

Justify all answers. A correct answer without supporting justification is worth NO credit! Please note that there are some matrices and their echelon forms at the end of the test. You should not need to do any row reduction on this test!

1. Demonstrate your understanding of the test for independence by using it to test the following matrices for independence. (Other methods will not be accepted.) You *MUST* indicate clearly how any equations or matrices you use come from the test for independence.

(a)

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ -1 & -15 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -14 & 18 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_4 \end{matrix}$$

5pts

Assume $aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3 + dX_4 = 0$

$$a \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ -1 & -15 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} -14 & 18 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2a-4c-14d & 3a+b+3c+18d \\ a+b-c+4d & 3a+7b-15c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} -2a-4c-14d=0 \\ 3a+b+3c+18d=0 \\ a+b-c+4d=0 \\ 3a+7b-15c=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 & -14 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 18 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & -15 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} a = -2c - 7d \\ b = 3c + 3d \\ c = c \\ d = d \end{cases}$$

① if $c=1, d=0 \Rightarrow a=-2, b=3$

$$\therefore -2X_1 + 3X_2 + X_3 = 0 \Rightarrow X_3 = 2X_1 - 3X_2$$

② If $c=0, d=1 \Rightarrow a=-7, b=3$

$$\therefore -7X_1 + 3X_2 + X_4 = 0 \Rightarrow X_4 = 7X_1 - 3X_2$$

X_1, X_2 are pivot matrices
 X_3, X_4 are free matrices

$\therefore X_1, X_2$ are linearly independent, $X_3 = 2X_1 - 3X_2, X_4 = 7X_1 - 3X_2$, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 are linearly dependent,

2. Suppose that $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5,$ and X_6 are elements of some vector space. The equation

$$x_1 X_1 + x_2 X_2 + x_3 X_3 + x_4 X_4 + x_5 X_5 + x_6 X_6 = 0$$

yields a system of linear equations in the x_i with augmented matrix A . The row reduced form of A is

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for $W = \text{span} \{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6\}$. Your basis will consist of certain of the X_i .

4pts

From R , we can conclude that

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_2 - 4x_4 + 3x_6 \\ x_2 = x_2 \\ x_3 = -2x_4 - 4x_6 \\ x_4 = x_4 \\ x_5 = -5x_6 \\ x_6 = x_6 \end{cases}$$

By theorem 3

So the pivot columns are x_1, x_3, x_5 and they should be the basis of $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6\}$
So the basis is $\{x_1, x_3, x_5\}$

- (b) Express each of the other X_i as a linear combination of the basis elements.

4pts

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 = -2x_2 - 4x_4 + 3x_6 \\ x_2 = x_2 \\ x_3 = -2x_4 - 4x_6 \\ x_4 = x_4 \\ x_5 = -5x_6 \\ x_6 = x_6 \end{cases}$$

③ If $x_6 = 1, x_2 = x_4 = 0$
 $x_1 = 3, x_3 = -4, x_5 = -5$
 $\therefore 3x_1 - 4x_3 - 5x_5 + x_6 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x_6 = -3x_1 + 4x_3 + 5x_5$

① If $x_2 = 1, x_4 = x_6 = 0$
 $x_1 = -2, x_3 = x_5 = 0$

$\therefore -2x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2x_1$

② If $x_4 = 1, x_2 = x_6 = 0$
 $x_1 = -4, x_3 = -2, x_5 = 0$

$\therefore -4x_1 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_4 = 4x_1 + 2x_3$

- (c) What is the dimension of W ?

2pts

Since the basis of W contains three linearly independent elements x_1, x_3, x_5 , W is three dimensional.

3. Below is a matrix A , its reduced form R , and the reduced form S for A^t . Use this information together with some theorems from the class to find two different bases for the row space of A . The first basis should consist of rows of A and the second basis should have the property that each basis element has a one in a position where all of the other basis elements have a 0. Clearly indicate in each part how in each part you know that the given set is a basis. It is not sufficient to say that a certain set forms a basis without some justification.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^t = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 13/15 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8/15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Basis One is:

5pts

Suppose the columns of $A^t = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$

From S , we can indicate that $x_1 = \frac{2}{3}x_4$, $x_2 = -\frac{13}{15}x_4$, $x_3 = \frac{8}{15}x_4$

So x_1, x_2, x_3 are pivot matrices, x_4 are free matrices. This means $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ are basis of the column space of A^t .

