

1. Throughout this problem, let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and let  $\mathbf{x} = (4, -1)$ . Compute each of the following expressions (unless the expression is nonsense, in which case you should indicate that it is nonsense):

- (a) the trace of  $A$  (d)  $3a_{12}\mathbf{x}$   
 (b)  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  (e)  $\mathbf{x}^T A^2 \mathbf{x}$   
 (c)  $3A - A^T + 4I$  (f)  $\dim(\text{Span}(\mathbf{x}))$

2. Let  $\mathbf{v} = (-2, -1)$ . In each part of this problem, you are given a set  $S$ . If the set  $S$  makes sense, sketch a picture of  $S$ ; however, if  $S$  is nonsense, indicate that it is nonsense.

- (a)  $S = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v})$  (c)  $S = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} + (0, 1))$   
 (b)  $S = (-1, 2) + \text{Span}(\mathbf{v})$  (d)  $S = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}, (0, 0, 1))$

3. In each part of this problem, you are given a vector space  $V$  and a set  $S$  of vectors in  $V$ . Determine whether  $S$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent. Your answers should be appropriately justified, either by appealing to some theory or by doing some algebra.

- (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $S = \{(1, 2, -3), (5, -1, 4)\}$   
 (b)  $V = \mathbb{R}^5$ ;  $S = \{(3, 0, 1, 0, 0), (2, 4, -3, 0, 1), (-6, 0, -2, 0, 0), (4, 1, 3, -2, 1)\}$   
 (c)  $V = M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ;  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 15 & 11 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 6 & 19 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ 7 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 15 & 32 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 (d)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $S = \{(a, b, c), (0, d, e), (0, 0, f)\}$

*Note:* in this problem, letters  $a, b, c, d, e$  and  $f$  represent unknown nonzero constants.

4. (a) Suppose you know  $W_1$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .
- What is the largest possible dimension of  $W_1$ ?
  - What is the smallest possible dimension of  $W_1$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $W_1$  is spanned by four vectors?
  - Is it possible that  $W_1$  contains a set of four linearly independent vectors?
- (b) Suppose you know  $W_2$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  containing three linearly independent vectors.
- What is the largest possible dimension of  $W_2$ ?
  - What is the smallest possible dimension of  $W_2$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $W_2$  is spanned by four vectors?
  - Is it possible that  $W_2$  contains a set of four linearly independent vectors?

- (c) Suppose you know  $W_3$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  spanned by three vectors.
- What is the largest possible dimension of  $W_3$ ?
  - What is the smallest possible dimension of  $W_3$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $W_3$  is spanned by four vectors?
  - Is it possible that  $W_3$  contains a set of four linearly independent vectors?
- (d) Suppose you know  $W_4$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  spanned by three linearly independent vectors.
- What is the largest possible dimension of  $W_4$ ?
  - What is the smallest possible dimension of  $W_4$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $W_4$  is spanned by four vectors?
  - Is it possible that  $W_4$  contains a set of four linearly independent vectors?
5. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and suppose that  $W \subseteq V$  is the plane containing the three points  $(1, 1, -5)$ ,  $(2, -1, 2)$  and  $(-2, 1, -2)$ .
- Write parametric equations for the plane  $W$ .
  - Write parametric equations of the plane passing through the point  $(-5, 3, -2)$  that is parallel to  $W$ .
  - Is  $W$  a subspace of  $V$ ? Prove or disprove your answer.
6. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$  and suppose that

$$W = \{(w, x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x = 2w, z = w + x + y\}.$$

Prove  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ ; find the dimension of  $W$ ; and give a basis of  $W$ .

7. Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and suppose that

$$W = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) : AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\}.$$

Determine, with proof, whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

8. Let  $V = C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  and suppose that  $W$  is the set of functions  $f$  in  $V$  that are equal to their second derivative.
- Find a nonzero element of  $W$ .
  - Determine, with proof, whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .