Solutions to Math 308 F Spring 2016 Midterm 1

1. Solve the following system of three equations with five unknowns.

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcr} 2x_1 & + & x_2 & - & 3x_5 & = & -2 \\ x_2 & + & x_4 & + & 5x_5 & = & 6 \\ -3x_1 & + & x_3 & + & 2x_5 & = & -1 \end{array}$$

If the system is consistent, identify your particular solution and the homogenous solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \times 2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ -6 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \times 3$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & -5 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -8 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 & -20 & -26 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \times\frac{1}{2} \\ \\ \times\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3/2 & -10 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

x_4 + x_5 are free

Let $x_4 = s_1$, $x_5 = s_2$

Row3:
$x_3 - \frac{3}{2}x_4 - 10x_5 = -13 \longrightarrow x_3 = \frac{3}{2}s_1 + 10s_2 - 13$

Row2:
$x_2 + x_4 + 5x_5 = 6 \longrightarrow x_2 = -s_1 - 5s_2 + 6$

Row1:
$x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_4 - 4x_5 = -4 \longrightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2}s_1 + 4s_2 - 4$

The solution is

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}s_1 + 4s_2 - 4 \\ -s_1 - 5s_2 + 6 \\ \frac{3}{2}s_1 + 10s_2 - 13 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -13 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_p} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ 3/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} s_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} s_2}_{\vec{x}_h}$$

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2. Determine if the following set of vectors are independent. If they are not, write one of them as a linear combination of the other.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Solve $A\vec{x}=0$, columns of A are the given vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \times 1 \\ \times -4 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & -6 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} -1 \\ -7 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15 & 15 & 0 \end{bmatrix} -5 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

echelon form

x_4 is free so there are infinitely many solutions to $A\vec{x}=\vec{0}$. The vectors are not linearly independent.

Carrying on:

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} 2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

reduced echelon form

$x_1 + x_4 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -s$

$x_2 + 2x_4 = 0 \rightarrow x_2 = -2s$

$x_3 + x_4 = 0 \rightarrow x_3 = -s$

$x_4 = s$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -s \\ -2s \\ -s \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Take $s=1$, for example

$$-1\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 2\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 2\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Answer the questions about the following linear transformation.

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) What are the domain and codomain of T? Which matrix represents T?

Domain: $\mathbb{R}^3$
Codomain: $\mathbb{R}^2$

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

(b) Is T onto?

Yes. The vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ span the codomain $\mathbb{R}^2$ because there are at least two non-parallel (hence not linearly independent) vectors.

(c) Is T one-to one?

No. By a Thm. from Ch. 3, $T: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$ cannot be one-to-one when $m > n$. In this case, $m = 3 > 2 = n$.

4. (a) True or false? A set of two vectors is linearly dependent if and only if one is a scalar multiple of the other. Explain.

True. Linearly dependent means $c_1\vec{u}_1 + c_2\vec{u}_2 = \vec{0}$ has a non zero solution. Then we can write $\vec{u}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1}\vec{u}_2$ or $\vec{u}_2 = -\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \vec{u}_1$ since one of c_1 or c_2 is non zero.

One is a scalar multiple of the other means $\vec{u}_1 = \alpha\vec{u}_2$ or $\vec{u}_2 = \beta\vec{u}_1$. Then we have $\vec{u}_1 - \alpha\vec{u}_2 = \vec{0}$ or $-\beta\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 = \vec{0}$ so they are dependent.

(b) True or False? If $m > n$, any set of m vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$ spans $\mathbb{R}^n$. Explain.

False. Let $m=3, n=2$

$\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}2\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}3\\3\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ do not span $\mathbb{R}^2$

(c) Give an example of a non zero linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ which is not onto. If such an example does not exist, explain why not.

$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$

$\vec{x} \to \begin{bmatrix}x_1+2x_2\\-x_1-2x_2\end{bmatrix}$

given by $A = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 2\\-1 & -2\end{bmatrix}$

range is spanned by the parallel vectors $\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}2\\-2\end{bmatrix}$ so it's not all of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(d) Give an example of a set of three vectors which are linearly independent and do not span $\mathbb{R}^3$. If such an example does not exist, explain why not.

Not possible by the Big Theorem.
In $\mathbb{R}^n$, n vectors span $\mathbb{R}^n$ if and only if they are independent.

(e) Give an example of a linear system with more variables than equations that has no solution. If such an example does not exist, explain why not.

$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$
$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3$