

## Review Problems for Test 2

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1. Determine whether the set is a subspace. Check each axiom for a subspace. If the axiom holds, prove it. If the axiom doesn't hold, give a specific counterexample.

(a) The subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 1\}.$$

(b) The subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid xy = z\}.$$

(c) The subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$C = \{(x, y, z) \mid x + 2y = 3z\}.$$

(d) For a fixed  $n \times n$  real matrix  $A$ , the subset of the real vector space  $M(n, \mathbb{R})$  given by

$$D = \{X \in M(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid AXA + 5X = 0\}.$$

2. Let  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  denote the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients, regarded as a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) Prove or disprove:

$$V = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid f(2) = 0\} \text{ is a subspace.}$$

(b) Prove or disprove:

$$W = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid f(2) = 3\} \text{ is a subspace.}$$

3. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be subspaces of a vector space  $W$ . Show that the intersection  $U \cap V$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

4. (a) Complete the definition of **independent set**: A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is **independent** if . . . .

(b) Complete the definition of **spanning set**: A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  **spans**  $V$  if . . . .

5. Bonzo McTavish says: "A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is independent if when you make a matrix with the vectors, the determinant of the matrix is nonzero." What is wrong with this?

6. Silas Hogwinder says: "A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is independent if when you make a matrix with the vectors, it row reduces to the identity." What is wrong with this?

7. (a) Explain why the following set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is not independent.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(b) Explain why the following set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is not independent.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(c) Explain why the following set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

8. Determine whether the following vectors are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . If they are dependent, find a nontrivial linear combination of the vectors which equals  $\vec{0}$ .

$$(1, -1, 4, 2), \quad (-2, 1, -1, -1), \quad (-4, 1, 5, 1)$$

9. Let  $V$  be a vector space, and suppose  $\{u, v, w\}$  is a dependent set of vectors in  $V$ . Let

$$p = a_1u + b_1v + c_1w, \quad q = a_2u + b_2v + c_2w, \quad r = a_3u + b_3v + c_3w.$$

(The  $a$ 's,  $b$ 's, and  $c$ 's are scalars.) Prove that  $\{p, q, r\}$  is dependent.

10. Write the vector  $(1, 0, 2)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_3^3$  as a linear combination of the vectors

$$(2, 2, 1), \quad (2, 1, 2), \quad (1, 1, 1).$$

11. Determine whether the following vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If they don't, find the dimension of the subspace they span.

$$(1, -4, 7), \quad (-2, 2, -3), \quad (-4, -2, 5)$$

12. Consider the following subspace of the real vector space  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ :

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a+c \\ b+c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find a basis for  $W$ . Prove that your set is a basis by showing that it spans  $W$  and is independent.

13. Let

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(a) Show that  $V$  is a subspace of  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

(b) If the following set of matrices in  $V$  spans  $V$ , prove it. If it doesn't span  $V$ , find a specific element of  $V$  which is not in the span of the set

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

14. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

15. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

16. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

17. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

18. Show that the following set of matrices is an independent subset of  $M(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

19. Show that the set  $\{x, x^2, e^x\}$  is an independent set in the real vector space of differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

20. Find a standard basis vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^5$  such that the following set forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$ :

$$\{(1, 2, 1, 1, 0), (2, -1, -1, 0, 3), (1, 4, -1, -1, 2), (3, 2, 2, 1, -6), u\}.$$

21. Find standard basis vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_3^4$  such that the following set forms a basis for  $\mathbb{Z}_3^4$ .

$$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 1), u, v\}$$

22. (a) Find a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  spanned by the set

$$\{(1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}.$$

(b) Find a subset of the following set  $S$  which forms a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  spanned by  $S$ .

$$S = \{(1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}.$$

23. Consider the following real matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$ . If it is, prove it. If it isn't, find a vector in the row space of  $A$  which is not in the row space of  $B$ .

24. Consider the following real matrix, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ x & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find a value of  $x$  for which  $\text{rank } A = 1$ .

(b) Find a value of  $x$  for which  $\text{rank } A = 2$ .

25. In a  $5 \times 19$  real matrix  $A$ , the 5 rows are independent. What is nullity  $A$ ?

26. (a) Let  $A, B \in M(n, F)$ , where  $F$  is a field. Prove that

$$\text{null space}(B) \subset \text{null space}(AB).$$

(b) Let  $A, B \in M(n, F)$ , where  $F$  is a field. Suppose that  $A$  is invertible. Prove that

$$\text{null space}(B) = \text{null space}(AB).$$

(In (a) and (b), begin by writing down what it means for a vector  $x$  to be in the null space of  $B$  or the null space of  $AB$ .)

(c) Find a matrix  $A \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\text{null space}(A) \subsetneq \text{null space}(A^2).$$

(In words, you want to find a matrix  $A$  so that  $A^2$  multiplies more vectors to  $\vec{0}$  than  $A$  does.)

(d) Find a matrix  $A \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\text{row space}(A^2) \subsetneq \text{row space}(A).$$

(How can you choose  $A$  so that you can “build less stuff” with the rows of  $A^2$  than with the rows of  $A$ ?)

27. For the given function, check each axiom for a linear transformation. If the axiom holds, prove it. If the axiom does not hold, give a specific counterexample.

(a) The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x) = x + \sin x.$$

(b) The function  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$g(x, y) = (x - y, x + y, 2x + 3y).$$

(c) The function  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$h(x, y) = (x + y, xy).$$

(d) The function  $p : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M(2, \mathbb{R})$  given by

$$p(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 3y \\ 0 & y^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

28. Let  $A$  be a *fixed* matrix in  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Define  $T : M(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M(2, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$T(X) = AX - XA \quad \text{for } X \in M(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

Prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

29. Define  $\text{tr} : M(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = a + d.$$

$\text{tr}$  is called the **trace function**.