The column space of A^t , however, is the row space of A , and x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 are the rows of matrix A . So $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ is a basis of the row space of A .

(b) Basis Two is: which means $\{[2 \ 4 \ 1 \ 3], [1 \ 3 \ -1 \ -4], [-1 \ 2 \ 1 \ -1]\}$ is a basis of the row space of A .

Since $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

By non-zero reduced echelon theory, the non zero rows of the reduced echelon matrix are the basis of the row space. So the basis of the row space is the first three rows of R , which is $\{[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2], [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ -1], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3]\}$

4. Let A be the matrix in Problem 3. Without doing any row reduction prove that $X = [6, 9, 17, 54]$ belongs to the row space of A . *Hint:* Use one of the bases found in Problem 3. 4pts

From Problem 3(b), We've already figured out that the basis of row space of A is $\left\{ \begin{matrix} [1 & 0 & 0 & 2] \\ \parallel \\ x_1 \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} [0 & 1 & 0 & -1] \\ \parallel \\ x_2 \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} [0 & 0 & 1 & 3] \\ \parallel \\ x_3 \end{matrix} \right\}$

So if $X = ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3$, it belongs to the row space of A .

$$\text{So } [a, b, c, 2a - b + 3c] = [6, 9, 17, 54]$$

$$\text{when } a=6, b=9, c=17,$$

$$2a - b + 3c = 2 \times 6 - 9 + 17 = 54$$

$$\text{So this equation works, and } X = 6x_1 + 9x_2 + 17x_3$$

Therefore, X is a linear combination of the elements of the basis for A 's row space.
 X belongs to the row space of A .

6. A is a 7×5 matrix. You are given that

(i) The rank of A is 2.

(i) $AX_1 = AX_2 = AX_3 = 0$ where

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Prove that $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ is a basis for the nullspace of A .

5pts

① the rank of the nullspace = $5 - \text{rank of } A = 5 - 2 = 3$.

② $AX_1 = AX_2 = AX_3 = 0 \Rightarrow X_1, X_2, X_3$ belong to the nullspace of A .

③ X_1, X_2, X_3 are linearly independent because by test for linearly independence

Assume $aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a+5b+c \\ a+4b+2c \\ 4a+3b+3c \\ 2a+2b+4c \\ 5a+b+5c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $a=b=c=0$. Thus X_1, X_2, X_3 are linearly independent.

By theorem 3, ①②③ can prove that $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ is a basis for the nullspace of A .

(b) Prove that $AZ \neq 0$ where $Z = [1, 1, 2, 3, 1]^t$.

5pts

If $AZ \neq 0$, then Z is not in the nullspace.

Assume Z is in the nullspace, then Z should be a linearly combination of the basis, x_1, x_2, x_3 .

Suppose $a x_1 + b x_2 + c x_3 = Z$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a + 5b + c \\ a + 4b + 2c \\ 4a + 3b + 3c \\ 2a + 2b + 4c \\ 5a + b + 5c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(*)

For (*), $0 \neq 1$ makes no sense. So this system has no solution, which indicates Z can not be written as a linear combination of x_1, x_2, x_3 . Thus Z is not in the nullspace and $AZ \neq 0$.

7. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4\pi & 2\sqrt{7} & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 3\sqrt{3} & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4\pi - 3\sqrt{3} & 2\sqrt{7} - 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 & 8\pi + 3\sqrt{3} & 4\sqrt{7} + 2 & -3 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Without doing any row reduction, answer the following questions. Use theorems from linear algebra to justify your answers. No row reduction is allowed!

(a) What is the rank of A ?

2pts

Let the rows of A be x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 . Then we can find out that x_1 and x_2 are linearly independent; $x_3 = x_1 - x_2$, $x_4 = 2x_1 + x_2$. So the basis of the row space of A is $\{x_1, x_2\}$. Thus for the row reduced form of A , ~~the~~ the last two rows will be changed to 0 ~~since the original rows are~~ linear combination of x_1, x_2 . The first two rows will be non-zero rows since the original rows are linearly independent. So there are 2 non-zero rows in reduced echelon form of A . So rank of A is 2.

(b) What is the dimension of the nullspace of A ?

