

**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  $4 \times 4$  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  $2 \times 2$  matrix that rotates the plane by  $+45$  degrees ( $+45$  degrees means  $45$  degrees *counterclockwise*).
- b) Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that rotates the plane by  $+45$  degrees followed by a reflection across the horizontal axis.
- c) Find a  $2 \times 2$  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  $3 \times 3$  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  $3 \times 3$  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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