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1. Determine whether each of the following statements is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. Justify your answer. (This question has **four** parts. Remember: A statement is "true" if it is always true. If not, it is "false.")

(a) (5 points) If $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation, then $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$.

Answer: **TRUE**

Since T is linear, $T(k\vec{v}) = kT(\vec{v})$ for all \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^n and all scalars k . Let \vec{v} be any vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Then $T(\vec{0}) = T(0 \cdot \vec{v}) = 0T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$.

(b) (5 points) If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution \vec{x} in \mathbb{R}^n for every \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^n .

Answer: **TRUE**

Since A is invertible $A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$.

Thus the solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ exists and is unique for every vector \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^n .



- (c) (5 points) If $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ are linear transformations such that $S(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ and $T(S(\vec{x})) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$, then T is an invertible transformation.

Answer: FALSE

Note that the matrix of S is invertible because it has determinant 6. If T were invertible, then its matrix would be invertible, so the product of these matrices (the matrix of $T \circ S$) would also be invertible. However, the matrix of $T \circ S$ is not invertible since it has determinant 0. Therefore T can't be invertible.

- (d) (5 points) If a system of linear equations has a unique solution, then the system has the same number of variables as equations.

Answer: FALSE

$\begin{cases} x+y=0 \\ x-y=0 \\ 2x+2y=0 \end{cases}$ has a unique solution, but it has 2 variables and 3 equations.



2. Determine whether each of the following statements is **ALWAYS** true, **SOMETIMES** true, or **NEVER** true. Justify your answer. (This question has **four** parts.)

- (a) (5 points) Suppose A is the 2×2 matrix of the transformation that rotates vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 by an angle θ . Then there is a nonzero vector \vec{x} satisfying the equation $A\vec{x} = -\vec{x}$.

Answer: **SOMETIMES**

Case when it is true: $\theta = \pi$. Then $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi & -\sin \pi \\ \sin \pi & \cos \pi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -\vec{x}.$$

Case when it is not true: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Then $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} \neq -\vec{x} \text{ if } \vec{x} \text{ is a nonzero vector.}$$

- (b) (5 points) If A and B are invertible $n \times n$ matrices, then $\text{rank}(A+B) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$.

Answer: **NEVER**

Since A and B are invertible, then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B) = n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) = 2n.$$

However, $A+B$ is an $n \times n$ matrix, so $\text{rank}(A+B)$ is at most n .



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(c) (5 points) Define a matrix A and a vector \vec{v} in terms of a constant k as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} k & k+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $A\vec{v}$ is perpendicular to \vec{v} . (Recall: Two vectors \vec{v} and \vec{w} are perpendicular if $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$.)

Answer: **SOMETIMES**

$$A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} k & k+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ -6 \\ 2-2k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ -6 \\ 2-2k \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = k - 2(2-2k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k - 4 + 4k = 0$$

$5k = 4$
If $k = \frac{4}{5}$, then $A\vec{v}$ is perpendicular to \vec{v} . If not, they aren't perpendicular.

(d) (5 points) A linear system with 4 equations and 5 variables has a unique solution, provided that its coefficient matrix has rank 4.

Answer: **NEVER**

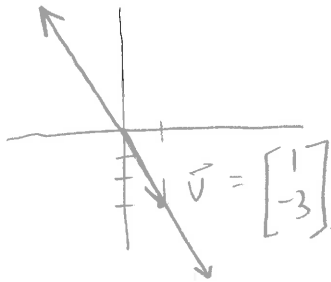
If the coefficient matrix has rank 4 and the system has five variables, then there is one free variable. Consequently, there are infinitely many solutions.



3. (12 points) Let L be the line $y = -3x$ and let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the transformation which projects vectors orthogonally onto L :

$$T(\vec{x}) = \text{proj}_L \vec{x}.$$

Find the matrix of T . (Recall: $\text{proj}_L \vec{x} = \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \right) \vec{v}$, where \vec{v} is any nonzero vector on L .)



$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} \\ -\frac{3}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-3}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{9}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{matrix of } T \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ -\frac{3}{10} & \frac{9}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$



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4. (15 points) Find **all** possible ways of expressing the vector \vec{e} as a linear combination of the vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} and \vec{d} , where

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{e} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We must find all solutions to

$$\vec{a}x_1 + \vec{b}x_2 + \vec{c}x_3 + \vec{d}x_4 = \vec{e}.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 - 5x_3 + 3x_4 &= -4 \rightarrow x_1 = -4 + 5x_3 - 3x_4 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 &= 2 \rightarrow x_2 = 2 - 2x_3 + x_4 \\ x_3, x_4 &\text{ free} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 + 5s - 3t \\ 2 - 2s + t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } s \text{ and } t \text{ are any real numbers.}$$



5. (18 points) (This question has **two** parts.) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

(a) Find the inverse transformation T^{-1} , if it exists.

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}.$$

$$[A | I_3] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 + 2R_3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{-1}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}.$$

(b) Find \vec{x} such that $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Multiply both sides by inverse}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



6. (15 points) (This question has **two** parts.) Suppose $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation satisfying

$$T \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the matrix of T .

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T \left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} T \left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + T \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{matrix of } T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Let $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be rotation counterclockwise by $\pi/6$ radians. Find the matrix of $T(S^6(\vec{x}))$.

Since S is rotation by $\frac{\pi}{6}$ radians, S^6 is rotation by π .

$$\Rightarrow S(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi & -\sin \pi \\ \sin \pi & \cos \pi \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}.$$

$$\text{Thus } T(S(\vec{x})) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}.$$



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