

Math 33A - Midterm 1

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Problem 1. (30 points)

(a) (20 points) For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is the matrix A given below invertible?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 8 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: You can't use determinants and you don't have to compute the inverse.

(b) (10 points) Set $a = 1$ in the matrix A given in part (a) above and solve the system

$$Ax = b$$

for

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

a.
$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{ii} - 2\text{i} \\ \text{iii} - 3\text{i}}} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & a-9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{iii} - 2\text{ii}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-15 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

A is invertible if $a \neq 15$ ✓

b.
$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{ii} - 2\text{i} \\ \text{iii} - 3\text{i}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & -9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{i} - 2\text{ii} \\ \text{iii} - 2\text{ii}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -14 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

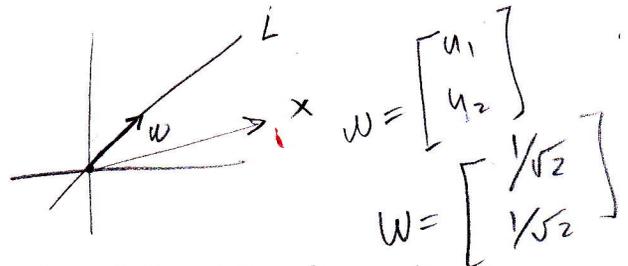
$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{4}\text{iii}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{i} + 3\text{iii} \\ \text{ii} - 3\text{iii}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 14 + \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 - \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{14}{1} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{14 \cdot 4}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{56}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{59}{4} \\ & -4 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{-16}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{-19}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 + \frac{3}{4} \\ -4 - \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 14 \\ \hline 28 \\ 14 \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$$

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Problem 2. (25 points)

(a) (15 points) Consider a line L in \mathbb{R}^2 that passes through the origin and w a unit vector starting from $(0,0)$ that is parallel to L . Write down the 2×2 matrix R_L that gives the reflection operation:

$$ref_L(x) = R_L \cdot x \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

that reflects a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ across L (you only have to write down R_L , you don't have to derive it). Show that

$$R_L^2 = R_L \cdot R_L = I_2.$$

Does the above computation mean that R_L invertible or not? If yes what is its inverse?

Hint: For the computation $R_L^2 = I_2$ you can just argue geometrical.

(b) (10 points) Consider the following subset of \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$S = \{(x, y) | y^4 = x^{16}\}.$$

Is S a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 or not? Justify your answer.

$$a. \text{ref}_L(x) = 2 \text{proj}_L(x) - x$$

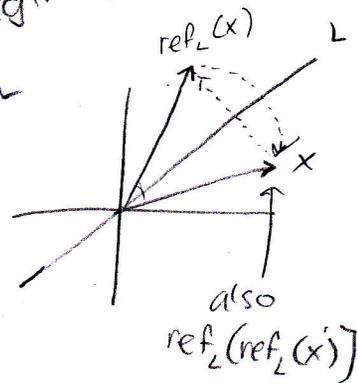
$$= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

R_L

$$y = x^4$$

R_L is invertible as shown by that calculation because reflecting a vector across a line and then doing it again gets you the original vector.
inverse of R_L is R_L
 $(R_L)^{-1} = R_L$



b. $(1, 1), (2, 16) \rightarrow$ Yes, in subspace

$(1, 1) + (2, 16) = (3, 17) \rightarrow$ not in subspace

No because it doesn't respect the addition rule

2a

counterclockwise

Problem 3. (30 points)

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(a) (15 points) Find the matrix of the linear transformation that first rotates a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ by an angle of $\pi/4$ and then scales it by 10. Does the order of operations matter in this particular case?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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(b) (15 points) Let $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the transformation given by

$$f(x, y, z) = (y + z, x + z, x + y).$$

Is f a linear transformation or not? Justify your answer. Moreover, if your answer is yes, find a 3×3 matrix A such that

$$f(X) = AX \text{ for any } X \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

there exist X, Y invertible with $XY \neq YX$.

a. Order doesn't matter b/c both operations are ~~invertible~~

are invertible

A = transformation matrix

$$A = 10 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b. f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y+z \\ x+z \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{2} & -5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} & 5\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y) \stackrel{?}{=} \lambda_1 f(x) + \lambda_2 f(y)$$

$$f \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 y_1 \\ \lambda_1 x_2 + \lambda_2 y_2 \\ \lambda_1 x_3 + \lambda_2 y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 f \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 f \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} y_2 + y_3 \\ y_1 + y_3 \\ y_1 + y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_2 + \lambda_2 y_2 + \lambda_1 x_3 + \lambda_2 y_3 \\ \lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 y_1 + \lambda_1 x_3 + \lambda_2 y_3 \\ \lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 y_1 + \lambda_1 x_2 + \lambda_2 y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 (x_1 + x_3) + \lambda_2 (y_2 + y_3) \\ \lambda_1 (x_1 + x_3) + \lambda_2 (y_1 + y_3) \\ \lambda_1 (x_1 + x_2) + \lambda_2 (y_1 + y_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

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These are equal yes it's linear

thanks!

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Problem 4. (15 points)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that for some $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b \neq 0_n$, the equation

$$Ax = b$$

has a *unique* solution. Can the equation

$$Ax = 0_n$$

have more than one solutions? Justify your answer.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} n & n & b_1 \\ n & n & b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

because of free variable

No because if $Ax=b$ has a unique solution (meaning there's no case where a row is $0=0 \leftarrow$ infinite solutions nor a case where a row gets $0=1 \leftarrow$ no solution) Then for $Ax=0_n \leftarrow$ which is $\left[Ax \mid \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right]$, there

won't be a case of $0=0$ nor $0=1$.

$Ax=0_n$ has a unique solution (just one)

Very informal.
why won't "0=0"
"0=1" happen?

or