

1: True or False. (Please support your answer with a brief reason or a counter-example.)

1a: Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If the columns of  $M$  are independent, then the kernel of  $M$  is just the zero vector.

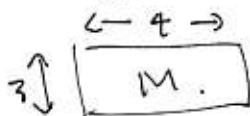
TRUE  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \ker M \Leftrightarrow x_1 M_1 + \dots + x_n M_n = 0 \Rightarrow$  vector

where  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  are columns of  $M$ . This says there is a non-trivial linear relation  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is a non-zero element in  $\ker(M)$

1b: If the set of vectors  $\{u, v, w\}$  is independent, then  $w$  must be a linear combination of  $u$  and  $v$ .

False. If  $w = au + bv$ , then  $au + bv - 1 \cdot w = 0$  is a non-trivial linear relation among  $\{u, v, w\}$ . But since  $\{u, v, w\}$  is independent, there are no such relations.

1c: The image of a  $3 \times 4$  matrix  $M$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



$M: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . The image of a matrix is a subspace  
TRUE

1d: The function

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x - y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

is linear.

True. (a)  $T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 - y_1 - y_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + y_1 + y_2 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - y_1 \\ x_1 + y_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 - y_2 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  These are equal

(b)  $T(\lambda \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}) = T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x - \lambda y \\ \lambda x + \lambda y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

1e: The set of vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  so that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

False.  $(1, 0, 0)$  is an element of this subset, but  $2(1, 0, 0)$  is not.

2: Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} -x - z - 2w &= 0 \\ 2x + y + 3z + 5w &= 3 \\ -x + y - w &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

2a: Express this as a matrix equation  $AX = B$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2b: Find all solutions  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  using row reduction (Gaussian elimination).

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x + z = 0 \\ y + z = 3 \\ w = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + z + 2w = 0 \\ y + z + w = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -z - 2w \\ y &= 3 - z - w \\ w &= \text{anything} \\ z &= \text{anything} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3: Find an equation that  $a, b, c, d$  must satisfy so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

is in the span of the set of vectors

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & a \\ -1 & 1 & b \\ 2 & 0 & c \\ 3 & 1 & d \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 2 & a+b \\ 0 & -2 & c-2a \\ 0 & -2 & d-3a \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 2 & a+b \\ 0 & 0 & c-2a+a+b \\ 0 & 0 & d-3a+a+b \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow c-a+b=0 \\ \rightarrow d-2a+b=0 \end{array} \right\} - \text{both equations}$$

4a: Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Define what it means for  $F$  to be linear.

$$F(u+v) = F(u) + F(v) \quad u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$F(\lambda u) = \lambda F(u) \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

4b: Suppose a linear map  $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is given by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a basis for  $\text{im}(F)$  and compute the rank of  $F$ .

Row reduce:  $\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  Basis image is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

rank of  $F$  is 3

4c: Let  $F$  be the map in 4b. Find a basis for  $\ker(F)$  and compute its dimension (the nullity of  $F$ ).

dim of kernel is 1.

$$x = -z$$

$$y = -z$$

$$z = z$$

$$w = 0$$

so basis is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

5: The image of a matrix  $M$  of size  $5 \times 5$  has dimension 2.

5a: How many independent columns vectors does  $M$  have? 2.

5b: What is the dimension of the kernel of  $M$ ? 3

5c: Does the equation  $MX = b$  have a solution for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^5$ ? Why? no

in  $M$  has dim 2 which is strictly less than dim of target of  $M$  ( $\mathbb{R}^5$  has dim 5)

6a: Find a basis for the subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  consisting of all vectors orthogonal to  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Row reduced:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -z - 2/3 w \\ y &= -1/3 w \\ z &= z \\ w &= w \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = z \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis of } V.$$

6b: What is the dimension of this subspace  $V$  in part 6a?  $\dim V = 2$

7: Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear map. Let

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, v = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assume that

$$f(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and that  $f(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . What is  $f(u+v)$ ? Explain why.

$$f(u+v) = f(u) + f(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$