

Throughout this solution set, unless otherwise stated, large **boldface** uppercase letter signify a matrix, small **boldface** letters signify a vector, small *italics* letters signify vector components and small Greek letters ( $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ) signify scalar.

1)

- a) True. The kernel of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the vector space spanned by the solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{0}$ , which is the same as the solution to  $\mathbf{Bx}=\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}=\text{rref}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- b) False.  $\text{Image}(\mathbf{A})$  is the column span of  $\mathbf{A}$ , but we obtain  $\text{rref}(\mathbf{A})$  by elementary row operations that do not preserve the properties (e.g. linear independence) of the columns.
- c) True.  $\mathbf{AAAB} = \mathbf{AABA} = \mathbf{ABAA} = \mathbf{BAAA}$ .
- d) True.  $\text{Image}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Kernel}(\mathbf{A})$  implies  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Ay}) = \mathbf{0}$  for any  $\mathbf{y}$ . This means  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ . So

$\mathbf{A}$  could be e.g. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Note that we could also construct the matrix

directly, by creating a transformation that sends everything to some ( $\mathbf{zw}$  in this case) plane but wipes out everything in that plane.

- e) False. All spaces contain  $\mathbf{0}$  by definition. So if  $\text{Kernel}(\mathbf{A})=\{\mathbf{0}\}$ , then it is contained in the  $\text{Image}(\mathbf{B})$  but both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  can be invertible.
- f) False. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible then its dimension must be equal to its rank, so  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=2$ .

2) a) We want to solve  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{0}$ , so we first row reduce  $\mathbf{A}$  to get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which gives us the equations:

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x_1 = 2\beta - 3\alpha$$

$$x_2 = \beta$$

$$x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x_3 = -2\alpha$$

$$x_4 = \alpha$$

$$x_5 = 0$$

yielding solutions of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so } \text{Kernel}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

b) We know that the Image of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the column span on  $\mathbf{A}$ . From part a), we know that we need three columns, and that they must be the ones with the leading 1, so the  $\text{Image}(\mathbf{A}) =$

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

c) Just row reduce the augmented matrix to get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

representing

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_5 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 12 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

yielding the equations:

$$x_5 = 12$$

$$x_4 = \alpha$$

$$x_3 + 2x_4 = -1 \quad \Rightarrow x_3 = -1 - 2\alpha$$

$$x_2 = \beta$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_4 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow x_1 = 4 + 2\beta - 3\alpha$$

3)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{PS} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

note that  $\mathbf{PS} \cdot \mathbf{PS} = \mathbf{PS}$ , so  $\mathbf{PS}^{50} = \mathbf{PS}$  so  $(\mathbf{PS})^{50} \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4) a)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so consider the augmented matrix: } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

and row reduce it to get:  $A^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 & -11 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -9 \end{array} \right]$

b) Just multiply it out to get  $AA^{-1}=I$

c) using  $x=A^{-1}b$  we get  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -11 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 39 \\ -12 \\ 32 \end{bmatrix}$

5) Spot the linear system:

let  $s_0, m_0, l_0$  be the numbers of small, medium and large cars respectively in 1990.

If  $s_1, m_1, l_1$  are the numbers of small, medium and large cars respectively in 2000 then:

$$s_1 = .5 s_0 + .3 m_0$$

$$m_1 = .4 s_0 + .6 m_0 + .4 l_0$$

$$l_1 = .1 s_0 + .1 m_0 + .6 l_0$$

but since the number of cars did not change, this is

$$s_0 = .5 s_0 + .3 m_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -.5 s_0 + .3 m_0 = 0$$

$$m_0 = .4 s_0 + .6 m_0 + .4 l_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad .4 s_0 - .4 m_0 + .4 l_0 = 0$$

$$l_0 = .1 s_0 + .1 m_0 + .6 l_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad .1 s_0 + .1 m_0 - .4 l_0 = 0$$

row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_0 \\ m_0 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

yielding

$$l_0 = t$$

$$m_0 = 2.5t$$

$$s_0 = 1.5t$$

the survey was conducted among 1000 drivers, so  $t+2.5t+1.5t = 1000 \Rightarrow 5t = 1000 \Rightarrow t=200$

so  $l_0 = 200, m_0 = 500, s_0 = 300$ .

6) a) To compute the matrix of the transformation, all we need to know is what the projection does to the basis vectors. Using the formula for orthogonal projection onto a line:

$$\vec{e}'_i = \vec{l} \frac{\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{l}}{|\vec{l}|^2}$$

we get the matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) We could compute the kernel by solving  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{0}$ , but there is an easier way. Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix associated with an orthogonal projection onto  $L$ , only lines perpendicular to  $L$  will be reduced to  $\mathbf{0}$ . From dot product properties:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

we get  $s_1 + 2s_2 - 2s_3 = 0$

set  $s_1=0$  we get  $\mathbf{k}_1=[0,1,-1]$

set  $s_2=0$  we get  $\mathbf{k}_2=[2,0,1]$

set  $s_3=0$  we get  $\mathbf{k}_3=[-2,1,0]$

but note that  $\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3$

So  $\text{Kernel}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span} \{[2,0,1],[-2,1,0]\}$

c) First note that we have calculated  $\mathbf{p}$ , or rather the matrix that transforms  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $\mathbf{p}$  in part a) of this problem. So we can write  $\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{Ax}$ . Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the matrix of the orthogonal projection onto the plane  $S$ . Then, from the hint:

$$\mathbf{Bx} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{Ix} - \mathbf{Ax} = (\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{So } \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$