

Homework Set 2, Due Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005

1. Which of the following sets of vectors are bases for \mathbb{R}^2 ?
 - a). $\{(0, 1), (1, 1)\}$
 - b). $\{(1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$
 - c). $\{(1, 0), (-1, 0)\}$
 - d). $\{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$
 - e). $\{((1, 1), (2, 2)\}$
 - f). $\{(1, 2)\}$
2. For which real numbers x do the vectors: $(x, 1, 1, 1)$, $(1, x, 1, 1)$, $(1, 1, x, 1)$, $(1, 1, 1, x)$ *not* form a basis of \mathbb{R}^4 ? For each of the values of x that you find, what is the dimension of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 that they span?
3. Compute the dimension and find bases for the following linear spaces.
 - a) The points $(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ that satisfy $y + w = 0$
 - b) Real symmetric 4×4 matrices.
 - c) Cubic polynomials $p(x) = a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2 + a_4x^3$ with the property that $p(2) = 0$ and $p(3) = 0$.
4. Find *all* linear maps $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ whose nullspace is exactly the plane of points (x_1, x_2, x_3) that satisfy $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0$.
5. Let C and B be square matrices with C invertible. Show the following.
 - a) $(CBC^{-1})^2 = C(B^2)C^{-1}$
 - b) Similarly, show that $(CBC^{-1})^k = C(B^k)C^{-1}$ for any $k = 1, 2, \dots$.
 - c) If B is also invertible, is it true that $(CBC^{-1})^{-2} = C(B^{-2})C^{-1}$? Why?
6. Every real upper triangular $n \times n$ matrix (a_{ij}) with $a_{ii} = 1$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is invertible. Proof or counterexample.
7. Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^{11}$ be a linear subspace of dimension 4 and consider the family \mathcal{A} of all linear maps $L: \mathbb{R}^{11} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^9$ each of whose nullspace contain V .
Show that \mathcal{A} is a linear space and compute its dimension.

Some Computer Graphics

8.
 - a) Find a 2×2 matrix that rotates the plane by $+45$ degrees ($+45$ degrees means 45 degrees *counterclockwise*).
 - b) Find a 2×2 matrix that rotates the plane by $+45$ degrees followed by a reflection across the horizontal axis.
 - c) Find a 2×2 matrix that reflects across the horizontal axis followed by a rotation the plane by $+45$ degrees.
 - d) Find a matrix that rotates the plane through $+60$ degrees, keeping the origin fixed.
 - e) Find the inverse of each of these maps.

9.
 - a) Find a 3×3 matrix that acts on \mathbb{R}^3 as follows: it keeps the x_1 axis fixed but rotates the $x_2 x_3$ plane by 60 degrees.
 - b) Find a 3×3 matrix A mapping $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ that rotates the $x_1 x_3$ plane by 60 degrees and leaves the x_2 axis fixed.

10. Think of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ as mapping one plane to another.
 - a) If two lines in the first plane are parallel, show that after being mapped by A they are also parallel.
 - b) Let Q be the unit square: $0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1$ and let Q' be its image under this map A . Show that the $\text{area}(Q') = ad - bc$. [More generally, the area of any region is magnified by $ad - bc$, which is called the *determinant* of A .]

11. Linear maps $F(X) = AX$, where A is a matrix, have the property that $F(0) = A0 = 0$, so they necessarily leave the origin fixed. It is simple to extend this to include a translation,

$$F(X) = V + AX,$$

where V is a vector. Note that $F(0) = V$.

Find the vector V and the matrix A that describe each of the following mappings [here the light blue F is mapped to the dark red F]. These pictures were made using Maple (see <http://www.math.upenn.edu/kazdan/313/display/F-affine.mws>).

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