

- (1) Complete the definitions.
- (a) An algebra $\mathbf{V} = \langle V, +, -, 0, \mu_c : c \in F \rangle$ is a *vector space* if it satisfies the closure axioms and the following eight equational axioms:
- $\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z}$
 - $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$
 - $\mathbf{x} + 0 = \mathbf{x}$
 - $\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x}) = 0$
 - $1 \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$
 - $c(d\mathbf{x}) = (cd)\mathbf{x}$
 - $(c + d)\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{x}$
 - $c(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = c\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{y}$
- (b) The *null space* or *kernel* of a matrix \mathbf{M} is $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = 0\}$.
- (c) $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are *independent* if $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i = 0$ implies $c_i = 0$ for all i .
- (d) B is a *basis* for a vector space \mathbf{V} if B is independent and $\text{Span}(B) = \mathbf{V}$.
- (e) The *dimension* of a vector space \mathbf{V} is the number of elements in a basis.
- (f) The real-valued function $\|\cdot\|$ is a *vector norm* if
- $\|\mathbf{x}\| > 0$ if $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$, and $\|\mathbf{0}\| = 0$.
 - $\|c\mathbf{x}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{x}\|$.
 - $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$.
- (g) A *linear transformation* from U to V is a map $T : U \rightarrow V$ satisfying $T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$ and $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$.
- (2) Which of the following are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n ? Take \mathbf{M} to be an arbitrary matrix and \mathbf{b} an arbitrary (nonzero) vector.
- $Q = \{\mathbf{x} : x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 1\}$. Not a subspace.
 - $R = \{\mathbf{x} : x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0\}$. Not a subspace.
 - $S = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$. Not a subspace.
 - $T = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$. Subspace.
- (3) Which of the following are subspaces of $C(\mathbb{R})$?
- $Q = \text{Span}(\emptyset)$. Subspace.
 - $R = \text{Span}(1, t, t^2, t^3)$. Subspace.
 - $S = \text{Span}(1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4, \dots)$. Subspace.
 - $T = \text{Span}(\cos t, \sin t)$. Subspace.
- The span of any subset $X \subseteq V$ is the set of linear combinations of vectors from X , which is the smallest subspace of V containing X .
- (4) List five equivalents to the statement \mathbf{M} is nonsingular. (Here \mathbf{M} should be a square $n \times n$ matrix.)
- $\ker \mathbf{M} = \{0\}$, i.e., $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = 0$ implies $\mathbf{x} = 0$.
 - \mathbf{M} is left invertible, i.e., there exists \mathbf{L} such that $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$.
 - The range of \mathbf{M} is \mathbb{R}^n .
 - \mathbf{M} is right invertible, i.e., there exists \mathbf{R} such that $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$.
 - The columns of \mathbf{M} are independent.
 - The columns of \mathbf{M} span \mathbb{R}^n .
 - The rows of \mathbf{M} are independent.
 - The rows of \mathbf{M} span \mathbb{R}^n .
 - $\det \mathbf{M} \neq 0$.
 - Every equation $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution.
 - Every equation $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution.

- (5) Find a basis for $\mathbf{W} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 - x_4 = 0\}$.

Any three independent vectors in \mathbf{W} form a basis, e.g.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (6) Find an orthonormal basis for $\mathbf{W} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$.

Any two orthogonal unit vectors in \mathbf{W} will work, e.g.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (7) Find bases for the kernel and range of this matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for the kernel is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and a basis for the range is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (8) For \mathbf{A} from the preceding problem and $\mathbf{b} = [1 \ -5 \ 1 \ 3]^T$, find $\|\mathbf{b}\|_1$, $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1$, $\|\mathbf{b}\|_\infty$, $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty$.
 $\|\mathbf{b}\|_1 = 10$, $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = 8$, $\|\mathbf{b}\|_\infty = 5$, $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = 6$.
- (9) Prove that if \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} are two solutions to the equation $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, then $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}$ is in the kernel of \mathbf{A} . Then show that if \mathbf{z} is a solution and $\mathbf{n} \in \ker \mathbf{A}$, then $\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{n}$ is a solution.
 If $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$, then $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$. Thus $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z} \in \ker \mathbf{A}$.
 If $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{b}$.
- (10) Prove that if B is a basis for a vector space V , then every vector in V has a unique expression as a linear combination of elements of B .

A basis for V is an independent set that spans V . Let B be a basis and consider any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$. Because B spans V , the vector \mathbf{v} is a linear combination of elements of B , say $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + c_k\mathbf{u}_k$ with each $\mathbf{u}_i \in B$.

Suppose that also $\mathbf{v} = d_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + d_k\mathbf{u}_k$. Then $\sum c_i\mathbf{u}_i = \sum d_i\mathbf{u}_i$, whence $\sum (c_i - d_i)\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{0}$. Since B is independent, that implies $c_i - d_i = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, so that each $c_i = d_i$. Thus the coefficients in the expression of \mathbf{v} as a linear combination of elements of B are unique.