

Math 22 - Fall 2019 Practice Exam 1

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Section (please check the box): Section 1 (10 hour) Section 2 (2 hour)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Except on clearly indicated short answer problems, you must explain what you are doing, and show your work. You will be *graded on your work*, not just on your answer.
- It is fine to leave your answer in a form such as $\sqrt{239}$ or $(385)(13^3)$. However, if an expression can be easily simplified (such as $\cos(\pi)$ or $(3 - 2)$), you should simplify it.
- You may use the last page for scrap paper.
- This is a closed book exam. You may not use notes, computing devices (calculators, computers, cell phones, etc.) or any other external resource.

GOOD LUCK!

- (1) Please indicate whether the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE**. **Circle the correct answer**. You do not have to show your work, however thinking about the problem on a scrap paper is recommended.

- 1.) The linear system

$$\begin{aligned}3x + 7y + z &= -1 \\ -x - y + z &= -3 \\ -2y - 2z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

is consistent.

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is true. The augmented matrix of the system is

$$[A|\mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 7 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & -4 & 11 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \text{ef}([A|\mathbf{b}]).$$

We see from the echelon form $\text{ef}([A|\mathbf{b}])$ of $[A|\mathbf{b}]$ that the system is consistent and has infinitely many solutions, as there is a non-pivot column which corresponds to a free variable.

- 2.) 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.

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is true. We have seen this in **Lecture 4, Theorem 3**.

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

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is false. If there is a pivot in every **column** of the coefficient matrix then there are no free variables.

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

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is false. If there is a pivot in every row of the **coefficient matrix** then the system is consistent.

5.) A set of 3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 is always linearly independent.

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is false. Take $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ and then choose any two other vectors \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 , then the set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent.

6.) A set of 6 vectors in \mathbb{R}^7 can never span \mathbb{R}^7 .

TRUE

FALSE

Solution: This is true. Writing the 6 vectors as the columns of a matrix A , we have that A is a 7×6 matrix. That the 6 vectors span \mathbb{R}^7 is equivalent to the statement that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for all $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^7$. This means that A must have a pivot in every row. But the number of pivots is at most 6, so A can never have a pivot in every row. So a set of 6 vectors in \mathbb{R}^7 can never span \mathbb{R}^7 .

(2) 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: We row reduce the augmented matrix of the system:

$$[A|\mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R1+R2, -2R1+R3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R2+R3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \text{ref}([A|\mathbf{b}]).$$

Then we write down the equations we obtain from the reduced echelon form $\text{ref}([A|\mathbf{b}])$:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 2 - x_3 \\ x_2 &= -1 - x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \\ x_4 &= x_4 \end{aligned}$$

Then we rewrite these equations into vector form (by adding dummy zeros in the empty spaces):

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

A nicer version with more emphasis on the vector equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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

Solution: By the linearity of the matrix vector multiplication we have: if $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$, for some vector \mathbf{z} then

$$5 \cdot A\mathbf{z} = A(5\mathbf{z}) = 5\mathbf{b}.$$

Furthermore we get all solutions \mathbf{x} , such that $A\mathbf{x} = 5\mathbf{b}$ this way: If $A\mathbf{p} = 5\mathbf{b}$, then it is easy to see that $A(\frac{1}{5} \cdot \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{b}$ and so $\mathbf{p} = 5(\frac{1}{5} \cdot \mathbf{p})$ or 5 times a vector \mathbf{z} which satisfies $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$. Therefore the set of solutions is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } s, t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

Here the factor 5 can be eliminated in the parameter version, as $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Note: Just the answer in the equation (1) is sufficient for this problem.

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

Solution: We row reduce the augmented matrix of the system:

$$[A|\mathbf{0}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \text{ref}([A|\mathbf{0}]).$$

This involves the same steps as in part a). We see that the fixed vector disappears and the solution is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note: We could also argue with the theorem about the comparison between the solution to the homogeneous system and the nonhomogeneous system from **Lecture 4**.

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

Solution: The set of solutions is spanned by two linearly independent vectors. This means it is a plane.

- (3) We want to find a polynomial $p(x)$ in the xy -plane that passes through the following points in the plane:

$$P_1 = (-2, 2), P_2 = (-1, 3), P_3 = (0, -2), P_4 = (1, 0) \text{ and } P_5 = (2, 6).$$

We know that $p(x)$ is a polynomial of the following form.

$$p(x) = a + bx^2 + cx^3 + dx^5 + ex^6.$$

- a) Write down the equations for the coefficients of p .

Solution: Each point $P_i = (x, y) = (x, p(x))$ gives an equation for the coefficients:

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 = (-2, 2) : a + b \cdot 2^2 + c \cdot (-2^3) + d \cdot (-2^5) + e \cdot 2^6 = 2 \\ P_2 = (-1, 3) : a + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot (-1) + d \cdot (-1) + e \cdot 1 = 3 \\ P_3 = (0, -2) : a + b \cdot 0 + c \cdot 0 + d \cdot 0 + e \cdot 0 = -2 \\ P_4 = (1, 0) : a + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot 1 + d \cdot 1 + e \cdot 1 = 0 \\ P_5 = (2, 6) : a + b \cdot 2^2 + c \cdot 2^3 + d \cdot 2^5 + e \cdot 2^6 = 6 \end{array}$$

- b) Write down the augmented matrix of the system of linear equations from a).
You do **not** have to solve this system.

