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1. [6 points] Please indicate whether the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE/NOT NECESSARILY TRUE (F) (no working needed, just circle the answer):

T The linear system

$$3x + 7y + z = -1$$

$$-x - y + z = -3$$

$$-2y - 2z = 5$$

is consistent.

T A vector \mathbf{b} is in the span of the columns of a matrix A if and only if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent.

F If there is a pivot in each row of a coefficient matrix, there are no free variables.

F If there is a pivot in each row of an augmented matrix, the system is consistent.

T A set of 4 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 is always linearly dependent.

F The vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -6 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent.

2. [12 points] Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Solve the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, and write the solution in parametric vector form.

Solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -6 & -6 & 12 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -6 & -6 & 12 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \leftarrow -1/6 R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow -1/5 R_3 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{The solution in parametric vector form is}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - x_3 \\ -1 - x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Without doing any row operations, write the solution set to the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = 5\mathbf{b}$.

Solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Write the solution to the homogenous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ in parametric vector form.

Solution.

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

d) Is the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ a point, a line, a plane, a 3-dimensional space, or all of \mathbb{R}^4 ? Explain your answer.

Solution. The solution is the span of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, which are linearly independent. The span of two linearly independent vectors is a plane.

3. [10 points] Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Find all the real values h for which $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ spans all of \mathbb{R}^3 . Explain your answer.

Solution. Let $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$, then the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^3 if and only if the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is always consistent, if and only if there is a pivot in every row of A . To find out when this is the case, we do row operations as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3+h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+h \end{bmatrix}$$

There is a pivot in every row if and only if $h \neq -1$. Therefore, the vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 for $h \neq -1$.

b) Let $h = 1$, and write \mathbf{v}_4 as a linear combination of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$.

Solution. We try to solve the vector equation $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + x_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_4$, which is equivalent to the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_4$. To achieve this, we create the augmented matrix $[A \ \mathbf{v}_4]$, and do the following row operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow -R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow 1/2 R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 3R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, we get $-7\mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2 - 3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_4$

4. [10 points] Suppose that T is a one-to-one linear transformation and that $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Prove that $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ is also linearly independent.

Proof. We assume T is one to one, and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ are linearly independent. We want to show $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ is also linearly independent, which is equivalent to showing that the vector equation $x_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + x_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + x_pT(\mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0}$ only has the trivial solution $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$.

Consider the equation

$$x_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + x_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + x_pT(\mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since T is a linear transformation, and $cT(\mathbf{u}) + dT(\mathbf{v}) = T(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v})$, this is equivalent to

$$T(x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since T is one-to-one, the equation $T(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$ only has the trivial solution, so

$$x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is linearly independent, by definition this vector equation only has the trivial solution $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$, and we are done.

Alternative Proof. We want to show $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ is linearly independent. This is equivalent to showing the system corresponding to the augmented matrix

$$[T(\mathbf{v}_1) \quad T(\mathbf{v}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{v}_p) \quad \mathbf{0}]$$

only has the trivial solution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

But the coefficient matrix above is the product between the standard matrix $[T]$ and the matrix $B = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_p]$:

$$[T(\mathbf{v}_1) \quad T(\mathbf{v}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{v}_p)] = [T]B$$

Therefore, we want to show that the system

$$[T](B\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$$

only has the trivial solution. Since T is one to one, the system $[T]\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ only has the trivial solution, so

$$B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly independent, the system

$$B\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_p]\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

only has the trivial solution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, and we are done.

5. [10 points] Let T be the linear transformation given by $T(x_1, x_2) = (\frac{3}{2}x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2, x_1 - x_2, x_2)$.

a) Find the standard matrix for T .

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Standard matrix: } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Find a vector \mathbf{x} whose image under T is $(5, 2, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

c) Is T one-to-one? Justify your answer.

Yes, because the columns of the standard matrix are linearly independent.

Yes, because the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

6. [3 points] Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation which vertically contracts by a factor of $1/3$, with standard matrix $[T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$, and $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation which reflects through the line $x = y$, with standard matrix $[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Find the standard matrix for the linear transformation which first vertically contracts by a factor of $1/3$, and then reflects through the line $x = y$.

$$S \circ T(\mathbf{x}) = S(T(\mathbf{x})) = S([T]\mathbf{x}) = [S][T]\mathbf{x}$$

$$[S][T] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. [6 points] Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For each of the following matrix operations, indicate whether the operation is defined. If an expression is undefined, explain why. If an expression is defined, evaluate it.

a) $BA + C$

Undefined. The product BA will have dimensions 2×3 . Since C is a 2×1 matrix, and matrix addition is only defined for matrices of the same size, this expression is undefined.

a) BC

$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 - 2(8) \\ 9 - 2(10) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) $B + 3I_2$

$$B + 3I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 8 \\ 9 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$