

Problem Set 5

DUE: Thurs. Oct. 11 in class. [Late papers accepted (without penalty) until 1:00 PM Friday.]

Please read Sections 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 of Burden-Faires.

Most of these problems should be a review of the basic linear algebra of Math 240, but emphasizing thinking of a system of linear equations as a linear mapping. They should be *very* short. In class on Tuesday we'll discuss this a bit.

Problems

1. If A is a 5×5 matrix with $\det A = -1$, compute $\det(-2A)$.
2. Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - z &= a \\x - y + 2z &= b.\end{aligned}$$

- a) Find the general solution of the homogeneous equation, so $a = b = 0$.
- b) A particular solution of the inhomogeneous equations when $a = 1$ and $b = 2$ is $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$. Find the most general solution of the inhomogeneous equations.
- c) Find some particular solution of the inhomogeneous equations when $a = -1$ and $b = -2$.
- d) Find some particular solution of the inhomogeneous equations when $a = 3$ and $b = 6$.

[Remark: After you have done part a), it is possible immediately to write the solutions to the remaining parts.]

3. Solve the given system – or show that no solution exists:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y &= 1 \\3x + 2y + 4z &= 7 \\-2x + y - 2z &= -1\end{aligned}$$

4. Say you have k linear algebraic equations in n variables; in matrix form we write $AX = Y$. Give a proof or counterexample for each of the following.
 - a) If $n = k$ there is always *at most one* solution.
 - b) If $n > k$ you can *always* solve $AX = Y$.

- c) If $n > k$ the homogeneous equation $AX = 0$ has at least one solution $X \neq 0$.
- d) If $n < k$ then for *some* Y there is *no* solution of $AX = Y$.
- e) If $n < k$ the *only* solution of $AX = 0$ is $X = 0$.
5. Let $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a real matrix, not necessarily square. If two rows of A are the same, show that A is not onto by finding a vector $y = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$ that is not in the image of A . [HINT: This is a mental computation if you write out the equations $Ax = y$ explicitly.]
6. Let $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a real matrix, not necessarily square. If two columns of A are the same, show that A is not one-to-one by finding a vector $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ that satisfies $Ax = 0$.

NOT Assigned – but might help with the others. The following 2×2 matrices are valuable examples that may be surprising¹:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = PR = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Geometrically, P is an orthogonal projection onto the x_1 axis, that is, if $X = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is a (column) vector in the plane, then PX is its orthogonal projection onto the x_1 axis. Similarly, R is a rotation by 90 degrees clockwise.

Compute (and interpret geometrically):

$$P^2, \quad P^3, \quad R^2, \quad R^3, \quad R^4, \quad PR, \quad RP, \quad C^2, \quad CP, \quad PC.$$

7. Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices with $AB = 0$. Give a proof or counterexample for each of the following.
- a) Either $A = 0$ or $B = 0$ (or both).
- b) $BA = 0$
- c) If $\det A = -3$, then $B = 0$.
- d) If B is invertible then $A = 0$.
- e) There is a vector $V \neq 0$ such that $BAV = 0$.

8. Let A be a 4×4 matrix with determinant 7. Give a proof or counterexample for each of the following.

¹The computer graphics examples in <https://www.math.upenn.edu/~kazdan/320F18/notes/Maple/F1.pdf> may also be illuminating.

- a) For some vector \mathbf{b} the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution.
- b) For some vector \mathbf{b} the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has infinitely many solutions.
- c) For some vector \mathbf{b} the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has no solution.
- d) For all vectors \mathbf{b} the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at least one solution.
9. 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.
10. Find a real 2×2 matrix A (other than $A = I$) such that $A^5 = I$.
11. Proof or counterexample. In these L is a linear map from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 , so its representation will be as a 2×2 matrix.
- a) If L is invertible, then L^{-1} is also invertible.
- b) If $LV = 5V$ for all vectors V , then $L^{-1}W = (1/5)W$ for all vectors W .
- c) If L is a rotation of the plane by 45 degrees *counterclockwise*, then L^{-1} is a rotation by 45 degrees *clockwise*.
- d) If L is a rotation of the plane by 45 degrees counterclockwise, then L^{-1} is a rotation by 315 degrees counterclockwise.
- e) The zero map ($0\mathbf{V} = 0$ for all vectors \mathbf{V}) is invertible.
- f) The identity map ($I\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}$ for all vectors \mathbf{V}) is invertible.
- g) If L is invertible, then $L^{-1}0 = 0$.
- h) If $L\mathbf{V} = 0$ for some non-zero vector \mathbf{V} , then L is not invertible.
- i) The identity map (say from the plane to the plane) is the only linear map that is its own inverse: $L = L^{-1}$.
12. Let A be a matrix, not necessarily square. Say \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} are particular solutions of the equations $A\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Y}_1$ and $A\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Y}_2$, respectively, while $\mathbf{Z} \neq 0$ is a solution of the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{Z} = 0$. Answer the following in terms of \mathbf{V} , \mathbf{W} , and \mathbf{Z} .
- a) Find some solution of $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1$.
- b) Find some solution of $A\mathbf{X} = -5\mathbf{Y}_2$.