Solution: For the augmented matrix we obtain:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2^2 & -2^3 & -2^5 & 2^6 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2^2 & 2^3 & 2^5 & 2^6 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

(4) 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 $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3]$ be the matrix whose columns are the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ and \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. This is true if and only if A has a pivot in every row. We row reduce A to echelon form U and see:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1+R3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3+h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R2+R3} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-1} & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+h \end{bmatrix} = U.$$

We see that A has a pivot in every row if and only if $h \neq -1$. Therefore the vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 if and only if $h \neq -1$.

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

Solution: The vector \mathbf{v}_4 is a linear combination of the vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ if the equation

$$x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + x_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_4$$

has a solution. This is equivalent to the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_4$, where the matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3]$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$. This system of linear equations has the augmented matrix $[A|\mathbf{v}_4]$. Again we use the row reduction algorithm to solve this system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} [A|\mathbf{v}_4] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1+R3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R2+R3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{-1} & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & -6 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R3} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{-1} & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R3+R2, -3R3+R1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{-1} & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-1)R1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -3 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathbf{v}_4 = -7\mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2 - 3\mathbf{v}_3$ and \mathbf{v}_4 can be written as a linear combination of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$.

(5) Determine if each set is linearly dependent or linearly independent. Justify your answer.

General solution: In each case we can check the linear dependence equation, i.e if the zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ can be written as a non trivial linear combination of the given vectors. We can also check whether one of the vectors can be expressed as a linear combination of the others.

$$\text{a) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solution: In the case of two non zero vectors we know that they are linearly dependent if and only if one is the multiple of the other, or

$$c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

However, this can not be true, so these two vectors are linearly independent.

$$\text{b) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solution: We check whether there are numbers x_1, x_2 and x_3 , not all zero, such that

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

However, the last row gives us $2x_3 = 0$, so $x_3 = 0$. This implies $x_1 = 0$ in the third row. Finally this implies $x_2 = 0$ in the second row. So the only solution is $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$ and the three vectors are linearly independent.

$$\text{c) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -4 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -10 \\ -2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Solution: When we have 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 then they must be linearly dependent. To see that we write the vectors into the columns of a 4×5 matrix A . The linear dependence equation then translates to finding a nontrivial vector \mathbf{x} such that

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

As A has only 4 rows, it can only have 4 pivot columns. Hence A has a non-pivot column and there is at least one free variable for \mathbf{x} . So there are non-trivial solutions and the vectors can not be linearly independent.

Note: A shorter answer is possible.

(6) Let T be the linear transformation given by

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

a) Find the standard matrix for T .

Solution:

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

So the standard matrix A , such that $A\mathbf{x} = T(\mathbf{x})$ is $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Alternative: We find that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

by a **Theorem** from the lecture.

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

Solution: We have to find a vector \mathbf{x} , such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$. To this end we solve the system of linear equations with augmented matrix $[A|\mathbf{b}]$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1 \leftrightarrow R2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{3}{2}R1+R2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{-R2+R3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R2+R1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]. \text{ We obtain that } \mathbf{x} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}. \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Alternative: Yes, because A has a pivot in every column.

For both statements see **Lecture 8**.

- (7) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation that first performs a horizontal shear that transforms \mathbf{e}_2 into $\mathbf{e}_2 - 2\mathbf{e}_1$ (leaving \mathbf{e}_1 unchanged) and then reflects points through the line $x_2 = -x_1$.

Find the standard matrix of T .

Solution: The composition of a two linear transformations is a linear transformation. We know that $T = R \circ H$, where H denotes the horizontal shear and R the reflection.

To find the standard matrix A , such that $A\mathbf{x} = T(\mathbf{x})$, we have to find the images $T(\mathbf{e}_1)$ and $T(\mathbf{e}_2)$ of the unit vectors. We have:

$$H(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_1 \text{ and } T(\mathbf{e}_1) = R(H(\mathbf{e}_1)) = R(\mathbf{e}_1) = R\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$H(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_2 - 2\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T(\mathbf{e}_2) = R(H(\mathbf{e}_2)) = R\left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By **Lecture 8** the standard matrix A is

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

- (8) 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.

Solution: As $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly independent vectors we know that

$$d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0} \text{ implies } d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_p = 0. \quad (1)$$

We want to show that

$$c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + c_pT(\mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0} \text{ implies } c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_p = 0.$$

However, by linearity

$$c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + c_pT(\mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0} \text{ implies } T(\underbrace{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p}_{=\mathbf{w}}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence the vector $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ as the map T is one-to-one. So the only vector whose image is the zero vector is the zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ in \mathbb{R}^n . So we conclude that

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{w} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p.$$

But this implies that $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_p = \mathbf{0}$ by equation (1). This proves our claim.

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