3, -3, -2]^T$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_p + \vec{x}_h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) find a basis of  $C(A)$ . = columns <sup>of A</sup> corresponding to columns with pivot in  $\text{rref}(A)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -8 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 7.** (10 pts.) Give examples of matrices with the following properties, or give a short explanation of why it is impossible:

(a) A  $3 \times 6$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{nullity}(A) = 3$ .

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

(b) A  $6 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{nullity}(A) = 3$ .

$\text{rk } A = 3 \Rightarrow$  there are 3 columns with pivot in  $\text{rref}(A)$

$n(A) = 3 \Rightarrow$  there are 3 columns without pivot in  $\text{rref}(A)$

$\Rightarrow$  # of columns of  $A$  must be 6, not 3

(c) A  $1 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  with  $N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

$N(A) = \{\vec{0}\} \Rightarrow$  there are no columns of  $\text{rref } A$  without pivot,

but each row may contain at most one pivot so:

$$n(A) = 2 - \# \text{ columns with pivot} \geq 2 - 1 = 1$$

so it can't be 0.

(d) A  $2 \times 1$  matrix  $A$  with  $N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 8. (10 pts.) Let  $\vec{w}$  and  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_{97}$  be some vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\vec{w}$  does not belong to  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_{97})$ .

a) Is it possible that  $n = 70$ ? Explain your answer. Does the answer change if the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_{97}$  are linearly independent?

Yes, it could be that  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 = \dots = \vec{v}_{97}$  and then it's easy for  $\vec{w}$  not to belong to  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{70}$ .

On the other hand if  $\vec{v}_i$ 's are independent, there may be at most 70 linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^{70}$ , so it's not possible.

b) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_{97} \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Under the same assumption that  $\vec{w}$  does not belong to  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_{97})$ , write all solutions to the equation:

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

Since  $\vec{w} \notin \text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{97}) = C(A)$  then the above equation has no solutions.

Problem 9. (10 pts.) Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  be some vectors, and let

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}_1 &= \vec{v}_1 + 4\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 \\ \vec{w}_2 &= 2\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 \\ \vec{w}_3 &= 5\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 - 2\vec{v}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \vec{w}_1 & \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{w}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write a particular solution (i.e. just one solution) to the equation:

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{w}_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 10.** (10 pts.) Let  $\vec{u} = [1, 1, 2, 3]^T$  and  $\vec{v} = [1, -1, 7, 1]^T$ . Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by the formula:

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Show that  $T$  is linear.

$$1) T(c\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{x}) \\ \vec{v} \cdot (c\vec{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \cdot \vec{u} \cdot \vec{x} \\ c \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix} = c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix} = c \cdot T\vec{x}$$

$$2) T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \\ \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{y} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{y} \end{bmatrix} = T\vec{x} + T\vec{y}$$

b) Find the matrix of  $T$ .

$$A = [T\vec{e}_1, T\vec{e}_2, T\vec{e}_3, T\vec{e}_4] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$