

Review Problems for Final in Linear Algebra Fall 2009

1. Let $u = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 0]$ and $v = [2 \ -1 \ 0 \ 1]$.

- (a) Find a nonzero vector w that is orthogonal to both u and v .
(b) How many such vectors w are there? Explain

2. Let \mathbf{A} be a 6×6 matrix with row 6 equal to the sum of the first 5 rows. For each of the following topics discuss properties of matrix \mathbf{A} . {det, rank, rref, singular/nonsingular, eigenvalues, diagonalizable, null space, row space, defective}

3. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & b & c \\ 0 & k & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & e & f \\ g & 0 & h & m \end{bmatrix}$. Show that k is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} .

4. System $Ax = b$ has $\text{rref}([A \ | \ b]) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$. Find a basis for the null space of \mathbf{A} .

5. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & x \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. (a) Determine all values of x so that $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 1$. (b) Find the value of x

where $\det(\mathbf{A})$ is a minimum. (c) For x a real number, can \mathbf{A} ever be a singular matrix?

6. Explain how to construct a matrix \mathbf{A} with nonzero entries so that its eigenvalues are 0, 1, 2.

7. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and vectors $u = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $v = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Show that u and v are eigenvectors

of \mathbf{A} and find the corresponding eigenvalues.

8. Which of the following sets span \mathbb{R}^3 ? (a) $S = \{[2 \ 1 \ 0], [-2 \ 1 \ 1], [4 \ 0 \ -1]\}$.

(b) $T = \{[1 \ 2 \ 3], [3 \ 0 \ 1], [2 \ 2 \ 2], [6 \ 4 \ 6]\}$.

9. Determine which of the following are subspaces.

(a) $S =$ all continuous functions $f(x)$ so that $f(5) = 6$.

(b) $W =$ all 3×3 matrices \mathbf{A} such that $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $W =$ all 2×3 matrices \mathbf{A} whose null space includes the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(d) $W =$ all 3×1 matrices x so that the dot product of x and $[1 \ 2 \ 5]$ is zero.

10. Let W be the subspace of 3×3 matrices with 2^{nd} row and 2^{nd} column all zero. Find a basis for W .