(a) Show that  $\text{tr}$  is a linear transformation.

(b) Find a basis for the null space of  $\text{tr}$ .

30. Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$f(u, v) = (u, (u^2 + 1) \cos v, (u^2 + 1) \sin v).$$

(a) Compute the derivative  $Df(u, v)$ .

(b) Show that there no values  $(u, v)$  for which  $Df(u, v)$  is the zero matrix.

31. Find a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that takes the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(2, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$  to the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(-1, -3)$ .

32. Construct a linear transformation  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which reflects points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  across the line  $y = 9x$ .

33. Find an affine transformation which takes the unit square  $\{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$  to the parallelogram with vertices  $A(2, 5)$ ,  $B(3, 7)$ ,  $C(2, 6)$ ,  $D(1, 4)$  in such a way that the origin  $(0, 0)$  goes to  $A$ , the vector  $(1, 0)$  goes to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ , and the vector  $(0, 1)$  goes to  $\overrightarrow{AD}$ .

34. Consider the following bases for the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(a) Construct the transition matrices

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}], \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}], \quad [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}], \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}], \quad [\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}], \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}].$$

(b) Write the vector  $(-5, 4)$  in terms of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

(c) Write the vector  $(3, 2)_{\mathcal{C}}$  in terms of the standard basis.

(d) Write the vector  $(-1, 4)_{\mathcal{B}}$  in terms of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

(e) Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$f(x, y) = (2x - y, 3x + 8y).$$

Find  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}}$ .

35. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - y + 3z \\ x + y - z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the following bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(a) Find  $[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}]$ ,  $[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}]$ , and  $[\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}]$ .

- (b) Express  $(3, 4)$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (c) Express  $(3, 1, 0)_{\mathcal{B}}$  relative to the standard basis.
- (d) Find  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}}$ .

36. What is  $i^{101}$ ?

37. Simplify  $\frac{1+2i}{5-3i}$ .

38. Compute  $(1+i\sqrt{3})^{10}$ .

- Hint: Express  $\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  as  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  for a certain value of  $\theta$ , then apply DeMoivre's formula.

39. Find the inverse of the following matrix. (Multiply any constants outside the matrix into the matrix and simplify.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2-3i & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Solutions to the Review Problems for Test 2

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(b) The subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

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(c) The subset of the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

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(d) For a fixed  $n \times n$  real matrix  $A$ , the subset of the real vector space  $M(n, \mathbb{R})$  given by

$$D = \{X \in M(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid AXA + 5X = 0\}.$$

(a) The set is not a subspace, since the zero vector  $(0, 0, 0)$  is not contained in the set. I'll check the axioms, anyway.

$(1, 0, 0) \in A$  since  $1 + 0 + 0 = 1$ .  $(0, 0, 1) \in A$  since  $0 + 0 + 1 = 1$ . But

$$(1, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 1) = (1, 0, 1) \notin A, \quad \text{since } 1 + 0 + 1 = 2 \neq 1.$$

$(1, 0, 0) \in A$  since  $1 + 0 + 0 = 1$ . But

$$2 \cdot (1, 0, 0) = (2, 0, 0) \notin A, \quad \text{since } 2 + 0 + 0 = 2 \neq 1. \quad \square$$

(b)  $(2, 3, 6)$  is contained in  $B$ , since  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$ , and  $(3, 4, 12)$  is contained in  $B$ , since  $3 \cdot 4 = 12$ . However,

$$(2, 3, 6) + (3, 4, 12) = (5, 7, 72) \notin B, \quad \text{since } 5 \cdot 7 = 35 \neq 72.$$

$(2, 3, 6)$  is contained in  $B$ , since  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$ . But

$$2 \cdot (2, 3, 6) = (4, 6, 12) \notin B, \quad \text{since } 4 \cdot 6 = 24 \neq 12. \quad \square$$

(c) Let  $(a, b, c), (d, e, f) \in C$ . By definition, this means that

$$a + 2b = 3c \quad \text{and} \quad d + 2e = 3f.$$

Consider the sum of the two vectors:

$$(a, b, c) + (d, e, f) = (a + d, b + e, c + f).$$

Then

$$(a + d) + 2(b + e) = (a + 2b) + (d + 2e) = 3c + 3f = 3(c + f).$$

The sum vector satisfies the defining condition, so the sum is contained in  $C$ .

Let  $(x, y, z) \in C$  and let  $k$  be a number. By definition,  $x + 2y = 3z$ .

Consider the product

$$k \cdot (x, y, z) = (kx, ky, kz).$$

Then

$$kx + 2(ky) = k(x + 2y) = k(3z) = 3(kz).$$

The product vector satisfies the defining condition, so the product is contained in  $C$ .

Therefore,  $C$  is a subspace.  $\square$

(d) Let  $X, Y \in D$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{r} AXA + 5X = 0 \\ AYA + 5Y = 0 \\ \hline AXA + AYA = 5X + 5Y \\ A(X + Y)A + 5(X + Y) = 0 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $X + Y \in D$ .

(Warning: Don't write things like " $A(X + Y)A + 5(X + Y) = 0 \in D$ ". Do you understand why this is wrong?)

Let  $X \in D$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{r} AXA + 5X = 0 \\ k(AXA + 5X) = k \cdot 0 \\ kAXA + k(5X) = 0 \\ A(kX)A + 5(kX) = 0 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $kX \in D$ .

