

Sample Exam 2

1. a. (5 points) State the definition of one-to-one.
A transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is called one-to-one if for each b in \mathbb{R}^m there is at most one x in \mathbb{R}^n with $T(x) = b$.
- b. (5 points) State the definition of onto.
A transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is called one-to-one if for each b in \mathbb{R}^m there is at least one x in \mathbb{R}^n with $T(x) = b$.
2. Let $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_2 + 2x_3, 3x_1 - 4x_2)$.
 - a. (8 points) Find the standard matrix for T .
 $T(1, 0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, and $T(0, 1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$, and $T(0, 0, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, so the standard matrix for T is $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
 - b. (5 points) Is T one-to-one?
 T is not one-to-one since there is not a pivot in every column, so, when it is consistent, the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ will have free variables and infinitely many solutions.
 - c. (5 points) Is T onto?
 T is onto since there is a pivot in every row and the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ will have a solution for every \mathbf{b} .
3. a. (8 points) If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, and \mathbf{b} is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n , can $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have an infinite number of solutions? Why or why not?
 $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ cannot have an infinite number of solutions. Since the invertible matrix A has a pivot in every row, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ will be consistent for every \mathbf{b} , and since A has a pivot in every column, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ will have no free variables, and hence a unique solution. That solution is given by $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.
- b. (8 points) Let A and B be $n \times n$ invertible matrices, with $AXA^{-1} = B$. Explain why X is invertible and calculate X^{-1} in terms of A and B .
Since A is invertible, we have A^{-1} to work with. Multiply $AXA^{-1} = B$ on the left by A^{-1} :

$$A^{-1}(AXA^{-1}) = A^{-1}B,$$

which implies

$$(A^{-1}A)XA^{-1} = A^{-1}B$$

so

$$I(XA^{-1}) = A^{-1}B,$$

and we get

$$XA^{-1} = A^{-1}B.$$

Now multiply on the right by A :

$$(XA^{-1})A = A^{-1}BA,$$

which implies

$$X(A^{-1}A) = A^{-1}BA,$$

so

$$XI = A^{-1}BA,$$

and we get

$$X = A^{-1}BA.$$

Now we have that X is a product of A^{-1} , B and A . Since A is invertible, so is A^{-1} . It is given that B is invertible. So we have written X as a product of invertible matrices, and since the product of invertible matrices is invertible, we get that X is invertible. Now we calculate: $X^{-1} = (A^{-1}BA)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}(A^{-1})^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}A$.

4. (6 points) State the definition of a basis.

A basis of a subspace W is a set of vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ such that $W = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and such that $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly independent set.

5. a. (8 points) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a basis for $\text{Nul } A$.

Solve the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the solutions have the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_3.$$

A basis for $\text{Nul } A$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

- b. (8 points) Find a basis for H , where

$$H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find the pivot columns of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

So the first two columns are the pivot columns. Thus the basis is the first two columns from the original matrix:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

6. (6 points) State the definition of a subspace. H is a subspace of a vector space V if it satisfies the following:
- The zero vector from V is in H .
 - H is closed under addition, i.e. if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in H then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in H .
 - H is closed under scalar multiplication, i.e. if c is a scalar and \mathbf{u} is in H then $c\mathbf{u}$ is in H .
7. (a) Explain why H is not subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 .

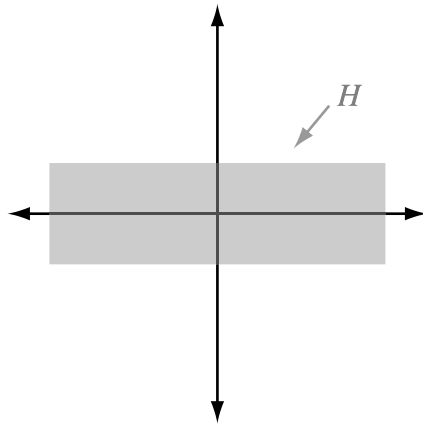
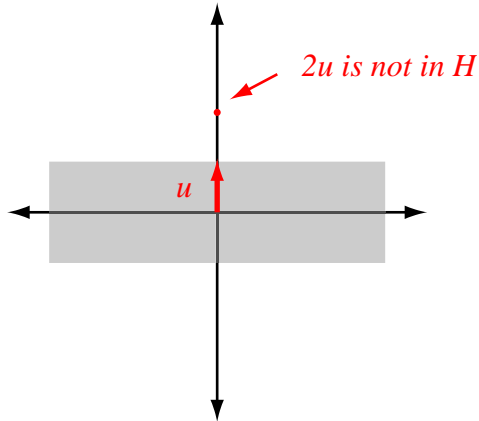


FIGURE 1. H is the grey subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . Explain why H is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

I first checked that $\mathbf{0}$ is contained in H . If it were not, then H would not be a subspace, and I would be done. Since $\mathbf{0}$ is in H , I must show that H is either not closed under addition or not closed under scalar multiplication. Either will work. Take for example the red vector u that I drew on the diagram below. If I scale it by 2, the result will not lie in H , so H is not closed under scalar multiplication.



(b) Explain why W is not subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 .

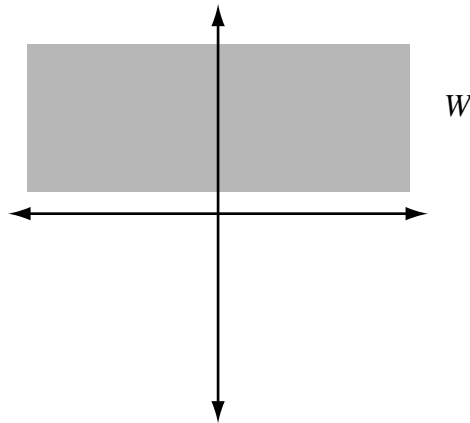


FIGURE 2. W is the dark grey subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . Explain why W is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Since $\mathbf{0}$ is not contained in W , W is not a subspace.

8. a. (4 points) If A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix, what can you say about $\det A$?
 $\det A \neq 0$.
- b. (4 points) If A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix, what can you say about $\text{Nul } A$?
The homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution so $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.
- c. (4 points) If A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix, what can you say about $\text{Col } A$?
The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n so $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$.