

Extra Problems (Subspaces)

Page 1

1. Show that all Polynomials form a vector space \mathcal{P}
2. Show that all polynomials with degree no more than 3 form a vector subspace in \mathcal{P} .
3. Show that all polynomials that takes the value 0 at the point 0 form a vector subspace in \mathcal{P} .
4. Consider the set $S = \{\text{polynomials with degree } 2 \cup \{0\}\}$, show that even $0 \in S$, S is still NOT a subspace.
5. Consider the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 , which of them form subspaces?
 - a) $\{(x, y, z) \mid x + y + z = 0\}$
 - b) $\{(x, y, z) \mid x + y + z^2 = 0\}$
 - c) $\{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \text{ are rational numbers}\}$
 - d) $\{(x, y, z) \mid xyz = 0\}$
 - e) $\{(x, y, z) \mid x = 3t, y = 2t, z = t \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Solutions to Subspaces.

Page 2

1. 2. 3. are proof-related, which is not required, still, you may try to do them, only #2 is non-trivial.

4. consider two elements in S :

$$p_1(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$p_2(x) = -x^2 + 2x,$$

both of them have degree exactly 2.

but $p_1(x) + p_2(x) = 2x + 1$ has degree only 1. so does not lie in S .

5. a) this is subspace. it's a plane.

b) No. consider $p = (-2, -2, 2)$ an element. multiply by a scalar -1 , we get $q = (2, 2, -2)$. but

$$2 + 2 + (-2)^2 = 8 \neq 0, \text{ so } q = -p \notin S.$$

c) No. choose $(1, 1, 1) \in S$, multiply by a scalar π which is irrational, we get $(\pi, \pi, \pi) \notin S$.

d) No. the set is the union: $\{x=0\} \cup \{y=0\} \cup \{z=0\} = S$.
consider two points $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$
their sum is $(1, 1, 0)$ which is not in S

e) this is a subspace. it's a line parametrized by z .
in another form. $S = \text{Span} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$, so indeed it's
a subspace spanned by a single element $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Extra Problems (matrix reduction, linear Equation)

1. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ find the RREF and keep track of the row operations.

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2' = R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - R_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3'' = R_3' - \frac{1}{2}R_2'} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) compute $N(A)$, $C(A)$.

Solution note $N(A) = N(U)$ with $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

but U is full rank, so $N(U) = \{0\}$ therefore $N(A) = \{0\}$

though in general $C(A)$ is not the same as $C(U)$,

but when U is full rank, A is full rank,

so the columns are all independent, therefore

$$C(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$$

b) when $b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, find the solution of the equation

Solution we compute

$$E_2 E_1 b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so we get:}$$

$$U \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 4 \\ 4y - 2z = -8 \\ z = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = -1 \\ z = 2 \end{cases} \text{ as the solution.}$$

2. given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ compute the following:

$N(A)$, $C(A)$, $N(A^T)$, $C(A^T)$

Solution: Note A is already in RREF.

1) $N(A)$. note z is a free-variable.

$$\begin{cases} 3x + z + 2w = 0 \\ 2y + z + 3w = 0 \\ -w = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{3}z \\ y = -\frac{1}{2}z \\ z = z \\ w = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{set } z=1, \text{ we get}$$

$$N(A) = \text{Span} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2) $C(A)$ is spanned by pivot columns. so

$$C(A) = \text{Span} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3) write $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, again $C(A^T)$ is spanned by pivot columns, (though we think of pivot as "0" above, not below)

$$\text{so } C(A^T) = \text{Span} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4) Let's calculate the RREF for A^T :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so set } z=1, \text{ we get}$$

z is free variable.

$$N(A^T) = \text{Span} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$