Hence,  $D$  is a subspace.  $\square$

2. Let  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  denote the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients, regarded as a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) Prove or disprove:

$$V = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid f(2) = 0\} \quad \text{is a subspace.}$$

(b) Prove or disprove:

$$W = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid f(2) = 3\} \quad \text{is a subspace.}$$

(a) By the Root Theorem (from precalculus), to say that  $f(2) = 0$  is the same as saying that  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $x - 2$ ; that is,  $f(x) = (x - 2)p(x)$ , for some  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ .

Let  $f(x), g(x) \in V$ . Then  $f(x) = (x - 2)p(x)$  and  $g(x) = (x - 2)q(x)$  for some  $p(x), q(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ . Hence,

$$f(x) + g(x) = (x - 2)p(x) + (x - 2)q(x) = (x - 2)(p(x) + q(x)).$$

Since the last expression is divisible by  $x - 2$ , it follows that  $f(x) + g(x) \in V$ .

Let  $f(x) \in V$ , so  $f(x) = (x - 2)p(x)$  for some  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$k \cdot f(x) = k \cdot (x - 2)p(x) = (x - 2)[k \cdot p(x)].$$

The last expression is divisible by  $x - 2$ , so  $k \cdot f(x) \in V$ .

Since  $V$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $V$  is a subspace.  $\square$

(b) The zero polynomial  $0$  is not in  $W$ , since the zero polynomial does not map  $2$  to  $3$ . But every subspace contains the zero vector, so  $W$  is not a subspace.  $\square$

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3. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be subspaces of a vector space  $W$ . Show that the intersection  $U \cap V$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

Let  $x, y \in U \cap V$ . I must show that  $x + y \in U \cap V$ .

Since  $x, y \in U \cap V$ ,  $x, y \in U$ . Since  $U$  is a subspace,  $x + y \in U$ .

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Since  $x + y \in U$  and  $x + y \in V$ , it follows that  $x + y \in U \cap V$ .

Next, let  $x \in U \cap V$  and let  $k$  be a scalar. I must show that  $kx \in U \cap V$ .

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Since  $U \cap V$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $U \cap V$  is a subspace.  $\square$

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4. (a) Complete the definition of **independent set**: A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is **independent** if . . . .

(b) Complete the definition of **spanning set**: A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  **spans**  $V$  if . . . .

(a) A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is **independent** if whenever  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in S$ ,

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n = \vec{0} \quad \text{implies} \quad a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0.$$

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(b) A set  $S$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  **spans**  $V$  if for every  $v \in V$ , there are numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$  and vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in S$  such that

$$v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n.$$

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5. Bonzo McTavish says: "A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is independent if when you make a matrix with the vectors, the determinant of the matrix is nonzero." What is wrong with this?



Consider the set

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

The set is independent, but the matrix formed by the vectors (either as the rows or the columns) isn't square, so you can't take the determinant.

Don't confuse the *procedure* you use for checking independence in a special case (e.g. when you have  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) with what the concept of *independence* means.  $\square$

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(a) A set containing the zero vector is dependent. (Can you prove it?)  $\square$

(b)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has dimension 3 (since, for instance, the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has 3 elements). Therefore, any set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with more than 3 vectors must be dependent.  $\square$

(c)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has dimension 3 (since, for instance, the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has 3 elements). Therefore, any set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with fewer than 3 vectors cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  $\square$

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8. Determine whether the following vectors are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . If they are dependent, find a nontrivial linear combination of the vectors which equals  $\vec{0}$ .

$$(1, -1, 4, 2), \quad (-2, 1, -1, -1), \quad (-4, 1, 5, 1)$$

Let

$$a \cdot (1, -1, 4, 2) + b \cdot (-2, 1, -1, -1) + c \cdot (-4, 1, 5, 1) = (0, 0, 0, 0).$$

The set is independent if this implies that  $a = b = c = 0$ .

The equation above is equivalent to the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce the augmented matrix:

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

The corresponding equations are  $a + 2c = 0$  and  $b + 3c = 0$ . Setting  $c = 1$  gives  $a = -2$  and  $b = -3$ . Therefore,

$$(-2) \cdot (1, -1, 4, 2) + (-3) \cdot (-2, 1, -1, -1) + 1 \cdot (-4, 1, 5, 1) = (0, 0, 0, 0).$$

Hence, the vectors are dependent.  $\square$

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9. Let  $V$  be a vector space, and suppose  $\{u, v, w\}$  is a dependent set of vectors in  $V$ . Let

$$p = a_1u + b_1v + c_1w, \quad q = a_2u + b_2v + c_2w, \quad r = a_3u + b_3v + c_3w.$$

(The  $a$ 's,  $b$ 's, and  $c$ 's are scalars.) Prove that  $\{p, q, r\}$  is dependent.

Let  $W = \langle u, v, w \rangle$  be the span of  $\{u, v, w\}$  in  $V$ . Since  $\{u, v, w\}$  is dependent, I can express one of the vectors in terms of the others. Without loss of generality, suppose  $w$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $u$  and  $v$ . Then

$$\langle u, v, w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle.$$

If  $\{u, v\}$  is independent, then it's a basis for  $W$ . If it's dependent, then I can express one of  $u, v$  in terms of the other. Again without loss of generality, suppose  $v$  is a multiple of  $u$ . Then

$$\langle u, v, w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle u \rangle.$$

If  $u$  is nonzero, then  $\{u\}$  is independent, and it's a basis for  $W$ . The only other possibility is that  $u = 0$ . In that case,  $v = w = 0$ , so  $W = \{0\}$ .