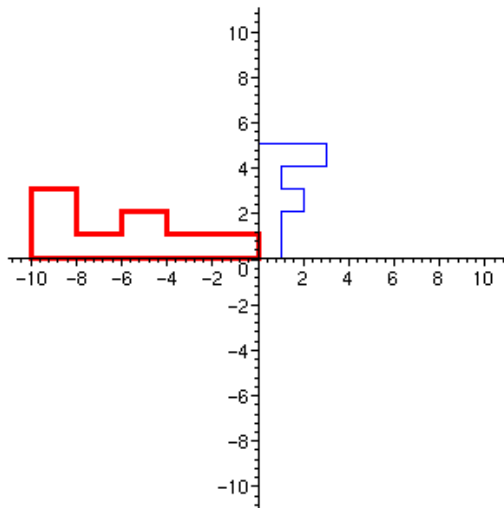
- c) Find some solution of $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1 - 5\mathbf{Y}_2$.
- d) Find another solution (other than \mathbf{Z} and 0) of the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{X} = 0$.
- e) Find *two* solutions of $A\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}_1$.
- f) Find another solution of $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1 - 5\mathbf{Y}_2$.
- g) If A is a square matrix, then $\det A = ?$
- h) If A is a square matrix, for any given vector \mathbf{W} can one always find at least one solution of $A\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W}$? Why?

13. Let R , M , and N be linear maps from the (two dimensional) plane to the plane given in terms of the standard \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} basis vectors by:

$$R\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j}, \quad R\mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i} \quad M\mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{i}, \quad M\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \quad N\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \text{ for all vectors } \mathbf{v}$$

- a) Describe (pictures?) the actions of the maps R , R^2 , R^{-1} , M , M^2 , M^{-1} and N .
- b) Describe the actions of the maps RM , MR , RN , NR , MN , and NM [here we use the standard convention that the map RM means *first use M then R*]. Which pairs of these maps commute?
- c) Which of the following identities are correct—and why?
 - 1) $R^2 = N$ 2) $N^2 = I$ 3) $R^4 = I$ 4) $R^5 = R$
 - 5) $M^2 = I$ 6) $M^3 = M$ 7) $MNM = N$ 8) $NMN = R$
- d) Find matrices representing each of the maps R , R^2 , R^{-1} , M , and N .

14. a). Find a linear map of the plane, $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ that does the following transformation of the letter \mathbf{F} (here the smaller \mathbf{F} is transformed to the larger one):



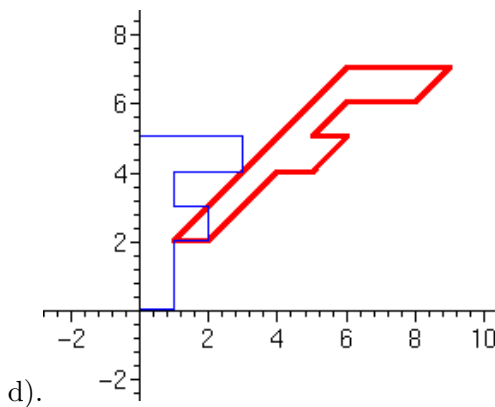
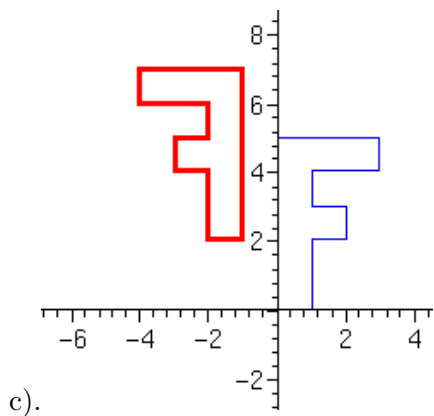
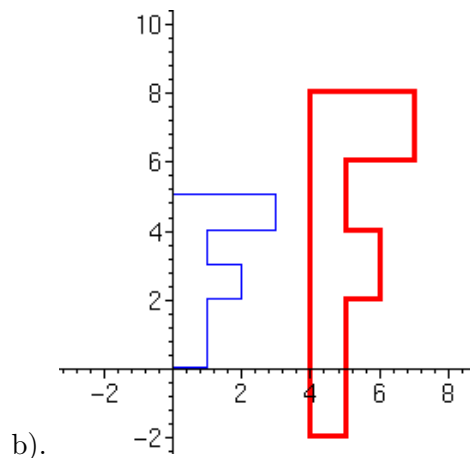
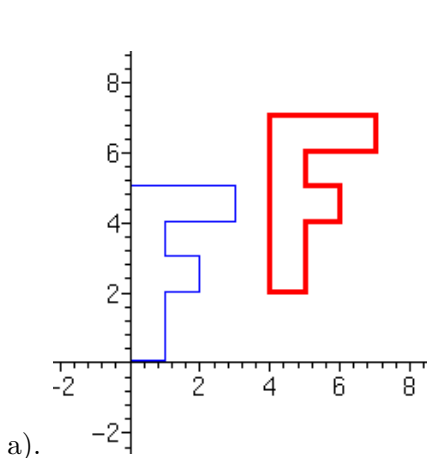
- b). Find a linear map of the plane that inverts this map, that is, it maps the larger \mathbf{F} to the smaller.

15. 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].



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