

# Linear algebra and series

## Assignment 3

(Rank, Linear transformations, Kernel, Image)

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## 1 Tutorial questions

1. Show that the solution set to the linear system  $Ax = 0$  is a vector space of dimension  $n - \text{rank}(A)$  for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .
2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Show that for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $X$

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} A & X \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \geq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B).$$

Discuss the cases where  $X = 0$  and  $X = I$  respectively.

3. Find the dimensions of  $\text{Im}(A)$  and  $\text{Ker}(A)$ , and find their bases for the linear transformation  $A$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$A(x, y, z) = (x - 2z, y + z, 0)^T.$$

4. (**Integral transformation**). Define the indefinite integral map  $T_{\text{int}} : P^k(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P^{k+1}(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$T_{\text{int}}(f) = \int f(x) dx \quad \text{for all } f \in P^k(\mathbb{R}).$$

Compute the kernel and range of  $T_{\text{diff}}$  and verify the rank–nullity theorem. Compute the matrix representation of  $T_{\text{int}}$  with respect to the natural bases of  $P^k(\mathbb{R})$  and  $P^{k+1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

5. (**Rotation matrices**.) Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  rotates the vector  $v = (a, b)^T$  by  $\theta$  radians.
  - (a) Compute the entries of  $A$ .
  - (b) Write the linear transformation  $T_{\text{rot}} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that corresponds to  $A$ .
  - (c) Let  $B_2 = \{(f_{11}, f_{12}), (f_{21}, f_{22})\}$  be an arbitrary basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Compute the change of basis matrices from  $B_1 = \{e_1, e_2\}$  to  $B_2$  and vice versa.
  - (d) Compute the matrix representation of  $T_{\text{rot}}$  with respect to  $B_2$ .
  - (e) Compute the matrix representation of  $T_{\text{rot}}$  when viewed as a map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to  $B_2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to  $B_1$ .
6. (**Reflection matrix**.) Write the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that reflects a vector about an axis tilted  $\vartheta$  radians in the anticlockwise direction. Compute the matrix representation of this linear map.
7. Let  $T_{\text{trans}} : \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  by  $T_{\text{trans}}(A) = A^T$ . Show that there does not exist any matrix  $M$  such that  $MA = T_{\text{trans}}(A)$ .

## 2 Exercises

1. Find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

using elementary row operations.

2. Find the rank and a basis of the row space of each of the following matrices.

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -11 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Show that  $\text{rank of } B^t A^t = \text{rank of } AB$ , assuming that the product  $AB$  is defined.
4. Show that if  $A$  is not a square matrix, then rows of  $A$  form a linearly dependent set or the columns of  $A$  form a linearly dependent set.
5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3, x_2 + 2x_1, -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3).$$

- (a) Verify that it defines a linear operator.
  - (b) Compute the kernel (null-space) of  $T$ .
  - (c) Compute the rank and nullity of  $T$ .
6. Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Prove that if  $T^2 = T \circ T$  is injective, then  $T$  is injective.
  7. If  $S, T$  are linear operators from  $V$  into  $V$ , show that the composition  $S \circ T$  is also a linear operator from  $V$  into  $V$ .
  8. Suppose  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation. It is known that  $T((2, 1)) = (3, 4)$  and  $T(1, 1) = (-1, 2)$ . Determine  $T((4, 3))$ .
  9. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y + 5z, -4x + 2y - 10z).$$

Write down a basis for the kernel (null-space) of  $T$ . Is  $T$  injective?

10. Let  $V = \mathcal{P}^n([0, 1])$ . Compute the rank and nullity of the linear operators  $T_k$  given by  $T_k(p) = p^{(k)}$  for every polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}^n([0, 1])$ . Here  $p^{(k)}$  denotes the  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $p$ .

11. Compute the rank and nullity of the trace operator from  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .
12. Does there exist a surjective linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
13. Can a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  map a line to a circle?
14. Is the function from  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  to  $P_4(\mathbb{R})$  that squares a polynomial a linear transformation? What about the function that multiplies a given polynomial by  $x^2$ ?
15. Let  $V, W$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces and let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Show that
  - (a) Show that any linear map  $T : U \rightarrow W$  can be extended to a linear map  $\tilde{T} : V \rightarrow W$ .
  - (b) Assume that  $\dim(W) \geq \dim(V)$ . Show that we can find a linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  whose kernel is precisely  $U$ .
16. Let  $T(A) = A \cdot C - C \cdot A$ . Verify that it is a linear operator. What is the kernel of  $\text{tr} \circ T$  where  $\text{tr}$  is the trace operator?
17. Let  $V$  be a (finite dimensional) vector space and  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . We say that an operator  $P$  on  $V$  is idempotent if  $P^2 = P \circ P = P$ . Show that there exists an idempotent operator  $P$  on  $V$  such that the range of  $P$  is  $W$  [range of  $P$  is the same as Image of  $P$ ].
18. Let  $P : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  given by  $P(A) = \frac{A+A^t}{2}$ . Then show that  $P$  is a linear operator. Compute the rank and nullity of  $P$ .
19. Using the Rank-Nullity theorem prove that

$$\text{Column rank of } A = \text{Row rank of } A$$

for an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with entries from  $\mathbb{F}$ .

20. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let

$$L(V, W) = \{T : V \rightarrow W : T \text{ is a linear transformation}\}.$$

Show that  $L(V, W)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with the following operations,

$$(S + T)(v) = S(v) + T(v) \text{ and}$$

$$(cT)(v) = cT(v)$$

for any  $S, T \in L(V, W)$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $v \in V$ .