

Math 314. Week 3 worksheet (§1.5 – §1.8).

A. PARAMETRIC VECTOR FORM. The general solution to the linear system (*) below is given next to it.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(*)} \quad \begin{array}{l}
 -2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_4 - 6x_5 = -13 \\
 -2x_1 - 6x_2 - 4x_4 - 6x_5 + 5x_6 = 14 \\
 4x_1 + 15x_2 + 11x_4 + 12x_5 - 10x_6 = -37
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{l}
 x_1 = x_4 - 3x_5 + 2 \\
 x_2 = -x_4 - 3 \\
 x_6 = 0 \\
 x_3, x_4, x_5 \text{ free}
 \end{array}$$

- (1) Use the general solution to plug in x_1 through x_6 into the first set of blanks below. Every entry should involve only constants and free variables.
- (2) Fill in the blanks after the third “=”. Every entry should involve only constants. Now your solution is in parametric vector form.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}.$$

B. SOLUTION SETS AND HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEMS. The general solution to the linear system (*) below is given next to it.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(*)} \quad \begin{array}{l}
 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 7x_3 = 9 \\
 x_1 + 4x_3 = 3
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{l}
 x_1 = 3 - 4x_3 \\
 x_2 = -3/5 - 1/5x_3 \\
 x_3 \text{ free}
 \end{array}$$

- (1) Rewrite this solution set in parametric vector form as $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + s\mathbf{v}$. What geometric shape is the solution set?
- (2) Write your solution set in parametric form with a different “constant vector” \mathbf{p} .
- (3) Without doing any computation, write the solution set of the system

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 7x_3 = 0 \\
 x_1 + 4x_3 = 0
 \end{array}$$

in parametric vector form.

- (4) Given that $(2, -1, 1)$ is a solution to the linear system

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 7x_3 = -2 \\
 x_1 + 4x_3 = 6
 \end{array},$$

write the solution set to this system in parametric vector form without doing any computation.

DEFINITION: A set of vectors $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t\}$ is **linearly independent** if, whenever $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_t\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{0}$, we have $c_1 = \dots = c_t = 0$. Otherwise, the set is **linearly dependent**.¹

C. LINEAR INDEPENDENCE.

- (1) Suppose that $2\mathbf{v}_1 - 3\mathbf{v}_2 + 4\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$. Is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly independent? Write \mathbf{v}_3 as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 .
- (2) Rewrite the equation $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_t\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{0}$ as a matrix-times-vector equation. Does this correspond to a homogeneous linear system?
- (3) Complete the following statement, and explain why it is true:

$S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t\}$ is linearly independent if and only if $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_t] \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has no _____ solution.

D. LINEAR INDEPENDENCE. Determine if each of the following sets of vectors is linearly independent.

(1) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

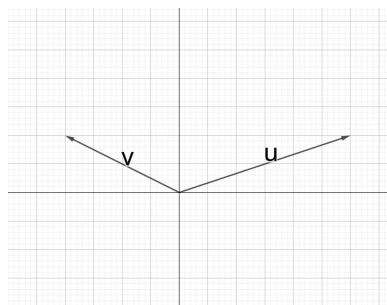
(2) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(3) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

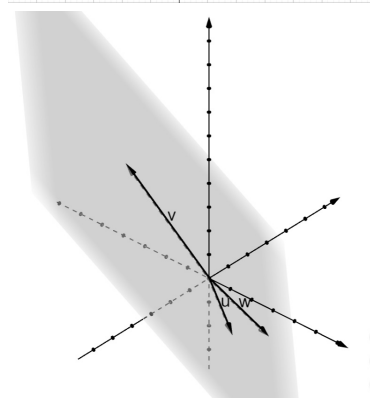
(4) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(5) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(6) $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$.



(7)



(8)

E*. LINEAR INDEPENDENCE AND RREF.

- (1) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ form a linearly independent set, what are all the possible RREFs for $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$?
- (2) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ form a linearly independent set, what are all the possible RREFs for $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$?
- (3) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ form a linearly independent set, what are all the possible RREFs for $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$? What can you say about m and n ?
- (4) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ form a linearly dependent set, what are all the possible RREFs for $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2]$?²
- (5) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ form a linearly dependent set, what are all the possible RREFs for $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$?

¹Linear (in)dependence is a property of a set of vectors: it's about their relationship with each other. However, people will often say things like " $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t$ are linearly independent" to mean " $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t\}$ is linearly independent."

²Hint: Depending how you organize them, you should have 3 or 4 "types" of matrices.

DEFINITION: A function $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a **linear transformation** if, for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

- (1) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$, and
- (2) $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$.

These two conditions are equivalent to the single condition

$$(\dagger) \quad T(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) + dT(\mathbf{v}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and all } c, d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

DEFINITION: A function $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a **matrix transformation** if $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for some matrix A .

THEOREM: Every matrix transformation is a linear transformation.

F. LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS.

- (1) Consider the function $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the rule $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$. Compare $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $2T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$. Is T a linear transformation?
- (2) Consider the function $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $T(\mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{x}$. Is T a linear transformation?
- (3) If $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation, and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then what is $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$?

G. MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS. Describe each of the following matrix transformations geometrically.³

- (1) $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the rule $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (2) $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the rule $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (3) $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the rule $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

H*. PROPERTIES OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation.

- (1) Decide on a suitable definition of “line” in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that if $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a line, then $T(L)$ is either a line or a point⁴.
- (2) If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is linearly independent, must $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_t)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be linearly independent?
- (3) If $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_t)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is linearly independent, must $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_t\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be linearly independent?
- (4) If $m = n = 2$ and $W \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a square, what can you say about $T(W)$? What if W is a triangle? A circle?
- (5) Suppose that $m = n$, and $U : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is an inverse function to T ($U \circ T = T \circ U$ is the identity function on \mathbb{R}^n). Show that U is a linear transformation.

³Hint: Plug in $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ or $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$.

⁴By definition, $T(L) = \{T(\mathbf{p}) \mid \mathbf{p} \in L\}$.