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Problem 1) TF questions (20 points) No justifications are needed.

- 1) ☐ T ☒ F A rotation in the plane around the point $(1, 1)$ by angle 90° is a linear transformation.

Solution:

The transformation does not leave $\vec{0} = (0, 0)$ invariant.

- 2) ☒ T ☐ F If $ABC = I_2$ for 2×2 matrices A, B, C , then A is invertible.

Solution:

If A were not invertible, then the image of A were not the entire space, but then also the image of ABC were not the entire space and ABC were not invertible.

- 3) ☐ T ☒ F There is a 2×3 matrix A and a 3×2 matrix B such that $AB = BA$.

Solution:

The matrix AB is a 2×2 matrix and the matrix BA is a 3×3 matrix.

- 4) ☐ T ☒ F For any linear system $Ax = b$ with 3×3 matrix A , the augmented 3×4 matrix $B = [A|b]$ satisfies $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$.

Solution:

No, the rank of B is larger than the rank of A if the system has no solution.

- 5) ☐ T ☒ F If the system $Ax = b$ has a unique solution for some b , then A must be a square matrix.

Solution:

No, it is possible that the matrix has more rows than columns and still that we have a unique solution.

- 6) ☒ T ☐ F If $v_1, \dots, v_4$ are linearly independent vectors in $\mathbf{R}^4$, then they must form a basis for $\mathbf{R}^4$.

Solution:

We have to show that they also span. Look at the matrix A which contains $v_1, \dots, v_4$ as columns. This matrix has no kernel. By the rank-nullity theorem, their image is the entire space and the vectors also span.

- 7)

T

F

 For every 3×3 matrix A , we have that $\text{rref}(A)$ is similar to A .

Solution:

Take the matrix $A = 3I_3$. It satisfies $\text{rref}(A) = I_3$. The only matrix similar to I_3 is I_3 .

- 8)

T

F

 For any two 3×3 matrices A, B the identity $(A+B)(A+B) = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ holds.

Solution:

This is wrong if $AB \neq BA$.

- 9)

T

F

 The set X of quadratic polynomials satisfying $f'(0) = f(0)$ is a linear space.

Solution:

Check the three properties $0 \in X, f, g \in X$ then $f + g \in X$ and $\lambda f \in X$.

- 10)

T

F

 If A is a non-invertible matrix then $\text{rref}(A)$ has at least one row of zero.

Solution:

Let A be the identity matrix I_2 . Delete the last row. Then we have a noninvertible 1×2 matrix which has no rows with zeros. It is noninvertible already because it is not a square matrix.

- 11)

T

F

 The plane $2x + 3y + 5z - 10 = 0$ is the image of a linear transformation T .

Solution:

The image of a linear transformation is a linear space. Especially, it has to contain the origin. The plane under consideration does not contain 0.

- 12)

T

F

 For any $n \times n$ matrix A the identity $\ker(A^2) = \ker(\text{rref}(A^2))$ holds.

Solution:

The kernel does not change under row reduction.

- 13)

T

F

 For any $n \times n$ matrix A , the intersection of the kernel $\ker(A)$ and the image $\text{im}(A)$ is the trivial space $\{0\}$.

Solution:

The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has the same kernel and image.

- 14)

T

F

 There is a 2×2 matrix for which $A^6 = -I_2$.

Solution:

Look for rotations. $-I_2$ is a rotation by 180 degrees. So, a rotation by $360/12=30$ degrees will do.

- 15)

T

F

 A 3×3 matrix A can satisfy $\ker(A) = \text{im}(A)$.

Solution:

This is not possible due to the rank-nullity theorem.

- 16)

T

F

 If the linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution for some vector $\vec{b}$, then it has exactly one solution for all vectors $\vec{b}$.

Solution:

Having exactly one solution means that the kernel of A is trivial. But it can happen that we have a solution for one b and no solution for another b . An example is $Ax = b$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ but no solution for $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The vector b has to be in the image of A .

- 17)

T

F

 If $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$.

Solution:

There is a basis where the vectors are not orthogonal.

