

# Test 1 - linear algebra

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**Exercise 1** (1 point)

Find the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$ .

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Exercise 2** (0.5 points)

Prove the following property of the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $c, d$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are vectors).

$$c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$$

**Exercise 3** (0.5 points)

Prove the following property of the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $c, d$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are vectors).

$$(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$$

**Exercise 4** (0.5 points)

Normalize the following vector:  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Exercise 5** (0.5 points)

What is the meaning of the following expressions?

$$\|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}\|$$

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$$

**Exercise 6** (2 points)

A cube has four diagonals. Prove that none of them is perpendicular to the others.

**Exercise 7** (1.5 points)

Solve the following system of equations using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{aligned}2w + 3x - y + 4z &= 4 \\ w - x + z &= 1 \\ 3x - 4x + y - z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 8** (1.5 points)

Find the values of  $k$  for which the following system has (a) one solution, (b) zero solutions, and (c) infinite solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}2kx + 6y &= -7k - 2 \\ -kx - 3y &= 2k\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 9** (2 points) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the following system on  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  (the modulo 3 numbers).

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 1 \\ y + z &= 0 \\ x + z &= 1\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 10** (0.5 points)

How does a nonsingular matrix is related to the concepts of null space and identity matrix?

**Exercise 11** (0.5 points) Construct an inconsistent system of linear equations with more variables than equations (you can begin with an augmented matrix and then apply row operations).

**Exercise 12** (0.5 points) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & 8 & 7 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 & 6 & 2 & -8 \\ 9 & -2 & -5 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

be a nonsingular matrix and let  $\mathbf{b}$  be the vector  $[\mathbf{b}]_i = i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ . How many solutions does  $\mathcal{LS}(A, \mathbf{b})$  has?

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$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) &= \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v} \\ &= \frac{(1/2)(1/2) + (1/4)(-1/4) + (-1/2)(-1/2)}{(1/2)(1/2) + (1/4)(1/4) + (-1/2)(-1/2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{(1/4) + (-1/16) + (1/4)}{(1/4) + (1/16) + (1/4)} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{7/16}{9/16} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{7}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 7/18 \\ 7/36 \\ -7/18 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 2** (0.5 points)Prove the following property of the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $c, d$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are vectors).

$$c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= c \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c(u_1 + v_1) \\ c(u_2 + v_2) \\ \vdots \\ c(u_n + v_n) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 + cv_1 \\ cu_2 + cv_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n + cv_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} cv_1 \\ cv_2 \\ \vdots \\ cv_n \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3** (0.5 points)

Prove the following property of the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $c, d$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are vectors).

$$(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} (c + d)\mathbf{u} &= (c + d) \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (c + d)u_1 \\ (c + d)u_2 \\ \vdots \\ (c + d)u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 + du_1 \\ cu_2 + du_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n + du_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} du_1 \\ du_2 \\ \vdots \\ du_n \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 4** (0.5 points)

Normalize the following vector:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{5^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25 + 4 + 9 + 16} = \sqrt{54} \\ \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}\mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{54}} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/\sqrt{54} \\ -2/\sqrt{54} \\ 3/\sqrt{54} \\ 4/\sqrt{54} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 5** (0.5 points)

What is the meaning of the following expressions?

$$\|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}\|$$

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$$

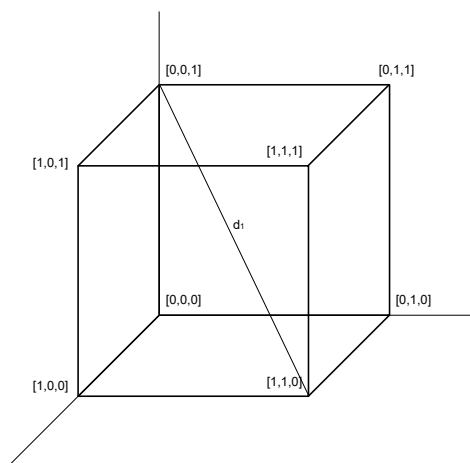
**Answer** The norm is defined for vectors, not scalars. Since  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a scalar,  $\|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}\|$  makes no sense.

The dot product takes two vectors as argument. Since  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a scalar,  $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$  makes no sense.

**Exercise 6** (2 points)

A cube has four diagonals. Prove that none of them is perpendicular to the others.

**Answer**



$$\mathbf{d}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{d}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad \mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad \mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{d}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{d}_2 \cdot \mathbf{d}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \quad \mathbf{d}_3 \cdot \mathbf{d}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

The dot product between all pairs of “diagonal” vectors is not zero. Therefore, they are not perpendicular to each other.

**Exercise 7** (1.5 points)

Solve the following system of equations using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{aligned}2w + 3x - y + 4z &= 4 \\ w - x + z &= 1 \\ 3x - 4x + y - z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-5R_2 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/4)R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} (3/2) - (5z/4) \\ (1/2) - (z/4) \\ (1/2) + (3z/4) \\ z \end{bmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Exercise 8** (1.5 points)Find the values of  $k$  for which the following system has (a) one solution, (b) zero solutions, and (c) infinite solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}2kx + 6y &= -7k - 2 \\ -kx - 3y &= 2k\end{aligned}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2k & 6 & -7k-2 \\ -k & -3 & 2k \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/2)R_1} \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 & (-7k-2)/2 \\ -k & -3 & 2k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 & (-7k-2)/2 \\ 0 & 0 & (-7k-2)/2+2k \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Since  $r = 1$ , the number of free variables is  $n - r = 2 - 1 = 1$ . Therefore, there are no values of  $k$  for which there is one solution.

b) There are zero solutions if and only if  $(-7k - 2)/2 + 2k \neq 0$ , i.e., when  $k \neq -2/3$ .

c) There are infinite solutions if and only if  $(-7k - 2)/2 + 2k = 0$ , i.e., when  $k = -2/3$ .

**Exercise 9** (2 points) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the following system on  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  (the modulo 3 numbers).

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 1 \\ y + z &= 0 \\ x + z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1+R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_2+R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2+R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{2R_3+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where,

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} + & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c|ccc} \times & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

Thus,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $z = 0$  is the solution.

**Exercise 10** (0.5 points)

How does a nonsingular matrix is related to the concepts of null space and identity matrix?

**Answer** A square matrix  $A$  is nonsingular if and only if  $\mathcal{LS}(A, \mathbf{0})$  has only the trivial solution; in other words, if its null space  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  has only the zero vector. Besides, a nonsingular matrix always row-reduces to the identity matrix.

**Exercise 11** (0.5 points) Construct an inconsistent system of linear equations with more variables than equations (you can begin with an augmented matrix and then apply row operations).

**Answer**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The systems of equations that correspond to each augmented matrix are equivalent. Since the first system is inconsistent, the following system is inconsistent too.

$$\begin{aligned} w + 2x + 3y + 4z &= 1 \\ w + x - 2y - z &= 0 \\ 2w + 4x + 6y + 8z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 12** (0.5 points) Let

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be a nonsingular matrix and let  $\mathbf{b}$  be the vector  $[\mathbf{b}]_i = i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ . How many solutions does  $\mathcal{LS}(A, \mathbf{b})$  has?

**Answer** Nonsingular matrices row-reduce to the identity matrix. Therefore, no matter what the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is, they always have one solution.