

Problem 1 (Spring 2018, Problem 2c). Consider the parameters a and b and the system

$$\begin{cases} -2x_1 + ax_2 = 1 \\ 6x_1 + bx_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) i) Write its augmented matrix. ii) Write the system as a vector equation. iii) Write the system as a matrix equation.
- (b) Is this system homogeneous?
- (c) Find some values of the parameters a and b for which the system is inconsistent.

Problem 2 (Practice Exam 1.1). Solve the following systems by row reducing the augmented matrix. If there is a unique solution, state what it is. If there is no solution, explain why. If there are infinite solutions, express your solution in parametric vector form.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 3 \\ y + 2z &= -5 \\ x + 2y + 4z &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 &= 3 \\ 2x_1 - 6x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 2 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 (Practice Exam 1.2 and more). For the following UNRELATED statements, determine if the statement is true or false. If it is TRUE, simply state TRUE. If it is FALSE, **provide an explicit counterexample** i.e. an explicit example that shows the statement is false.

- (a) Suppose A is a 3×4 matrix that is the standard matrix of a linear transformation. Then the transformation is always onto.
- (b) Suppose A is a 3×4 matrix that is the standard matrix of a linear transformation. Then the transformation is never one-to-one.
- (c) Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If $n \geq 3$, then the set of vectors must be linearly independent.
- (d) Let A be $m \times n$ matrix. If $m > n$, then the set of ROW vectors (each row represents 1 vector) must be linearly dependent.
- (e) If A is the matrix representation of a linear transformation and we know the columns of A form a linearly independent set, then the transformation is always onto.
- (f) If the coefficient matrix A has a pivot position in every column, then equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent.

Problem 4 (Practice Exam 1.3). Determine if $(0, 10, 8)$ lies in

$$\text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}).$$

If it does lie in the span, find an explicit linear combination.

Is the set $\text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\})$ linearly independent?

What about the set $\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}$?

Problem 5 (Practice Exam 1.4). Suppose \mathbf{v} is a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$. If we add another vector \mathbf{v}_{m+1} , will \mathbf{v} sometimes, always, or never be in $\text{Span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{v}_{m+1}\})$?

Problem 6. Consider the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $T(1, 2) = (5, 4, 3)$ and $T(4, 3) = (1, 1, 2)$. Find $T(2, -1)$.

Problem 1.

(a) i)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & a & 1 \\ 6 & b & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii)

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & a \\ 6 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) The system is not homogeneous because the right-hand side is not zeroes.

(c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & a & 1 \\ 6 & b & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=R_2+3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & a & 1 \\ 0 & b+3a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then it would be inconsistent when $b + 3a = 0$. Hence $a = -1$ and $b = 3$ works.

Problem 2.

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3-R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} x_3 = -2 \\ x_2 = -5 - 2x_3 = -1 \\ x_1 = 3 - x_2 - x_3 = 6 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 1 & -7 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & -4 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2=R_2-2R_1 \\ R_3=R_3-R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_2=-\frac{1}{3}R_2 \\ R_3=R_3-2R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 \\ x_2 \\ \frac{4}{3} + x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} + 3x_2 + 3x_4 \\ x_2 \\ \frac{4}{3} + x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3.

(a) FALSE, consider the matrix

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

The span of the column vectors is clearly $\{0\}$ which is not \mathbb{R}^3 . The associated linear transformation is not onto.

(b) TRUE, there are four vectors with three entries. Therefore, the set of column vectors must be linearly dependent.

(c) FALSE, for $n = 3$, the set

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is linearly dependent.

(d) TRUE, for ROW vectors, m is the number of vectors and n is the number of entries. Since $m > n$, the set of row vectors is linearly dependent.

(e) FALSE, consider

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

Then $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not in the span of column vectors, so the associated transformation is not onto.

(f) FALSE, consider the coefficient matrix

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

This matrix has as pivot position in every column, but the equation $Ax = [5 \ 3 \ 1]$ does not have a solution.

Problem 4. We may solve linear system associated to the augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2=R_2+2R_1 \\ R_3=R_3+3R_1}]{} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2=\frac{1}{5}R_2 \\ R_3=\frac{1}{4}R_3}]{} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are infinitely many solutions with free variable x_3 . Let $x_3 = 0$, then $x_2 = 2$ and $x_1 = 2$. In other words,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The both sets $\text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\})$ and $\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}$ are linearly dependent. To see this, consider the augmented matrix for the homogeneous system. Repeating the same row reduction,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $x_3 = 1$, then $x_2 = -2$. So $x_1 = -1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This shows that both sets are linearly dependent as

$$\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\} \subset \text{Span}(\{(-1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 8, 5)\}).$$

Problem 5. \mathbf{v} is ALWAYS in $\text{Span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{v}_{m+1}\})$. By assumption,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_m\mathbf{v}_m \\ &= a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_m\mathbf{v}_m + 0\mathbf{v}_{m+1} \in \text{Span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{v}_{m+1}\}) \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6. First, we need to write $(2, -1)$ as a linear combination of $(1, 2)$ and $(4, 3)$. To do this, one can solve the augmented matrix

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

Or simply observe that

$$(4, 3) - 2(1, 2) = (2, -1)$$

Then

$$T(2, -1) = T((4, 3) - 2(1, 2)) = T(4, 3) - 2T(1, 2) = (1, 1, 2) - 2(5, 4, 3) = (-9, -7, -4).$$