Considering all of these cases, I've shown that the dimension of  $W$  is 2, 1, or 0. Since  $\{p, q, r\}$  is a set of 3 vectors in  $W$ , it follows that  $\{p, q, r\}$  must be dependent.  $\square$

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10. Write the vector  $(1, 0, 2)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_3^3$  as a linear combination of the vectors

$$(2, 2, 1), \quad (2, 1, 2), \quad (1, 1, 1).$$

I want to find  $a, b, c$  such that

$$a \cdot (2, 2, 1) + b \cdot (2, 1, 2) + c \cdot (1, 1, 1) = (1, 0, 2).$$

This gives the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Form the augmented matrix and row reduce:

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

The last matrix says  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 1$ , and  $c = 1$ . Thus,

$$2 \cdot (2, 2, 1) + 1 \cdot (2, 1, 2) + 1 \cdot (1, 1, 1) = (1, 0, 2). \quad \square$$

11. Determine whether the following vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If they don't, find the dimension of the subspace they span.

$$(1, -4, 7), \quad (-2, 2, -3), \quad (-4, -2, 5)$$

Construct a matrix with the vectors as rows and row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 7 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{11}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The row reduced echelon matrix has the same row space as the original matrix and the nonzero rows of the row reduced echelon matrix form a basis for the row space. Since there are two nonzero rows, the given vectors do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; they span a subspace of dimension 2.  $\square$

12. Consider the following subspace of the real vector space  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ :

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a+c \\ b+c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find a basis for  $W$ . Prove that your set is a basis by showing that it spans  $W$  and is independent.

Let

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$\mathcal{B}$  spans  $W$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a & a+c \\ b+c & b \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

To show  $\mathcal{B}$  is independent, let

$$a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & a+c \\ b+c & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Equating  $(1, 1)^{\text{th}}$  entries gives  $a = 0$ . Equating  $(2, 2)^{\text{th}}$  entries gives  $b = 0$ . Equating  $(2, 1)^{\text{th}}$  entries gives  $b + c = 0$ ; since  $b = 0$ , I get  $c = 0$ . This proves that the set is independent.

Hence,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $W$ .  $\square$

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13. Let

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(a) Show that  $V$  is a subspace of  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

(b) If the following set of matrices in  $V$  spans  $V$ , prove it. If it doesn't span  $V$ , find a specific element of  $V$  which is not in the span of the set

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(a) Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ c+d & c-d \end{bmatrix} \in V.$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ c+d & c-d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ (a+c)+(b+d) & (a+c)-(b+d) \end{bmatrix} \in V.$$

Also, if  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ ka+kb & ka-kb \end{bmatrix} \in V.$$

Therefore,  $V$  is a subspace of  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ .  $\square$

(b) Take an arbitrary matrix in  $V$  and try to write it as a linear combination of the elements of  $S$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} = x \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y & x-y \\ 2x & 2y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Equating corresponding entries, I obtain four equations:

$$x + y = a, \quad x - y = b, \quad 2x = a + b, \quad 2y = a - b.$$

The last two equations give

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(a + b), \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(a - b).$$

If I plug these into the first two equations, they are satisfied. This means that I can find a linear combination of the elements of  $S$  which is equal to any element of  $V$ . Specifically,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & a-b \end{bmatrix} = \left( \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \left( \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,  $S$  spans  $V$ .  $\square$

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14. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce:

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

A basis for the row space is given by the nonzero rows of the row reduced echelon matrix:

$$\{[1 \ -3 \ 0 \ -2 \ 0], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]\}.$$

The leading coefficients occur in the first, third, and fifth columns. Therefore, the first, third, and fifth columns of *the original matrix* form a basis for the column space of the original matrix:

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

To find a basis for the null space, use  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ , and  $e$  as variables, and regard the row-reduced echelon matrix as the coefficient matrix for a homogeneous system. The corresponding equations are

$$a - 3b - 2d = 0, \quad c + d = 0, \quad e = 0.$$

Solve for the leading coefficient variables:

$$a = 3b + 2d, \quad c = -d, \quad e = 0.$$

The parametric solution is

$$a = 3s + 2t, \quad b = s, \quad c = -t, \quad d = t, \quad e = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{bmatrix} = s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, a basis for the null space is

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

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15. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduce the matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 + 2r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - r_3} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow 2r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

A basis for the row space is given by the nonzero rows of the row reduced echelon matrix:

$$\{[1 \ 4 \ 0 \ 3], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 4]\}.$$

The leading coefficients occur in the first and third columns. Therefore, the first and third columns of the original matrix form a basis for the column space of the original matrix:

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

To find a basis for the null space, use  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  as variables, and regard the row-reduced echelon matrix as the coefficient matrix for a homogeneous system. The corresponding equations are

$$a + 4b + 3d = 0, \quad c + 4d = 0.$$

Solve for the leading coefficient variables:

$$a = b + 2d, \quad c = d.$$

The parametric solution is

$$a = s + 2t, \quad b = s, \quad c = t, \quad d = t.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, a basis for the null space is given by

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad \square$$

16. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce the matrix:

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

A basis for the row space is given by the nonzero rows of the row reduced echelon matrix:

$$\{[1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 4], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ -1]\}.$$

The leading coefficients occur in the first, third, and fourth columns. Hence, the first, third, and fourth columns of the original matrix form a basis for the column space:

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

To find a basis for the null space, use  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ , and  $e$  as variables, and regard the row-reduced echelon matrix as the coefficient matrix for a homogeneous system. The corresponding equations are

$$a + 2b - e = 0, \quad c + 4e = 0, \quad d - e = 0.$$

Solve for the leading coefficient variables:

$$a = -2b + e, \quad c = -4e, \quad d = e.$$

The parametric solution is

$$a = -2s + t, \quad b = s, \quad c = -4t, \quad d = t.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{bmatrix} = s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, a basis for the null space is

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

17. Find bases for the row space, the column space, and the null space for the following real matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix is in row reduced echelon form.

