

Math 205 Quiz 2
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1. Consider the following augmented matrix (in ref) for a system of equations written $[A|\vec{b}]$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- (a) Write the solution to the system in Parametric Vector Form.

$$\left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \text{ is any real number.} \right\}$$

- (b) Write the solution to homogeneous equation ($A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$) in Parametric Vector Form. (This shouldn't take any additional work.)

$$\left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-3}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \text{ is any real number.} \right\}$$

- (c) Although you do not know the columns of the matrix A , do the columns of A form a linearly independent set? If so, explain. If not, find a linear dependence relation.

No. There is a free variable and infinitely many solutions to the homogeneous equation. $-3\vec{a}_1 + 2\vec{a}_3 = \vec{0}$ so $2\vec{a}_3 = 3\vec{a}_1$ is a dependence relation.

2. Let $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Consider the $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{h}\}$ where $\vec{h} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

What must be true of \vec{h} for the $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{h}\} = \mathbb{R}^2$?

We know that \vec{h} must not be a multiple of \vec{v} . Any other \vec{h} together with \vec{v} will span \mathbb{R}^2 .

3. If the equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has exactly one solution, then does $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ have exactly one solution for every \vec{b} ? Explain.

No. If $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a solution, then there is exactly one solution. However, it is possible that there is no solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ if the system is inconsistent. (ie. The columns of A are linearly independent but they don't span the codomain.)

Consider the following $\text{rref}(A)$:

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

This matrix would have exactly one solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ because there are no free variables; however, the columns of A do not span \mathbb{R}^4 so there will not be a solution for all \vec{b} .