

Exercise 1 Find the equation of the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 passing through the three points $P_1 = (1, 0, 0)$, $P_2 = (0, 2, 0)$ and $P_3 = (0, 0, 3)$.

Exercise 2 By using Gauss elimination, find all solutions for the following systems:

$$a) \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 & = 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_3 - x_4 & = 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_4 & = 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 & = 3 \end{cases} \quad b) \begin{cases} -2x + 3y + z + 4w & = 0 \\ x + y + 2z + 3w & = 0 \\ 2x + y + z - 2w & = 0 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 3 By using elementary row operations, find the inverse for the following matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Exercise 4 Consider the vectors $X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and $X_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

1. Does the family $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5\}$ generate \mathbb{R}^4 , and why ?
2. Is the family $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5\}$ a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 , and why ?
3. Is the family $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\}$ a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 , and why ?

Exercise 5 Consider the map $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $F \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ y-z \end{pmatrix}$ for all $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

1. Is F a linear map ? (Justify your answer)
2. Determine the range of F .
3. Determine the kernel of F .

Exercise 6 A square $n \times n$ matrix is called a permutation matrix if it contains a 1 exactly once in each row and in each column, with all other entries being 0, as for example in $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Are permutation matrices invertible ? And if so, is the inverse of such a matrix a permutation matrix as well ? Explain your answers.

Exercise 7 Consider the set \mathcal{E}_n of all $n \times n$ **diagonal** matrices which satisfy $a_{11}a_{22} \dots a_{nn} = 1$ (the product of the elements of the diagonal is equal to 1).

1. Is \mathcal{E}_n a vector space ? (Justify your answer)
2. Exhibit $n - 1$ linearly independent elements of \mathcal{E}_n .
3. If $A, B \in \mathcal{E}_n$, does AB belong to \mathcal{E}_n ? (Justify your answer)

Exercise 1

One looks for $N \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\vec{ON} \perp \vec{P_1P_2}$ and $\vec{ON} \perp \vec{P_1P_3}$.

If $N = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix}$, then $\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} \perp \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow -n_1 + 2n_2 = 0$ and

$\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix} \perp \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow -n_1 + 3n_3 = 0$. Thus one gets

$\begin{cases} n_1 = 2n_2 \\ n_1 = 3n_3 \end{cases}$. By choosing $n_1 = 6$, one obtains $N = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

and $H_{N, P_1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 $= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 6x + 3y + 2z = 6 \right\}$

Exercise 2

a) The augmented matrix satisfies:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

However, one gets from the third row, that

$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 = 1$, which means that this system has no solution.

b) The augmented matrix satisfies

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is $\begin{cases} x = 2w \\ y = w \\ z = -3w \\ w \text{ arbitrary} \end{cases}$

Exercise 3 See Homework 10, ex. 1.e).

Exercise 4

1) Yes, $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5\}$ generate \mathbb{R}^4 because

$$E_1 = X_1, \quad E_2 = X_2 - X_1, \quad E_3 = X_3 - X_2 - X_1 \quad \text{and} \quad E_4 = X_4 - X_3 - X_2 - X_1$$

and $\{E_1, \dots, E_4\}$ is the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .

2) No, it is not a basis because 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 can not be linearly independent. And indeed, $X_5 = X_3 - X_1$.

3) Yes, $\{X_1, \dots, X_4\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^4 since they generate E_1, \dots, E_4 by linear combinations, and these vectors generate the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^4 .

Exercise 5

1) Yes, F is linear. Indeed, if we consider $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$ belong to \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ y_1+y_2 \\ z_1+z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(x_1+x_2) \\ (y_1+y_2)-(z_1+z_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ y_1-z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2x_2 \\ y_2-z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, for } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \quad F\left(\lambda \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) &= F\left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda x \\ \lambda y - \lambda z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ y-z \end{pmatrix} = \lambda F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \text{Ran}(F) &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ y-z \end{pmatrix} \text{ for any } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid u = x, v = y \text{ for any } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$3) \text{Ker}(F) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ y-z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ -y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Exercise 6 :

Yes, permutation matrices are invertible because they are row equivalent to I_n by simple permutation of the rows. The inverse of a permutation matrix is also a permutation matrix because it is obtained from I_n by simple permutations of rows. In fact, for a permutation matrix A one has $A^{-1} = {}^t A$.

Exercise 7

1) No, it is not a vector space since if $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ belong to E_n , then $\lambda A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ does not belong to E_n for any $\lambda \neq 1$. Indeed, $(\lambda a_{11}) / (\lambda a_{22}) \dots (\lambda a_{nn}) = \lambda^n a_{11} \dots a_{nn} = \lambda^n$ if $a_{11} \dots a_{nn} = 1$.

2) The following matrices belong to E_n and are linearly independent:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & 2 & \\ 0 & & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & & \\ 0 & & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3) If A, B belong to E_n , with $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$, then $AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & a_{nn}b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{and } (a_{11}b_{11})(a_{22}b_{22}) \dots (a_{nn}b_{nn}) = a_{11}a_{22} \dots a_{nn}b_{11} \dots b_{nn} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

Thus AB belongs to E_n .