

**SOME MORE “HAND EXERCISES” FOR CHAPTERS 5,8,10**

- (1) Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (resp.  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) are subspaces? Why? In parts a)-f) draw the corresponding subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (a)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$
  - (b)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 + x_2 = 1\}$
  - (c)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 = 0, x_2 \geq 0\}$
  - (d)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 + x_2 = 0, \text{ and } x_1 - x_2 = 0\}$
  - (e)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 + x_2^2 = 0\}$
  - (f)  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 = 3\lambda, x_2 = -2\lambda, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - (g)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid 4x_1 - x_2 + 7x_3 = 0\}$
  - (h)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 + 2x_3 = 0, \text{ and } x_2^2 = 0\}$
- (2) Let  $P$  denote the vector space of all polynomials in one variable. Which of the following sets are subspaces?
- (a)  $\{p \mid p(1) = p(2)\}$
  - (b)  $\{p \mid p(1) = p(2) + 1\}$
  - (c)  $\{p \mid p(0) = 1\}$
  - (d)  $\{p \mid p(1) = 0\}$
  - (e)  $\{p \mid p(1) \leq 0\}$
  - (f)  $\{p \mid p \text{ has degree exactly } 3\}$
  - (g)  $\{p \mid p \text{ has degree } \leq 3\}$
  - (h)  $\{p \mid p''(1) = 0\}$
  - (i)  $\{p \mid p''(1) = -1\}$
  - (j)  $\{p \mid \int_0^1 p(t) dt = 0\}$
  - (k)  $\{p \mid \int_0^1 p(t) dt = 7\}$
- (3) Are the following sets of vectors linearly independent? If yes, do they form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad b) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (4) Find four vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (which are necessarily linearly dependent) such that each three of them are linearly independent.
- (5) Find bases for the subspaces  $W = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (6) Show that the functions  $\cos(x)$  and  $f(x) = x^2$  are linearly independent.
- (7) Write the vector  $v$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $b_1, b_2$ , and  $b_3$ .

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (8) Find a minimal spanning set for the following subspace of
- $\mathbb{R}^4$
- :

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- (9) Find the null-spaces of the following matrices:

$$a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (10) Calculate the inverse and the determinant of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -15 & \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (11)
- This one is slightly tricky!**

Calculate the following determinant:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Subtract - starting with the last column- from each column  $x_1$  times the left neighbor. This does not change the value of the determinant. Then use the recursive formula for the determinant and proceed by induction...

Compare your result with exercise 3 b).

- (12) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrices

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

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

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} i & -1 & 2+i \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -2+i & 3 & 3i \end{bmatrix}$$

- (13) Find a matrix whose characteristic polynomial is given by  $p(\lambda) = (2 - \lambda)^3(4 - \lambda)^5$ .  
 (14) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$ -matrix and put  $A_1 = A - \alpha I_n$ . Show that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\lambda - \alpha$  is an eigenvalue of  $A_1$ . How do the eigenvectors compare?

- (15) Use Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization to find an orthogonal basis for the subspace of exercise 8
- (16) Consider the vectorspace spanned by the polynomials  $p_0(x) = 1$ ,  $p_1(x) = x$ ,  $p_2(x) = x^2$ . An analogue of the dot-product for this space is given by

$$f \cdot g = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt.$$

Use Gram-Schmidt to transform the basis  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2\}$  to an orthonormal basis.