A basis for the row space is given by the nonzero rows of the matrix:

$$\{[0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]\}.$$

The leading coefficients occur in the second and third columns. Since the given matrix is in row reduced echelon form, its second and third columns form a basis for the column space:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

To find a basis for the null space, use  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  as variables, and regard the matrix as the coefficient matrix for a homogeneous system. The corresponding equations are

$$b + d = 0, \quad c = 0.$$

Solve for the leading coefficient variables:

$$b = -d, \quad c = 0.$$

The parametric solution is

$$a = s, \quad b = -t, \quad c = 0, \quad d = t.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, a basis for the null space is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad \square$$

18. Show that the following set of matrices is an independent subset of  $M(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Suppose that

$$a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

I must show that  $a = b = c = d = 0$ . I have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b & c & a+b \\ c+d & a & c+d \\ a+b & c & a+b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Equating entries gives

$$a + b = 0, \quad a = 0, \quad c + d = 0, \quad c = 0.$$

Plugging  $a = 0$  into  $a + b = 0$  gives  $b = 0$ . Plugging  $c = 0$  into  $c + d = 0$  gives  $d = 0$ . Hence, the set is independent.  $\square$

19. Show that the set  $\{x, x^2, e^x\}$  is an independent set in the real vector space of differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .



I'll use the Wronskian. I have

$$W(x, x^2, e^x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & e^x \\ 1 & 2x & e^x \\ 0 & 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - xr_2} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -x^2 & e^x - xe^x \\ 1 & 2x & e^x \\ 0 & 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -x^2 & e^x - xe^x \\ 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(-1)(-x^2e^x + 2xe^x - 2e^x) = x^2e^x - 2xe^x + 2e^x.$$

When  $x = 0$ , I have  $W(x, x^2, e^x) = 2 \neq 0$ . Therefore, the set is independent.  $\square$

20. Find a standard basis vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^5$  such that the following set forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$ :

$$\{(1, 2, 1, 1, 0), (2, -1, -1, 0, 3), (1, 4, -1, -1, 2), (3, 2, 2, 1, -6), u\}.$$

If I make a matrix with these vectors as rows, the row reduced echelon form will have the same row space.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{8}{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{62}{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{56}{13} \end{bmatrix}$$

The nonzero rows of a row reduced echelon matrix are independent. There are four rows here, so I need a fifth vector which is independent of these four.

The row reduced echelon matrix has leading coefficients in columns 1 through 4. So I can get a vector which is independent of these rows by using the standard basis vector  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$  which has a 1 in the *fifth* position.

Therefore, the following set is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$ :

$$\{(1, 2, 1, 1, 0), (2, -1, -1, 0, 3), (1, 4, -1, -1, 2), (3, 2, 2, 1, -6), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)\}. \quad \square$$

21. Find standard basis vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_3^4$  such that the following set forms a basis for  $\mathbb{Z}_3^4$ .

$$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 1), u, v\}$$

Construct a matrix with the given vectors as rows and row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow 2r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The row reduced echelon matrix has leading coefficients in the first and fourth columns. Therefore, I add standard basis vectors having 1's in the second the third columns. The basis is

$$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0)\}. \quad \square$$

22. (a) Find a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  spanned by the set

$$\{(1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}.$$

(b) Find a subset of the following set  $S$  which forms a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  spanned by  $S$ .

$$S = \{(1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}.$$

(a) Note that I'm not required to use any of the original vectors. Construct a matrix with the vectors as rows and row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\{(1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}$  is a basis for the subspace spanned by the original set of vectors.  $\square$

(b) In this case, I'm required to use (some of) the original vectors. Hence, I construct a matrix with the vectors as *columns* and row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_4 \rightarrow r_4 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The row reduced echelon matrix has leading coefficients in the first and second columns. Therefore, the first and second columns of the original matrix — i.e. the first and second vectors in the original set of vectors — forms a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  spanned by the set of vectors. The basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad \square$$

23. Consider the following real matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$ . If it is, prove it. If it isn't, find a vector in the row space of  $A$  which is not in the row space of  $B$ .

I will do this in two ways: A short way and a long way.  
First, I'll do the short way. Row reducing  $A$  and  $B$  gives

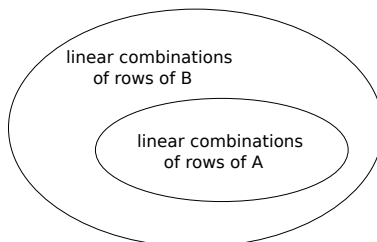
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  have the same row-reduced echelon form, and since a matrix and its row-reduced echelon form have the same row space, the row spaces of  $A$  and  $B$  are in fact the same. (So trivially, the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$ .)

Next, here's a longer way which uses the definition of row space.

The row space of a matrix  $M$  is the subspace spanned by the rows of the matrix: that is, the set of all linear combinations of the rows of the matrix.

Hence, to show that the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$  I have to show that every linear combination of the rows of  $A$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $B$ .



It's enough to show that every row of  $A$  is a linear combination of rows of  $B$ . To see this, suppose that  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  are the rows of  $A$  and  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ , and  $B_3$  are the rows of  $B$ . And suppose that the  $A_i$ 's are linear combinations of the  $B_i$ 's:

$$A_1 = x_{11}B_1 + x_{12}B_2 + x_{13}B_3,$$

$$A_2 = x_{21}B_1 + x_{22}B_2 + x_{23}B_3,$$

$$A_3 = x_{31}B_1 + x_{32}B_2 + x_{33}B_3.$$

Then if  $rA_1 + sA_2 + tA_3$  is a linear combination of the  $A_i$ 's, I have

$$\begin{aligned} rA_1 + sA_2 + tA_3 &= r(x_{11}B_1 + x_{12}B_2 + x_{13}B_3) + s(x_{21}B_1 + x_{22}B_2 + x_{23}B_3) + t(x_{31}B_1 + x_{32}B_2 + x_{33}B_3) \\ &= (rx_{11} + sx_{21} + tx_{31})B_1 + (rx_{12} + sx_{22} + tx_{32})B_2 + (rx_{13} + sx_{23} + tx_{33})B_3. \end{aligned}$$

That is, every linear combination of the  $A_i$ 's is a linear combination of the  $B_i$ 's.

So I've reduced the problem to showing that each row of  $A$  is a linear combination of rows of  $B$ . This is an "Is the vector in the span?" problem. For the first row of  $A$ , I want

$$(1, 3, 0, -1) = x \cdot (1, 4, 1, 0) + y \cdot (1, 0, -1, 1) + z \cdot (1, 1, 0, 2).$$

Rewriting the vectors as column vectors and using matrix form, I have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce to solve:

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

The first row of  $A$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $B$ , with coefficients 1, 1, and  $-1$ .

For the second row, the system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce to solve:

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

The second row of  $A$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $B$ , with coefficients 0, 1, and 1.

For the third row, the system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce to solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 12 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The third row of  $A$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $B$ , with coefficients 3, 1, and 0.

Since all the rows of  $A$  are linear combinations of the rows of  $B$ , the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$ .

If in any of the three cases the system had no solution, then the corresponding row of  $A$  would be a vector in the row space of  $A$  which was *not* in the row space of  $B$ .  $\square$

24. Consider the following real matrix, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ x & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find a value of  $x$  for which  $\text{rank } A = 1$ .

(b) Find a value of  $x$  for which  $\text{rank } A = 2$ .

(a) If  $x = 2$ , the second row is twice the first row.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The row-reduced echelon form has one nonzero row, so its rank is 1. Hence, the rank of  $A$  is 1.  $\square$

(b) Let  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The row-reduced echelon form has two nonzero rows, so its rank is 2. Hence, the rank of  $A$  is 2.  $\square$

25. In a  $5 \times 19$  real matrix  $A$ , the 5 rows are independent. What is nullity  $A$ ?

Since  $19 = \text{rank } A + \text{nullity } A$  and  $\text{rank } A = 5$ , it follows that  $\text{nullity } A = 19 - 5 = 14$ .  $\square$

26. (a) Let  $A, B \in M(n, F)$ , where  $F$  is a field. Prove that

$$\text{null space}(B) \subset \text{null space}(AB).$$

(b) Let  $A, B \in M(n, F)$ , where  $F$  is a field. Suppose that  $A$  is invertible. Prove that

$$\text{null space}(B) = \text{null space}(AB).$$

(c) Find a matrix  $A \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\text{null space}(A) \subsetneq \text{null space}(A^2).$$

(d) Find a matrix  $A \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\text{row space}(A^2) \subsetneq \text{row space}(A).$$

(a) Remember the definition: To say that  $x$  is in the null space of a matrix  $M$  means that  $Mx = \vec{0}$ .

Let  $x \in \text{null space}(B)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Bx &= \vec{0} \\ A(Bx) &= A \cdot \vec{0} \\ (AB)x &= \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x \in \text{null space}(AB)$ . Hence,  $\text{null space}(B) \subset \text{null space}(AB)$ .  $\square$

(b) In part (a), I showed that  $\text{null space}(B) \subset \text{null space}(AB)$ . So assuming that  $A$  is invertible, I only have to show the opposite inclusion:  $\text{null space}(AB) \subset \text{null space}(B)$ .

Let  $x \in \text{null space}(AB)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)x &= \vec{0} \\ A^{-1}(AB)x &= A^{-1} \cdot \vec{0} \\ IBx &= \vec{0} \\ Bx &= \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $x \in \text{null space}(B)$ . Hence,  $\text{null space}(AB) \subset \text{null space}(B)$ . Combined with the other inclusion, I've proved that  $\text{null space}(B) = \text{null space}(AB)$ .  $\square$

(c) Here's the idea. I want the null space — the set of vectors that are multiplied to  $\vec{0}$  — to get *bigger* when I square  $A$ . One way to multiply more vectors to  $\vec{0}$  is to have more all-zero rows in  $A^2$  than in  $A$ . Experiment a bit with matrix multiplication. You might come up with something like this.

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\text{null space}(A) \subset \text{null space}(A^2)$  — just take  $B$  to equal  $A$  in part (a) above. To show that this is a *proper* containment, I have to find a vector which is in  $\text{null space}(A^2)$  but is not in  $\text{null space}(A)$ .

Now that null space of  $A$  consists of vectors  $(a, b)$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Multiplying out the left side, I get  $(0, b) = (0, 0)$ , or  $b = 0$ . So vectors in the null space of  $A$  must have second component 0.

