

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is there a subspace of the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices that contains exactly one of  $A$  and  $B$ ?

Is there a subspace that contains exactly two of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $I$ ?

Is there a subspace that contains no nonzero diagonal matrices?

2. True or false for an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  of rank  $r$  describing a system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ?

- (i) If  $n = m = r$  then  $A$  is invertible.
- (ii) If  $n < m$  then the system has no solution.
- (iii) If  $n > m$  then there are free columns.
- (iv) If the system has a unique solution then  $n = r$ .
- (v) If the system has no solution then  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $r > 0$ .

3. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  but scaling is defined by  $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda v_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this a vector space?

4. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  but addition is defined by  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 + w_2 \\ v_2 + w_1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this a vector space?

5. Describe the smallest subspace of the  $2 \times 3$  matrices that contain (a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (b)  $A$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (c)  $B$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6. Which of the following give the correct definition of the rank of  $A$  (with  $R$  being a reduced row echelon form)?

- (i) The number of nonzero rows of  $R$ .
- (ii) The number of columns minus the number of zero rows.
- (iii) The number of columns minus the number of free columns.
- (iv) The number of 1's in the matrix  $R$ .

7. Write the special solutions of  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and of  $R^T\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  for the following matrices. Write down the nullspace matrices.

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. **HW** Find the reduced row echelon form and the rank of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & c & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which are the pivot columns? Give the special solutions. (The answer will depend on  $c$ .)

9. Prove that every rank- $r$  matrix can be written as a sum of  $r$  rank-1 matrices!