2pts

$$\text{Dimension of nullspace} = 6 - \text{rank of } A = 6 - 2 = 4$$

(c) What is the dimension of the nullspace of A^t ?

2pts

$$\text{rank of } A = \text{rank of } A^t = 2.$$

Since A^t has 4 columns,

$$\text{dimension of nullspace of } A^t = 4 - \text{rank of } A^t = 4 - 2 = 2$$

(d) Find a basis for the row space of A .

2pts

Let the rows of A be x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 .

We can see that $x_3 = x_1 - x_2$, $x_4 = 2x_1 + x_2$.

Also, x_1, x_2 are linearly independent. If they are dependent, since the first element of x_1 is twice of that of x_2 . The second of x_2 should also be twice that of x_1 . However, it's not. So x_1, x_2 are linearly independent.

Since x_1, x_2 belong to the row space of A , and they are linearly independent, and row space of A is two dimensional (known from the rank of A). $\{x_1, x_2\}$ is the basis for the row space of A . In other words, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4\sqrt{2} & 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3\sqrt{2} & 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is the basis for the row space of A .

(e) Find a basis for the column space of A .

2pts

Because rank of $A^t = \text{rank of } A = 2$. The column space should be two dimensional and is spanned by two linearly independent elements.

$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ belong to the column space. And they are linearly

independent. (If they are linearly dependent, the second elements of M_1 should be twice that of M_2 , as the first element of M_1 does). So $\{M_1, M_2\}$ is a basis for the column space of A . In other words, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the column space of A .

(f) Is the equation $AX = B$ always solvable?

2pts

No. $AX = B$ is always solvable only when rank = number of rows of the matrix, which means the rows of the matrix are linearly independent. For matrix A , rank = 2, but it has 4 rows. $2 \neq 4$. So $AX = B$ is not always solvable.

8. A 3×3 matrix A is lower triangular if it has the form below. What is the dimension of the space of all such matrices? Prove your answer. 10pts

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + e \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + f \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ① A is spanned by 6 elements, showed above.
- ② These 6 elements are linearly independent because each has a 1 in the position where the others have 0.

For these two reasons, the dimension of the space is six.

9. Suppose that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are elements of $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f(1) = 2$, $f(0) = -1$ and $g(1) = 1$, $g(0) = 3$. Use the test for linear independence to prove that the set $\{f(x), g(x)\}$ is linearly independent. 10pts

Assume $af(x) + bg(x) = 0$

$$\text{if } x=1, af(1) + bg(1) = 0$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 2, g(1) = 1$$

$$\therefore 2a + b = 0$$

$$\text{if } x=0, af(0) + bg(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore f(0) = -1, g(0) = 3$$

$$\therefore -a + 3b = 0$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} 2a + b = 0 \\ -a + 3b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \end{cases}$$



\therefore For $af(x) + bg(x) = 0$, a and b can only be zero.
So the set $\{f(x), g(x)\}$ is linearly independent.

10. Suppose that X_1, X_2 and X_3 are linearly independent elements of some vector space V . Let $Y_1 = X_1 + 2X_2$, $Y_2 = X_1 + X_2$ and $Y_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$. Prove that Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 are also independent. 10pts

Assume $aY_1 + bY_2 + cY_3 = 0$

$$a(X_1 + 2X_2) + b(X_1 + X_2) + c(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 0$$

$$(a+b+c)X_1 + (2a+b+c)X_2 + cX_3 = 0$$

Since X_1, X_2 and X_3 are linearly independent, $\begin{cases} a+b+c=0 \\ 2a+b+c=0 \\ c=0 \end{cases}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $a=b=c=0$

So for equation $aY_1 + bY_2 + cY_3 = 0$, a, b, c can only be zero.
Thus Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 are linearly independent.

11. Suppose that in Problem 10 it is known that the X_i span V . Prove that then the Y_i also span V .

4pts

① Since X_1, X_2, X_3 span V , V should be three dimensional.

② Since $Y_1 = X_1 + 2X_2$, $Y_2 = X_1 + X_2$, $Y_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$, they are linear combination of X_1, X_2, X_3 . Thus Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 belong to the space $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ span, which is V .

③ And We have already proved that Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 are linearly independent in Problem 10

For reasons ①, ②, ③, $\{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3\}$ is a basis of V , thus Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 also span V .