On the other hand,  $A^2$  is the zero matrix, so it multiplies *everything* to  $\vec{0}$  — the null space is  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

So to get something in  $\text{null space}(A^2)$  which is not in  $\text{null space}(A)$ , I just take anything vector which does *not* have second component 0 — such as  $(0, 1)$ . You can check that  $A^2$  multiplies this vector to  $\vec{0}$ , but  $A$  does not.  $\square$

(d) The row space is the set spanned by the rows. So you'd expect the row space to get *smaller* if there are more all-zero rows in  $A^2$  than in  $A$ . But I just came up with an example that does this in part (c): Use

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The row space is all multiple of  $(0, 1)$ : Vectors of the form  $(0, a)$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Obviously, the row space of  $A^2$  is just  $(0, 0)$  — it's the only vector you can build using the rows of  $A^2$ . And since  $(0, 0)$  has the form  $(0, a)$  (with  $a = 0$ ), the row space of  $A^2$  is contained in the row space of  $A$ .

On the other hand, the vector  $(0, 1)$  is in the row space of  $A$ , but it's not in the row space of  $A^2$ . Therefore, in this case,  $\text{row space}(A^2) \subsetneq \text{row space}(A)$ .  $\square$

27. For the given function, check each axiom for a linear transformation. If the axiom holds, prove it. If the axiom does not hold, give a specific counterexample.

(a) The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x) = x + \sin x.$$

(b) The function  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$g(x, y) = (x - y, x + y, 2x + 3y).$$

(c) The function  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$h(x, y) = (x + y, xy).$$

(d) The function  $p : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M(2, \mathbb{R})$  given by

$$p(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 3y \\ 0 & y^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) The sum axiom does not hold:

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = f(\pi) = \pi + \sin \pi = \pi.$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi + 2.$$

The scalar multiplication axiom does not hold:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot f(\pi) = \frac{1}{2}(\pi + \sin \pi) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1. \quad \square$$

(b)  $g$  may be written as

$$g\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $g$  is defined by multiplication by a matrix (of numbers),  $g$  must be a linear transformation. Here are direct checks of the axioms:

$$g[(a, b) + (c, d)] = g(a + c, b + d) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a + c \\ b + d \end{bmatrix} =$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = g(a, b) + g(c, d).$$

(c) The sum axiom doesn't hold:

$$h(1, 2) = (3, 2), \quad h(2, 3) = (5, 6), \quad \text{so} \quad h(1, 2) + h(2, 3) = (3, 2) + (5, 6) = (8, 8).$$

However,

$$h((1, 2) + (2, 3)) = h(3, 5) = (8, 15) \neq (8, 8).$$

The scalar multiplication axiom doesn't hold:

$$4 \cdot h(1, 2) = 4 \cdot (3, 2) = (12, 8).$$

$$h[4 \cdot (1, 2)] = h(4, 8) = (12, 32). \quad \square$$

(d) The sum axiom doesn't hold:

$$p(1, 2) + p(3, 4) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 18 \\ 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$p[(1, 2) + (3, 4)] = p(4, 6) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 18 \\ 0 & 36 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The scalar multiplication axiom doesn't hold:

$$5 \cdot p(1, 2) = 5 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 30 \\ 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$p[5 \cdot (1, 2)] = p(5, 10) = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 30 \\ 0 & 100 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

28. Let  $A$  be a *fixed* matrix in  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Define  $T : M(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M(2, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$T(X) = AX - XA \quad \text{for} \quad X \in M(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

Prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

Let  $X, Y \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Then

$$T(X + Y) = A(X + Y) - (X + Y)A = AX + AY - XA - YA = (AX - XA) + (AY - YA) = T(X) + T(Y).$$

Next, let  $X \in M(2, \mathbb{R})$  and let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$T(kX) = A(kX) - (kX)A = k(AX) - k(XA) = k(AX - XA) = kT(X).$$

Therefore,  $T$  is a linear transformation.  $\square$

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29. Define  $\text{tr} : M(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = a + d.$$

$\text{tr}$  is called the **trace function**.

(a) Show that  $\text{tr}$  is a linear transformation.

(b) Find a basis for the null space of  $\text{tr}$ .

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a+a' & b+b' \\ c+c' & d+d' \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a+a') + (d+d') = (a+d) + (a'+d') = \\ &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) + \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\text{tr} \left( k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix} \right) = ka + kd = k(a+d) = k \cdot \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Hence,  $\text{tr}$  is a linear transformation.  $\square$

(b) The kernel of  $\text{tr}$  consists of the elements of  $M(2, \mathbb{R})$  which  $\text{tr}$  maps to 0.

$$\text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad a + d = 0.$$

Therefore,  $d = -a$ , so

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the set of matrices

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

All the matrices in  $S$  are in the kernel of  $\text{tr}$ . Moreover, the equation above shows that they span  $\ker T$ . To show that they're independent, suppose that

$$a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so} \quad a = b = c = 0.$$

Therefore, the matrices are independent.

Therefore, the set  $S$  is a basis for  $\ker T$ .  $\square$



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30. Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$f(u, v) = (u, (u^2 + 1) \cos v, (u^2 + 1) \sin v).$$

(a) Compute the derivative  $Df(u, v)$ .

(b) Show that there no values  $(u, v)$  for which  $Df(u, v)$  is the zero matrix.

(a)

$$Df(u, v) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2u \cos v & -(u^2 + 1) \sin v \\ 2u \sin v & (u^2 + 1) \cos v \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

(b) Set  $Df(u, v) = 0$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2u \cos v & -(u^2 + 1) \sin v \\ 2u \sin v & (u^2 + 1) \cos v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the second and third entries in the second columns. They give the equations

$$-(u^2 + 1) \cos v = 0, \quad (u^2 + 1) \sin v = 0.$$

Since  $u^2 + 1 \neq 0$ , I may cancel it to get

$$\cos v = 0, \quad \sin v = 0.$$

There is no  $v$  for which these equations are both true. You can think about the graphs of sine and cosine to see this; alternatively, if both equations were true, you could square both and add:

$$\begin{array}{r} (\cos v)^2 = 0 \\ (\sin v)^2 = 0 \\ \hline 1 = 0 \end{array}$$

This contradiction shows that the equations can't both hold simultaneously.  $\square$

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31. Find a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that takes the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(2, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$  to the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(-1, -3)$ .

