

TEST 1 SOLUTIONS

1a. Supposing that $0 = a_1 T(v_1) + a_2 T(v_2) + a_3 T(v_3)$, we have to show that $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$, necessarily.

We have: $0 = a_1 T(v_1) + a_2 T(v_2) + a_3 T(v_3)$
 because \xrightarrow{T} $T(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3)$
 T is linear

Since $\ker(T) = \{0\}$, we must have $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 = 0$, and so $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$ since v_1, v_2, v_3 are lin. indep.

1b. $x + y + 2z = 0$ is the matrix eq'n.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Since (space of sol'n) = $\ker(A)$, the dim. of the space of sol'n is 2. Since A is in reduced row-echelon form, we can just write down its kernel as the span of two linearly independent vectors.

$$\ker(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -s-2t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

this is a basis: these vectors span $\ker(A)$, and they are linearly independent (they aren't scalar multiples of each other.)

1c. No: the sum of two solutions is not a sol'n. (failure of closure under addition).

Also, the zero vector fails to be a sol'n.

1d. Example: projection onto xy -plane, i.e., the linear transformation $P: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$P\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A is in reduced row-echelon form, so it is evident that $\dim(\ker P) = \dim(\ker A) = 1$ and that $\dim(\text{Im } P) = \dim(\text{Im } A) = 2$, as required.

By the nullity-rank theorem, any lin. transf. $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ satisfies $3 = \dim(\ker T) + \dim(\text{Im } T)$, so $\ker T$ and $\text{Im } T$ cannot both be 1-dimensional.

2a. 4 rows (# rows of R.H.S.)
 3 columns (# rows of matrix that A multiplies on the left)

2b. $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \left(2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

mult. by A defines a linear transf.
 $= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

3a. A is already in reduced row-echelon form, so we can immediately write down the solns of $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$:

$$\ker(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2a+c \\ a \\ b-3c \\ -2c \\ c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and \therefore form a basis of $\ker(A)$, because if these are linearly independent,

$$\vec{0} = a\vec{x} + b\vec{y} + c\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -2a+c \\ a \\ b-3c \\ -2c \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then evidently } a=b=c=0.$$

3b. If B is row-equivalent to A , then the linear relations among the columns of B are precisely the same linear relations among the columns of A . Therefore

$$-\frac{1}{2}\vec{b}_2 - 3\vec{b}_4 + 2\vec{b}_5 - \vec{b}_6 = \vec{0}.$$

4a. By applying a few row operations, we see that

$$\left[A \mid \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{ref}(A)} A^{-1}$$

$\text{ref}(A) = I_3$ and so A is invertible, and its inverse is as indicated.

$$4b. A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0} = \vec{0}; \quad A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4c. Yes, the columns of A are linearly independent. One way to see this: A is invertible.

$$\vec{0} = a_1(\text{col. 1 of } A) + a_2(\text{col. 2 of } A) + a_3(\text{col. 3 of } A) \\ = A \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}\vec{0} = \vec{0}.$$

Another way: $\text{ref}(A) = I_3$; the columns of I_3 are evidently lin. indep., and therefore so must the columns of A , because the linear relations among the columns of $\text{ref}(A)$ are precisely the same as the linear relations among the columns of A (since A and $\text{ref}(A)$ are row-equivalent).

5a. We have to show that $T(f+g) = T(f) + T(g)$ and that $T(af) = aT(f)$, for every $f, g \in V$ and every $a \in \mathbb{R}$. To verify this we just compute:

$$T(f+g) = (f+g)' = f' + g' = T(f) + T(g) \\ T(af) = a f' = a f' = a(f'+f') = a(T(f) + T(f)) = aT(f).$$

5b. $\dim V = 3$, so we only need to show that either the vectors of B are linearly indep. or that $\text{span } B = V$. Let's show that the vectors of B are linearly indep.:

$$0 = a\vec{1} + b \cdot (1+x) + c(1+x+x^2) = (a+b+c)1 + (b+c)x + cx^2 \\ \text{because } \begin{cases} 1, x, x^2 \\ \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a+b+c = 0 \\ b+c = 0 \\ \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a = -b \\ a = -b-c \\ \end{cases} \\ \text{are lin. indep.}$$

If $f(x) = 2 - x + 3x^2 = a + b(1+x) + c(1+x+x^2)$
then: $a+b+c=2$, $b+c=-1$, $c=3$,
i.e., $a=3$, $b=-4$, $c=3$.

5c. To find the matrix M that satisfies $[T(f)]_{\mathcal{B}} = M[f]_{\mathcal{D}}$
we have to compute $T(\vec{x})$ for each $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{D}$
and express the result in terms of the basis \mathcal{B} .
We have:

$$T(-x) = (-x) + (-x)' = -x - 1 = -1 \cdot (1+x)$$

$$T(x^2) = x^2 + (x^2)' = x^2 + 2x \\ = -2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (1+x) + 1 \cdot (1+x+x^2)$$

$$T(3) = 3 + 3' = 3 + 0 = 3 \cdot 1$$

Thus, the matrix M is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

5d. T is an isomorphism if and only if any
matrix representing T , in particular, M , is invertible.

M is, indeed, invertible, as one can easily check by
showing that $\ker(M) = \{\vec{0}\}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2b+3c \\ -a+b \\ b \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow b=0, a=0, c=0.$$

Thus T is an isomorphism.
