

Practice Problems 2

$$2) \begin{vmatrix} a-d & b-e & c-f \\ d-g & e-h & f-i \\ g-a & h-b & i-c \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{R2+R1}{=} \begin{vmatrix} a-d & b-e & c-f \\ a-g & b-h & c-i \\ g-a & h-b & i-c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{R3+R2}{=} \begin{vmatrix} a-d & b-e & c-f \\ a-g & b-h & c-i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$3) a) \text{ False : } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

b) True : theorem

$$c) \text{ False : } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$d) \text{ False : } \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ not } -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

e) False : the coefficient matrix has to be invertible.

$$\text{Counterexample : } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

6) V_1 is not a vector space:

$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are in V_1 but their sum

$\begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 3/2 \end{pmatrix}$ is not

V_2 is a vector space since it is $\text{Span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$

(Since each vector in V_2 is a linear combination of these vectors with weights a, b and c , resp.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the first two vectors (the columns with a pivot position) form a basis for V_2

V_3 : polynomials $p(x) = ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex + f$
 $p(0) = f = 0$

$ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex$ is a linear combination of

x^5, x^4, x^3, x^2, x , and these are linearly independent \rightarrow basis

8) a) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ has 3 pivot positions.

Since \mathbb{R}^3 has dimension 3 (basis $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$) and these vectors are linearly independent, they form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ -2 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$

has only 2 pivot positions.

It is not a basis since the vectors are linearly dependent. The vectors also do not span \mathbb{R}^3 since you need 3 pivot positions in $A\vec{x}=\vec{b}$ for the columns of A to span a 3-dimensional space.

(If these vectors did span \mathbb{R}^3 , and there were 3, then it would be a basis and they'd have to be linearly independent.)

c) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2-2R_1 \\ R_3-3R_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3-2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Not a basis, similar to (b)

$$9 \text{ basis Col } A: \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{basis Row } A: \left\{ (1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 4 \ 5), (0 \ 0 \ 5 \ -7 \ 8) \right. \\ \left. (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -9) \right\}$$

$$\text{for } A\vec{x} = 0: \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -2x_2 - 4x_4 \\ x_2 &= x_2 \\ x_3 &= \frac{7}{5}x_4 \\ x_4 &= x_4 \\ x_5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{basis for Nul } A: \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

11. V has a basis

$$\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

So the dimension is 4

• The set has 4 elements, so if these polynomials are linearly independent they form a basis
1 is not a multiple of zero
 $2t$ is not a multiple of 1

$-2+4t^2$ is not a linear combination of 1, $2t$

$-12t+8t^3$ is not a linear combination of 1, $2t$ and $-2+4t^2$

→ linear independent so the set is a basis.

14 Homogeneous system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

with A a 12×8 matrix

Two solutions \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
that are linearly independent, and all
other solutions are linear combinations of
these 2 $\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is a basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$.

$$\text{rank}(A) + 2 = 8 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 6$$

6 equations could be enough since $\text{Row}(A)$
has a basis with 6 elements

16 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ with A a 7×6 matrix

A can have 6 pivots since maximal rank of $A = 6$

\Rightarrow if it does, for some target \vec{b} $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a
unique solution.

When row reduced, A gets a zero row
(i.e. the equivalent matrix has a zero row.)
 \Rightarrow for some \vec{b} , there will be no solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$