The following transformation takes the square determined by the vectors  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  to the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(2, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$ :

$$f \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the inverse takes the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(2, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$  to the square determined by the vectors  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$ :

$$f^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

The following transformation takes the square determined by the vectors  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  to the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(-1, -3)$ :

$$g \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the composite  $g \cdot f^{-1}$  takes the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(2, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$  to the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(-1, -3)$ :

$$(g \cdot f^{-1}) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 13 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

32. Construct a linear transformation  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which reflects points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  across the line  $y = 9x$ .

Let  $\theta = \tan^{-1} 9$ . The following transformation rotates  $\mathbb{R}^2$  counterclockwise by  $\theta$ :

$$g \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus,  $g^{-1}$  rotates  $\mathbb{R}^2$  clockwise by  $\theta$ :

$$g^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

The following transformation reflects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  across the  $x$ -axis:

$$h \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

The following composite first uses  $g^{-1}$  to rotate  $\mathbb{R}^2$  clockwise by  $\theta$ , moving the line  $y = 9x$  onto the  $x$ -axis. Next,  $h$  reflects points across the  $x$ -axis. Finally,  $g$  rotates  $\mathbb{R}^2$  counterclockwise by  $\theta$ , which moves the  $x$ -axis back up to  $y = 9x$ .

$$(g \cdot h \cdot g^{-1}) \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

33. Find an affine transformation which takes the unit square  $\{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$  to the parallelogram with vertices  $A(2, 5)$ ,  $B(3, 7)$ ,  $C(2, 6)$ ,  $D(1, 4)$  in such a way that the origin  $(0, 0)$  goes to  $A$ , the vector  $(1, 0)$  goes to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ , and the vector  $(0, 1)$  goes to  $\overrightarrow{AD}$ .

First, find vectors for the sides of the parallelogram:  $\overrightarrow{AB} = (1, 2)$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD} = (-1, -1)$ .

Define

$$f \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix carries the unit square to the parallelogram determined by the vectors, but with  $(0, 0)$  mapped to  $(0, 0)$ . In order to map the square to the parallelogram  $ABCD$ , I added a vector  $(2, 5)$  to translate  $(0, 0)$  to  $(2, 5)$ . (The rest of the parallelogram is translated as well.)  $\square$

34. Consider the following bases for the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(a) Construct the translation matrices

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}], \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}], \quad [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}], \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}], \quad [\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}], \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}].$$

- (b) Write the vector  $(-5, 4)$  in terms of  $\mathcal{B}$ .
- (c) Write the vector  $(3, 2)_{\mathcal{C}}$  in terms of the standard basis.
- (d) Write the vector  $(-1, 4)_{\mathcal{B}}$  in terms of  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (e) Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$f(x, y) = (2x - y, 3x + 8y).$$

Find  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}}$ .

(a)

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}] = [\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}] = [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}] = [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}][\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}] = [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}][\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -1 \\ 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}] = [\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}]^{-1}$ .  $\square$

(b)

$$[\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}] \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -17 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}. \quad \square$$

(c)

$$[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

(d)

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{C}}. \quad \square$$

(e) First,

$$f \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

That is,

$$[f]_{\text{std}, \text{std}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}} = [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}][f]_{\text{std}, \text{std}}[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 29 \\ -112 & -99 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

35. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - y + 3z \\ x + y - z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the following bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

- (a) Find  $[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}]$ ,  $[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}]$ , and  $[\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}]$ .  
 (b) Express  $(3, 4)$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{C}$ .  
 (c) Express  $(3, 1, 0)_{\mathcal{B}}$  relative to the standard basis.  
 (d) Find  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}}$ .

(a)

$$[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}] = [\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{std}]^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

(b)

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{C}}. \quad \square$$

(c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

(d) First,

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus,

$$[T]_{\text{std}, \text{std}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}} = [\text{std} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}][T]_{\text{std}, \text{std}}[\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{std}] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

36. What is  $i^{101}$ ?

$$i^{101} = i^{100} \cdot i = (i^2)^{50} \cdot i = (-1)^{50} \cdot i = 1 \cdot i = i. \quad \square$$

37. Simplify  $\frac{1+2i}{5-3i}$ .

$$\frac{1+2i}{5-3i} = \frac{1+2i}{5-3i} \cdot \frac{5+3i}{5+3i} = \frac{-1+13i}{34}. \quad \square$$

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38. Compute  $(1+i\sqrt{3})^{10}$ .

Use DeMoivre's Formula:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+i\sqrt{3})^{10} &= \left[ 2 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right]^{10} = 2^{10} \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{10} = 1024 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^{10} = 1024 \left( e^{\pi i/3} \right)^{10} = \\ 1024e^{10\pi i/3} &= 1024 \left( \cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right) = 1024 \left( \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) = 1024 \left( -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \\ &= -512 - 512i\sqrt{3}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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39. Find the inverse of the following matrix. (Multiply any constants outside the matrix into the matrix and simplify.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2-3i & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 2-3i & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{(4-6i)-4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2-3i \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{6i} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2-3i \end{bmatrix} = \\ \frac{i}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2-3i \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{i}{3} & -\frac{2i}{3} \\ -\frac{i}{6} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{3} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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