

# MATH 31AH, LINEAR ALGEBRA, EXAM 1

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Problem 1. Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find  $x + y$  and  $2x$ .
- (b) Compute their lengths  $\|x\|$  and  $\|y\|$ , and the dot product  $x \cdot y$ .
- (c) Calculate the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto the line spanned by  $y$ .

$$(a) \quad x + y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad 2x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(b) \quad \|x\| = \sqrt{2}, \quad \|y\| = \sqrt{6}, \quad x \cdot y = -3.$$

$$(c) \quad \text{proj}(x) = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|y\|^2} y = \frac{-3}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 2. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the three vectors  $T(e_1)$ ,  $T(e_2)$ , and  $T(e_3)$ .

(b) Evaluate  $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ .

(c) Is  $T$  injective? Is  $T$  surjective?

$$(a) \quad T(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T(e_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(b) \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 5 + 0 \cdot 7 + 5 \cdot (-1) \\ 0 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 7 + 7 \cdot (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c)  $T$  is not injective:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{but} \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

$T$  is surjective:  $\forall x_1, x_2$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right). \quad \text{is in the image of } T.$$

Problem 3. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $x$  can be any real number.

- (a) Write down its transpose  $A^T$ .
- (b) For which values of  $x$  does the equality  $A^T A = A A^T$  hold?
- (c) For which values of  $x$  is  $A$  invertible? For such  $x$ , write down  $A^{-1}$ .

$$(a) \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} x & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 4 & x + 6 \\ x + 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$A A^T = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 1 & 2x + 3 \\ 2x + 3 & 13 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Never the  
same :  
No  $x$ .

$$(c) \quad A \text{ invertible} \iff \det(A) \neq 0.$$

$$\det(A) = x \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 2 = 3x - 2,$$

which is nonzero for all  $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$ .

For such  $x$ ,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & x \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3x-2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 4. Introduce two matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Calculate the two matrix products  $AB$  and  $BA$ .

(b) Find the matrix  $A^T AB(AB)^{-1} B^T$ .

(c) Verify that  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : Ax = 0\}$  is a line through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$(a) AB = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{invertible: } \det = -18 \neq 0)$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

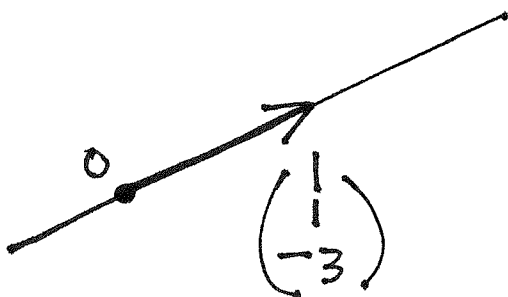
$$(b) \underbrace{A^T (AB) (AB)^{-1} B^T}_{\substack{= \\ \neq}} = A^T B^T = (BA)^T = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 6 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(c) Ax = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ means } \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \text{ and} \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_1 = x_2 = t$ , and substitute into the 2nd eqn.:  $x_3 = -3t$ .

Hence,

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : Ax = 0\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \text{ which is the line in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ (through 0) spanned by } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$



Problem 5. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are subspaces? Explain.

- ✓ (a)  $V_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \|x\| = 0\}$ .  
(b)  $V_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 5\}$ .  
(c)  $V_3 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1x_3 \geq 0\}$ .  
✓ (d)  $V_4 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1^2 + x_3^2 \geq 0\}$ .  
✓ (e)  $V_5 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 = x_3 \text{ and } x_2 = -x_4\}$ .

(a)  $V_1 = \{0\}$  is a ("trivial") subspace.

(b)  $V_2$  is not: The zero vector doesn't satisfy the (inhomogeneous) eqn.

(c)  $V_3$  is not:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  both lie in  $V_3$ , but their sum  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  doesn't.

(d)  $V_4$  is a ("trivial") subspace; the condition is always fulfilled.  
 $\Downarrow \mathbb{R}^4$

(e)  $V_5$  is a ("non-trivial") subspace: It's the space of all linear combinations of

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  ~ plane in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .