

Quiz Solutions 10/2/20

Which of the following sets ~~is~~ is a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 ? Circle all that apply.

- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is not a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 since $-3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, i.e. the set is linearly dependent. A basis for a plane requires two linearly independent vectors.
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 , $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ are linearly independent. Since a basis for a plane requires two linearly independent vectors, this set is a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is not a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 . $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are all linearly independent vectors, and form a basis for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Consider the 3×5 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 & -8 & -8 & 5 \\ -6 & 12 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -4 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The rank of A is $\boxed{2}$

Since $\text{rank} = \dim(\text{Col}(A))$, where $\text{Col}(A)$ is the span of the linearly independent vectors in matrix A .

The nullity of A is $\boxed{3}$

Since $\text{nullity} = \dim(\text{Nul}(A))$, where $\text{Nul}(A)$ is the span of the linearly independent vectors after parameterizing matrix A .

For a 3×5 matrix, the rank plus the nullity is always equal to $\boxed{5}$

By the Rank Theorem: $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) + \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = \text{rank} + \text{nullity}$, which equals the number of columns of matrix $A_{m \times n}$.

Answer the following True/False questions.

- (a) It is possible to have a 4×6 matrix whose rank is 3 and whose nullity is 1.

FALSE

By the Rank Theorem for $A_{m \times n}$, $\text{rank} + \text{nullity} = n$.
 $\text{Rank} = \dim(\text{Col}(A)) = 3$ $\text{nullity} = \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 1$
 $3 + 1 = 4 \neq 6$

- (b) If a set of four vectors span \mathbb{R}^4 , then the set is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .

TRUE

If a set of vectors span \mathbb{R}^4 , the set is linearly independent. Any vector in \mathbb{R}^4 may then be formed a linear combination of these vectors. Hence, this set is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$. Let T be the matrix transformation $T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$. Find a vector \vec{x} where $T(\vec{x})$ is equal to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$.

The answer is $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ where

$a = 0$

$b = -1$

We only want the second column of A so the first entry in \vec{x} must be $\frac{0}{6} = 0$ by matrix multiplication. The second entry in \vec{x} must be -1 since we want $-1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

That is, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$.

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 & -8 & -8 & 5 \\ -6 & 12 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -4 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let T be the matrix transformation $T(\vec{v}) = A(\vec{v})$.

The domain of T is \mathbb{R}^n , where $n = \boxed{5}$

(the domain corresponds to the number of columns in $A_{m \times n}$).

The codomain of T is \mathbb{R}^m , where $m = \boxed{3}$

(the codomain corresponds to the number of rows in $A_{m \times n}$).

The range of T has dimension $\boxed{2}$

(the dimension of the range equals the dimension of the column space).