

MTH 362-01 TEST 2 Solutions  
Fall 2008

1. Define / state
  - a) a set  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  of vectors is linearly independent
  - b) a set  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  of vectors spans a subspace  $W$ .
  - c) a set  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  of vectors is a basis for a subspace  $W$
  - d) a set  $S$  is a null space of a matrix  $A$
  - e)  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation.
  - f) the dimension of a subspace  $V$ .
  - g) the rank of a matrix  $A$
  - h)  $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$  is an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$
  - i)  $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$

Soln: See text.

2. Find a basis for the subspace spanned by the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Soln:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is a basis.

3. Find a basis for the null space of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln: From problem 2,  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies  $x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}x_3, x_2 = \frac{1}{3}x_3$ , so  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is a basis

4. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that  $W = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{x}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Soln: Let  $W = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{x}\}$  and  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  be elements of  $W$ . Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{x}$  and  $A\vec{y} = \vec{y}$ . Then  $A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \vec{y}$ , so  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in W$ . Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{x} \in W$ , then  $A(c\vec{x}) = cA\vec{x} = c\vec{x}$ . Thus  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Alternatively,  $W$  is the nullspace of the matrix  $A - I$ , and hence a subspace.

5. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $W = U \cap V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Soln: Let  $U$  and  $V$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $W = U \cap V$ . Let  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  be elements of  $W$ . Then  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in U$  implies  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in U$  and  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$  implies  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$  since  $U$  and  $V$  are subspaces. Therefore  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in U \cap V$ . Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{x} \in W$ , then  $\vec{x} \in U$  implies  $c\vec{x} \in U$  since  $U$  is a subspace and  $\vec{x} \in V$  implies  $c\vec{x} \in V$  since  $V$  is a subspace. Therefore  $c\vec{x} \in U \cap V = W$ . Thus  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

6. Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace spanned by the linearly inde-

pendent vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Start with } \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{ then } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{10}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{29} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6/5 \\ 3/5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{An orthogonal basis is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6/5 \\ 3/5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\text{An orthonormal basis is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{29} \\ 4/\sqrt{29} \\ -2/\sqrt{29} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 10/\sqrt{145} \\ -6/\sqrt{145} \\ 3/\sqrt{145} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

7. Find the matrix  $A$  representing the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

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

$$\text{the matrix is } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Prove or disprove that  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x - 3/y \\ z \\ x - y + z \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear transformation.

Soln: T is not a linear transformation since  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{undefined} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It also violates both the scalar multiplication and additive properties.