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1. (30 points: 5 each) If the statement is **always true** mark "TRUE" and provide a *brief* justification; if it is possible for the statement to be false then mark "FALSE" and provide a counterexample.
- (a) Suppose that W is a nonempty subset of another set V . In other words, $W \subset V$ and W is not the empty set, $\{\}$. Then W is a *subspace* of V if the following two features are true:
- (i) for every $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in W$, the sum $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in W$, and
 - (ii) for every $\mathbf{v} \in W$ and every $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the scalar product $c\mathbf{v} \in W$.

False. We also need to establish that V is actually a vector space. This requires checking nine properties of V .

- (b) The vectors $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, -1)^T$, $\mathbf{v} = (3, 1, 5)^T$, and $\mathbf{w} = (8, 1, 2)^T$ are linearly dependent.

False. Let $A = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{w})$. Theorem 2.21 on page 95 of the text tells us that the vectors are linearly dependent if and only if there is a non-zero solution $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$ to the homogeneous linear system $A\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$. Gaussian elimination turns A into the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This has rank 3, so the only solution to $A\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ is the zero vector.

- (c) The columns of the following matrix span \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

True. Theorem 2.28 tells us that the columns form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 if and only if $\text{rank } A = 3$. Since $\text{rank } A = 3$, the columns are a basis and span \mathbb{R}^3 .

- (d) If \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix and the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has no free variables, then $\text{rank}(A) = n$.

True. See Proposition 2.41 on page 108 of the text.

- (e) Let \mathbf{A} be the following 3×3 matrix:

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

Then $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = 7$.

False. The infinity norm of A is the maximum row sum of the absolute values of A ,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq 3} \sum_{j=1}^3 |a_{ij}|.$$

This occurs in row 2. $4 + 3 + 2 = 9$.

- (f) It is always true that $\|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| + \|\mathbf{B}\| + \|\mathbf{C}\|$.

True. Apply the triangle inequality twice. For example,

$$\|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\| + \|\mathbf{C}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| + \|\mathbf{B}\| + \|\mathbf{C}\|.$$

2. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) (10 points) Find a basis for the *kernel* of the columns of \mathbf{A} .

Row reduce to find

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

The only solution to $\mathbf{Az} = \mathbf{0}$ is the zero vector. Therefore,

$$\ker A = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

Notice that technically there is no basis for the kernel. Saying that $\mathbf{0}$ is a basis is technically incorrect, because (i) it would imply that the dimension is 1 (number of basis vectors), and (ii) $\mathbf{0}$ can never be an element of a basis. No points were taken off for these kinds of errors.

(b) (10 points) Find a basis for the *range* of \mathbf{A} .

We know from part (a), that any three linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 form a basis for the range of A . You can choose the columns of A as a basis, or the standard basis, or any other basis as long as you justify your answer.

3. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) (10 points) What is the Frobenius norm of \mathbf{A} ?

The Frobenius norm of an $m \times n$ matrix A is

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2}.$$

In this case,

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{28} = 2\sqrt{7}.$$

(b) (10 points) What is the 1-norm of \mathbf{A} ?

The maximum absolute column sum is the 1-norm of A . In this case, it comes from the third column.

$$\|A\|_1 = |-3| + |3| + |2| = 8.$$

4. Consider the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) (10 points) Is \mathbf{A} *symmetric positive definite*?

A is symmetric. To check if it is SPD, we check that we can row reduce without pivoting, and all the pivots are positive. Row reducing without pivoting yields

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

Therefore, A is symmetric positive definite.

Alternative Solution: First, note that \mathbf{A} is symmetric. Then, notice that for a vector \mathbf{x} , we have

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + x_3^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 + x_1^2 + x_3^2 \geq 0$$

where equality can only hold if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. So, A is symmetric positive definite.

(b) (10 points) Is \mathbf{A}^T *symmetric positive definite*?

Since $A^T = A$, it is also symmetric positive definite.

5. (10 points) Find the angle between the following vectors using the standard dot product:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

The angle between these vectors is given by

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|}.$$

In this case we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -2 - 2 + 0 = -4,$$

$$\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{5},$$

and

$$\| \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T \| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{6}.$$

Therefore,

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{6}}$$

or, alternatively,

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-4}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{6}} \right).$$