

Math 205B Test 1 (60 points)

Name: Solutions

- Check that you have 7 questions on two pages.
- Show all your work to receive full credit for a problem.

1. (10 points) (For this problem do all calculations by hand.) Determine all possible values of  $h$  and  $k$  such that the solution set of the following system
- (a) is empty                      (b) contains infinitely many solutions

$$2x_1 + hx_2 = 5$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 = k$$

Augmented matrix is 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & h & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & k \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & h & 5 \\ 0 & 3-2h & k-10 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1$

(a) Solution set is empty if  $3-2h=0$  ie  $h=\frac{3}{2}$  and  $k-10 \neq 0$   
ie  $k \neq 10$ .

(In this case, reduced matrix looks like  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & h & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{non-zero \#} \end{bmatrix}$ .)

(b)  $3-2h=0$  ie  $h=\frac{3}{2}$  and  $k-10=0$  ie  $k=10$ . ( $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & h & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ )

In this case, we have one free variable and so infinitely many solns.

2. (8 points) Let  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \vec{a}_3 \ \vec{a}_4]$  be a  $3 \times 4$  matrix. Suppose  $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 4, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 2$  is a solution of the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

- (a) Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent? Explain.

Columns of  $A$  are not linearly independent because the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has a non-trivial solution, namely  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b) Write the vector  $\vec{a}_4$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2,$  and  $\vec{a}_3$ .

We have  $3\vec{a}_1 + 4\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3 + 2\vec{a}_4 = \vec{0}$

So  $2\vec{a}_4 = -3\vec{a}_1 - 4\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_3$

$$\vec{a}_4 = \frac{-3\vec{a}_1 - 4\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_3}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}\vec{a}_1 - 2\vec{a}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}_3$$

3. (10 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & -8 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Describe all solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  in parametric vector form.

$$[A|\vec{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4.5 & -19 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1.5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $x_1 = 4.5x_3 + 19x_4$   
 $x_2 = -1.5x_3 - 5x_4$   
 $x_3, x_4$  free

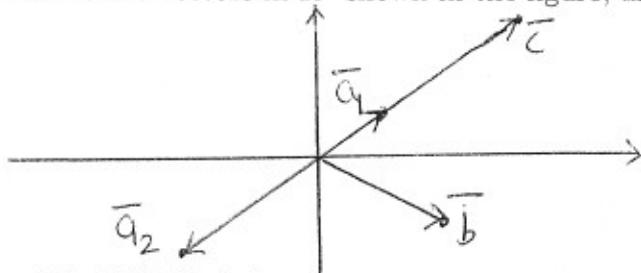
In parametric vector form, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.5x_3 + 19x_4 \\ -1.5x_3 - 5x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4.5 \\ -1.5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Use your answer in part (a) to give two non-zero vectors that are solutions of the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

Choose values for  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  to pick two non-zero vectors.  
 $x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} 4.5 \\ -1.5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. (6 points) Let  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  shown in the figure, and let  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2]$ .



(a) Is the vector  $\vec{c}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$ ? Explain.

The vector  $\vec{c}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$  because  $\vec{c}$  is on the line spanned by the two vectors. In fact,  $\vec{c}$  is a multiple of  $\vec{a}_1$  (also, a multiple of  $\vec{a}_2$ ).

(b) Does the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  have a solution? Explain.

Since  $\vec{b}$  is not on the line spanned by the vectors  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$ , so  $\vec{b}$  cannot be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{a}_1$  and  $\vec{a}_2$ . Hence, the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  does not have a solution.

5. (8 points) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation such that  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-2x_2 + 3x_3, 5x_1 - x_3)$ .

(a) Find the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Standard matrix of } T &: [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad T(\vec{e}_3)] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Is  $T$  one-to-one? Explain.

The matrix of  $T$  is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. So it has a maximum of 2 pivots. So at least one column does not have a pivot. So there is at least one free variable. Hence, the equation  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$  has infinitely many solutions and so  $T$  is not one-to-one.

6. (6 points) Suppose a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is invertible. Explain (using pivots) why the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . (If you find it helpful, you may use the following steps in your explanation.)

Since  $A$  is invertible,  $A$  reduces to  $\underline{I_4}$ . So the number of pivots in  $A$  is 4.

Use this to explain why the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$A$  has a pivot in each row.  
Hence the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

7. (12 points) Short answers: (No explanations needed. Simply write your answers. If you do some computation to get the answer, show the computation.)

(a) Suppose the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$ , and  $\vec{v}_3$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^7$ . How many vectors are in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ ?

Infinitely many

(b) Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is an onto linear transformation. How many solutions does the equation  $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 80 \\ -45 \end{bmatrix}$  have?

Infinitely many

(c) Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\vec{u}^T = [1 \ 2]$

• Compute  $\vec{u}\vec{u}^T$ .

$$\vec{u}\vec{u}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ 2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Compute  $\vec{u}^T\vec{u}$ .

$$\vec{u}^T\vec{u} = [1 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = [5]$$

(d) Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -7 & 3 \\ -2 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ , if it exists.

~~Find~~

A does not reduce to the identity matrix.

So inverse of A does not exist.

(e) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation given by  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ , where  $A$  is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix. Suppose

$$T(\vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Find } T(4\vec{u} - \vec{v}).$$

$$T(4\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = 4T(\vec{u}) - T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 13 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$