- 18)

T

F

 The rank of an $m \times n$ matrix is at most m .

Solution:

There are maximally m and maximally n leading 1 in the matrix.

- 19)

T

F

 If A is a 4×3 matrix and $\text{rref}(A)$ has exactly two nonzero rows, then $\dim(\ker(A)) = 1$.

Solution:

If there are two nonzero rows, then we have two leading 1 and so the dimension of the image is 2. By the dimension formula, the dimension of the kernel is 1.

- 20)

T

F

 A reflection in space about a line is similar to a rotation by 90° around the z axis.

Solution:

A reflection satisfies $A^2 = I_n$ and a rotation by 90 degrees satisfies B^2 does not satisfy $B^2 = I_2$.

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 Total

Problem 2) (10 points) No justifications are needed.

Match each of the following matrices with the geometric descriptions.

Matrix	Enter A-G here.
a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
b) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
c) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
d) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	

- A) Projection onto a plane.
- B) Rotation around an axis.
- C) Reflection at a point.
- D) Projection onto a line.
- E) Reflection at a plane.
- F) Reflection at a line.
- G) Identity transformation.

Solution:

The correct entries are: F,A,B,D,E

Problem 3) (10 points)

a) (6 points) Check the box to the left if the set is a linear space. Here P_n denotes the space of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$ and $C[0, 1]$ denotes the linear space of all continuous functions on the interval $[0, 1]$.

	$X = \{ \text{All } 3 \times 3 \text{ matrices } A \text{ for which all row vectors } v \text{ have the same length } v = 1 \}$
	$X = \{ f \text{ in } C[0, 1] \mid \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0 \}$
	$X = \{ f \text{ in } P_4 \mid f(1) + f(4) = 0 \}$
	$X = \{ f \text{ in } P_4 \mid f(1) \cdot f(4) = 1 \}$
	$X = \{ \text{All } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices } A \text{ for which the second row contains only zeros} \}$
	$X = \{ \text{All } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices } A \text{ for which at least one column contains only zeros.} \}$

b) (4 points) In the basis $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ becomes one of the following two matrices. Check the correct one.

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

Solution:

a) No, yes, yes, no, yes, no.

b) We have $S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $SAS^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. The first matrix is the right one.

Problem 4) (10 points)

Consider the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z + w &= a \\ 2x + 2y + 2z + 2w &= b \\ 3x + 3y + 3z + 3w &= c. \end{aligned}$$

a) (4 points) Are there a, b, c such that the system has exactly one solution? If yes, find such a, b, c . If not, why not?

b) (3 points) Are there a, b, c such that the system has no solution? If yes, find such a, b, c . If not, why not?

c) (3 points) Are there a, b, c such that the system has infinitely many solutions? If yes, find such a, b, c . If not, why not?

Solution:

- a) ☐ No. The matrix A of the system $Ax = b$ has a nontrivial kernel. There are ∞ or 0 solutions.
- b) ☐ Yes. Take $a = 1, b = 1, c = 1$ for example.
- c) ☐ yes. For $a = 1, b = 2, c = 3$ we have infinitely many solutions. All equations are in this case equivalent to one equation.

Problem 5) (10 points)

Let A be the matrix which is the reflection about the x -axis in the plane. Let B be the matrix of the transformation which leaves e_1 the same and maps e_2 to $e_1 + e_2$.

Finally, define $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- a) (6 points) Find the product $AB^{100}C$.
- b) (4 points) What is $(ABC)^{10}$?

Solution:

a) The three matrices are $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{We have } B^{100} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The product is

$$D = AB^{100}C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 200 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) To see what happens when we take powers of $D = ABC$ form $D^2, D^3, \dots$ and watch for a pattern:

$$D = ABC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, D^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}, D^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

etc. We see that the lower diagonal entry always changes sign and the last column always stays parallel and doubles its length: therefore

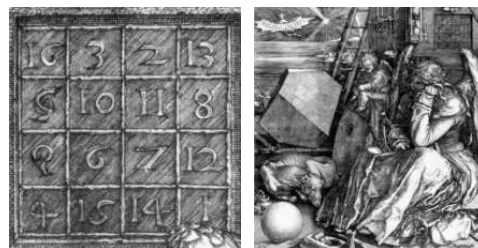
$$D^{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1024 \\ 0 & 1024 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem 6) (10 points)

The matrix

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

is called a **latin square**. The sum of the entries of each row and column vectors add up to the same number 10.



Part of **Melancholia I**, an engraving by the German Renaissance master Albrecht Dürer. This master piece was done in 1514. It contains a latin square which is even a **magic square**: The diagonals add up to the same number too and all matrix elements are different. Additionally, the date 1514 appears in the bottom row of the matrix. By the way: the student in **Melancholia I** takes a linear algebra exam - therefore the name of the picture.

- a) (4 points) In the matrix A , the sum of the first and last column is equal to the sum of the second and third column. Find a nonzero vector in the kernel of A .
- b) (6 points) Find a basis for the image of A .

Solution:

a) Because the relation between the columns is given, we know that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the

kernel.

b) Row reduction shows that the first three rows span the image.

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The basis is

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

Problem 7) (10 points)

Consider the vectors

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

in $\mathbf{R}^3$. Let V be the set of all vectors $\vec{x}$ in $\mathbf{R}^3$ for which all the dot products

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{x}, \vec{c} \cdot \vec{x}, \vec{d} \cdot \vec{x}$$

are zero.

- a) (4 points) Find a 4×3 matrix A whose kernel is V .
- b) (4 points) Find a basis of V
- c) (2 points) What is the dimension of V ?

Solution:

a) We write the vectors as rows a matrix A and find the kernel of A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Matrix multiplication has the property that if $Ax = 0$, then x is perpendicular to all row vectors.

b) To find the kernel, we row reduce the matrix A :

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The kernel is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. It has the basis $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

c) The dimension is the number of elements in the basis of the kernel which is 1.

Problem 8) (10 points)

Let A be a matrix for which

$$B = \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) (6 points) Find a basis for the kernel of A and determine the dimension of the kernel and image of A .

b) (4 points) Is it possible that A was a matrix for which $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the image of A ? If yes,

give a matrix A . If no, argue why not.

Solution:

a) The kernel of A is the kernel of B . It is an important property of row reduction that

the kernel does not change with row operations. It is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

. By the dimension formula, the dimension of the image is 3 and the dimension of the kernel is 2.

b) Yes, we can add multiples of the first row to all other rows. An explicit example can be obtained by adding 2 times the first row to the second row, 3 times the first row to the third row etc.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 12 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 15 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 18 & 0 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 9) (10 points)

Let

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

a) (5 points) Find the inverse of A .

b) (5 points) A 3×3 matrix X satisfies the equation

$$AXA = A - I_3$$

Find X .

Solution:

a) We can get this by row reducing the 3×6 matrix $[A|I_3]$:

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

b) Multiply the equation from the left and from the right with A^{-1} :

$$X = A^{-1} - A^{-2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem 10) (10 points)

Let A be a 3×4 and let B be a 4×3 matrix.

a) (3 points) Can the 3×3 matrix AB be invertible?

b) (3 points) Can the 4×4 matrix BA be invertible?

c) (4 points) Find a 3×4 matrix A and a 4×3 matrix B so that AB and BA both have the same rank 2.

Solution:

a) Yes, it can be the identity matrix. If B has basis vectors as columns and A has basis vectors as rows. Here is an example

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

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

$$AB = I_3.$$

b) No, the rank of BA must be smaller or equal than 3: Because the rank of A can be maximally 3, and there are 4 columns of A , there must be a one dimensional kernel by the rank-nullelty theorem. Let v be a nonzero vector in that kernel. Then $Av = 0$ and so $BAv = 0$. This shows that the matrix BA has a kernel which is at least one dimensional. But by the rank-nullelty theorem again, BA has a maximally 3 dimensional rank. A 4×4 matrix of rank 3 or less can not be invertible.

c) Yes it is possible:

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

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

$$\text{Then } BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$