

## Matrices and Linear Algebra I – Test 1

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Question	1	2	3	4	Total (out of 40)
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1.) [10 points] Consider the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} x_3 & -4x_4 & & +6x_6 & = & -9 \\ x_3 & -4x_4 & +x_5 & -x_6 & = & 1 \\ x_1 & -2x_2 & +3x_4 & +5x_6 & = & 8 \\ x_1 & -2x_2 & +3x_4 & +x_5 & -2x_6 & = & 18 \end{array}$$

(a) Write down the augmented matrix corresponding to this system.

$$[A : b] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 18 \end{array} \right]$$

(b) Perform the row reduction algorithm on this matrix to obtain a matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$[A : b] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 10 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} (R3) \\ (R1) \\ (R2) \\ (R4) - (R3) \end{matrix} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 10 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (R3) \\ - (R2) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (R4) - (R3) \end{matrix} \text{ r.r.e.f.!$$

(c) Using part (b), find all solutions to the original linear system. Describe the solution set in parametric vector form.

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -6 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (r, s, t \text{ any real numbers})$$

By the way, here's the parametric form

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 8 + 2r - 3s - 5t \\ x_2 = r \text{ (free)} \\ x_3 = -9 + 4s - 6t \\ x_4 = s \text{ (free)} \\ x_5 = 10 + 7t \\ x_6 = t \text{ (free)} \end{cases}$$

2.) For each of the following sets of vectors  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  and target vectors  $w$ , decide whether or not  $w$  is in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ . If "NO", explain. If "YES", then express  $w$  in terms of the members of  $S$ .

[NOTE: You are not absolutely required to use row reduction, but explain your answers.]

(a) [3 points]  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$

We row reduce

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{v}_1 | \bar{v}_2 | \dots | \bar{v}_5 | \bar{w}] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 & -4 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 2 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_1) + 2(R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}(R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_1) + \frac{2}{3}(R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\text{YES} \quad \bar{w} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) [3 points]  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Same strategy

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{v}_1 | \bar{v}_2 | \bar{w}] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_2) - 3(R_1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_3) + 2(R_1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{6}(R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_3) - \frac{2}{3}(R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\text{YES} \quad \bar{w} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(c) [4 points]  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 15 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$

Same Strategy again

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 15 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 20 \end{bmatrix} &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_1) - (R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R_1) - (R_4)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\text{unique solution} \\ &c_3 = 0 \\ &c_2 = -7 \\ &c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 5 \\ &\text{YES} \quad \bar{w} = 12 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3.) For each of the following square matrices  $A$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda$ , find all eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . (As always, show your work.)

(a) [3 points]  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda = 4$   $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[A - \lambda I : 0] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ (R2) } - 2\text{(R1)}$$

Solution set

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 3r \\ x_2 = r \end{cases} \quad (r \in \mathbb{R})$$

Eigenvectors

$$\left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : r \neq 0 \right\}$$

(b) [3 points]  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda = -3$   $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[A - \lambda I : 0] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution set

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 9r \\ x_2 = -3r \\ x_3 = r \end{cases} \quad (\text{free})$$

Eigenvectors

$$\left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : r \neq 0 \right\}$$

(c) [4 points]  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$   $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[A - \lambda I : 0] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ (R3)}$$

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Solution set

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = r \\ x_2 = s \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = t \end{cases} \quad (r, s, t \in \mathbb{R})$$

Eigenvectors

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} r, s, t \text{ any} \\ \text{numbers} \\ \text{except all zero} \end{array} \right\}$$

4(a) [5 points] Suppose  $A$  is an  $8 \times 5$  matrix whose columns are linearly independent. If  $\mathbf{p} = (1, 2, 3, 0, 0)$  is a solution to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $\mathbf{b} = (5, 0, 4, -3, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ , then find all solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Explain.

The full solution set is just  $\{\mathbf{p}\}$ .

Since the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, the homogeneous system

has only the trivial solution  $A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$  (by some theorem).

But the solutions to  $A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}$  are all given by

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \bar{\mathbf{p}} + \bar{\mathbf{v}}_h$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_h$  is a solution to  $A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$ .

Since there is only one choice for  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_h$  (namely  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_h = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$ ), there is only one choice for  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}$ :  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \bar{\mathbf{p}}$ .

(b) [5 points] Give an example in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of a set of vectors which is linearly independent yet does not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Explain.

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Any non-zero vector gives us a linearly independent set. Yet this set cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . For example

$\bar{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in the span of  $S$

since it is not a scalar multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .