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- 1)  T  F If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^3$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

$A^{-3} = (A^{-1})^3$  gives the inverse. One could also see it by looking at the kernel: if  $A^3\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  with a nonzero  $\vec{v}$ , then  $A(A^2(\vec{v})) = A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  and  $A$  had a nontrivial kernel and could not be invertible.

- 2)  T  F If  $A^2$  is invertible, then  $A$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

If  $A^2$  is invertible then  $A^2$  has full rank, but then also  $A$  has full rank.

- 3)  T  F There is a matrix  $A$  and a vector  $\vec{b}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no solution and  $\ker(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

**Solution:**

Take  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no solution but  $\ker(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

- 4)  T  F If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix which is a rotation around a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then the columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:**

The map is invertible and therefore, the columns form a basis.

- 5)  T  F The rank of a diagonal matrix  $A$  equals the number of non-zero entries in  $A$ .

**Solution:**

Every nonzero diagonal element will produce a leading 1.

- 6)  T  F Row reduction produces a diagonal matrix which has leading 1 at the places where the original entries were not zero.

**Solution:**

Start with a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with 1 everywhere.

7)  T  F  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4/13 & 6/13 \\ 7/13 & 9/13 \end{bmatrix}$  is a projection onto the line spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

The columns are linearly independent.

8)  T  F The composition of a shear and a rotation in the plane is invertible.

**Solution:**

Each of these transformations are invertible. So is their composition.

9)  T  F The union of all the coordinate axes is a linear space of dimension 1

**Solution:**

It is not a linear space

10)  T  F If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix such that  $A^2 = I_5$ , (where  $I_5$  is the identity matrix), then  $A$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

If  $A$  were not invertible, it had a nontrivial  $\vec{v}$  in the kernel and  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  implies  $A^2\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  which would mean  $A^2$  were not invertible.

11)  T  F If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $A^3 = I_2$ , then  $A$  is the identity matrix  $I_n$ .

**Solution:**

$A$  could be a rotation by  $2\pi/3$  for example.

12)  T  F There exists an invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that 7 of its entries are 0.

**Solution:**

There can only be 2 nonzero entries. We need at least 3 to have an invertible matrix.

- 13)  T  F It can happen that in  $\text{rref}(A)$  there are rows for which all entries are nonzero.

**Solution:**

Yes,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an example. Note that this is an example where all entries of the matrix are nonzero, even so the matrix is in rref. For  $m \times n$  matrices with  $m > 1$ , this is not possible.

- 14)  T  F It is possible that  $\text{rref}(A)$  has columns for which all entries are nonzero.

**Solution:**

Yes,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an example. An other example is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- 15)  T  F The rank of a  $3 \times 4$  matrix may be 4.

**Solution:**

Look at the row reduced echelon form. There can be maximally 3 leading 1.

- 16)  T  F The rank of a  $4 \times 3$  matrix may be 4.

**Solution:**

Again, look at the row reduced echelon form. There can be maximally 3 leading 1.

- 17)  T  F There is an invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $S$  such that  $S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

Just plug in a general matrix  $S = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  and check  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} S = S \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  which implies  $a = b = c = d = 0$ . One could also see it differently: the first matrix satisfies  $A^2 = 0$ , the second matrix not. This would contradict  $S^{-1}A^2S = (S^{-1}AS)(S^{-1}AS) = B^2$ .

- 18)  T  F      The number of leading 1 entries in  $\text{rref}(A)$  is the dimension of the image of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

The rank is indeed dimension of the image.

- 19)  T  F      If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then so is  $A - B$ .

**Solution:**

False, take for example  $B = -A$  where  $A$  is invertible.

- 20)  T  F      There exists a linear transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for which  $\ker(T) = \text{im}(T)$ .

**Solution:**

If true, the dimensions of the image and the kernel would be the same integer  $k$ . The rank-nullity theorem would show that  $3 = \dim(\ker(A)) + \dim(\text{im}(A)) = k + k$  is an even number.

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Problem 2) (10 points)

Which of the following matrices are in reduced row-echelon form? We do not need explanations in this question.

	Matrix	IS	IS NOT		Matrix	IS	IS NOT
a)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	f)	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g)	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	h)	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	j)	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Solution:**

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| a) no  | f) no  |
| b) no  | g) yes |
| c) yes | h) yes |
| d) no  | i) no  |
| e) yes | j) no  |

Problem 3) (10 points)

In problems a)-b), you have to find all the solutions using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

a) (4 points) Find all solutions of  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:**

$$x = -5, y = 5, z = -1.$$

b) (4 points) Find all solutions to the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z + w &= 4 \\ x - y + z - w &= 2 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z + 2w &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

c) (2 points) You have a solution  $x \in \mathbb{R}^9$  of a system of linear equations  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is a  $7 \times 9$  matrix, and  $b$  is a given vector in  $\mathbb{R}^7$ . Is it possible to find an other solution  $Ay = b$ , where  $y$  is different from  $x$ ?

**Solution:**

To find a solution, we row reduce the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

We could have added an other trivial row and reduced

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

In any case, we see that  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a special solution of the system. We can add elements

of the kernel of the coefficient matrix  $A$  and still have solutions. So, lets compute the kernel. We know the row reduction of  $A$  already  $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . There are two redundant columns for which we introduce free variables:  $w = t, z = s, x = -t, y = -s$  so that a general element in the kernel is

$$s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The general solution to the problem is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c) The matrix has more columns than rows. So there are free variables. The kernel has at least dimension 2.

**Problem 4) (10 points)**

Which of the following sets are linear subspaces of some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? You do have to give explanations.

- 1) (2 points) The image of the transformation  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 2) (2 points) The kernel of the projection from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto the  $xy$ -plane.



3) (2 points) The solutions of the equation  $2x + 3y - 5z = 12$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

4) (2 points) All the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which satisfy  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

5) (2 points) All the points  $\{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{x}\}$ , where  $A$  is a given  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Solution:**

a) The image of a linear map is always a linear subspace of the codomain. In this case, it is  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

b) The kernel of a linear map is always a linear subspace of the domain.

c) The solution space does not contain the vector  $\vec{0}$ , so it can't be a linear subspace.

d) The solution is the set  $\{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0\}$  which is the trivial subspace  $\{0\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

e) It is the kernel of the matrix  $B = A - I_2$ . We know that the kernel of a matrix is a linear subspace.

Problem 5) (10 points)
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Let  $A$  be a shear in the plane along the x-axis which maps  $\vec{e}_1$  to  $\vec{e}_1$  and sends  $\vec{e}_2$  to  $2\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2$ . One calls this transformation also a horizontal shear. Let  $B$  the the projection onto the x-axis.

a) (4 points) Find the matrices  $A, B, AB$  and  $BA$ .

b) (3 points) What is  $A^{100}$ ?

c) (3 points) What is  $(AB)^{10}$ ?

**Solution:**

a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 200 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c) Because  $(AB)^2 = AB$  and  $(BA)^2 = BA$ , we also have  $(AB)^{10} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{10} = AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Problem 6) (10 points)

- a) (3 points) Let  $T$  be the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that is a reflection over the  $x$ -axis. Find the matrix of  $T$ .
- b) (4 points) Let  $S$  be the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  obtained by first reflecting over the  $x$ -axis, then reflecting over the  $y$ -axis, and finally reflecting over the line  $y = x$ . Find the matrix  $A$  of  $S$ .
- c) (3 points) Find the inverse of  $A$ , where  $A$  is the matrix you found in part (b).

**Solution:**

a)  $T(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

b) First let's find  $S(\vec{e}_1)$ . Reflecting over the  $x$ -axis sends  $e_1$  to  $\vec{e}_1$ . Reflecting over the  $y$ -axis sends  $e_1$  to  $-\vec{e}_1$ . Thus  $S(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Now, we'll find  $S(\vec{e}_2)$ . Reflecting over the  $x$ -axis sends  $\vec{e}_2$  to  $-\vec{e}_2$ . Reflecting over the line  $y = x$  sends  $e_2$  to  $-e_1$ . Thus  $S(e_2) = -e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore, the matrix of  $S$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c) To find  $A^{-1}$ , we row reduce the augmented matrix  $[A|I_2]$  to obtain  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (The matrix  $A$  defines a reflection about the axis  $x = -y$ . The inverse is the same.)

Problem 7) (10 points)

- a) (3 points) Find a basis for the kernel of

$$A = [ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 ] .$$

- b) (3 points) Find a basis for the image of the following  $4 \times 6$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} .$$

What is the dimension of the image and the dimension of the kernel?

c) (4 points) Find the dimension of the image and kernel of the following  $4 \times 100$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \cdots & 99 & 100 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \cdots & 100 & 101 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \cdots & 101 & 102 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \cdots & 102 & 103 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:**

a)  $\ker(A)$  is the set of vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfying  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 + 5x_5 = 0$ . The only

leading variable is  $x_1$ . We may set  $x_2 = r, x_3 = s, x_4 = t, x_5 = u$  for free variables  $r, s, t, u$ . Then,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2r - 3s - 4t - 5u \\ r \\ s \\ t \\ u \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a basis of  $\ker(A)$ .

**Solution:**

b) The image of  $A$  is spanned by the columns of  $A$ . All but the first column are redundant.

A basis of the image is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,  $\dim(\text{im}(A)) = 1$ . By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim(\ker(A)) = 6 - \dim(\text{im}(A)) = 5$ .

**Solution:**

c) The image of  $A$  is spanned by the columns of  $A$ . Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{100}$  be the columns of  $A$ . The vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are certainly linearly independent since they are not scalar multiple of each other. If  $n \geq 2$ , then

$$\vec{v}_{n+1} - \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = n(\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1)$$

so that  $\dim(\text{im}(A)) = 2$ . By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim(\ker(A)) = 100 - \dim(\text{im}(A)) = 98$ .

Problem 8) (10 points)
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Let  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

a) (3 points) Find the coordinates of  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .  
In other words, find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\vec{v}$ .

b) (4 points) The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  defines a linear transformation  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ . What is the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $T$ ?

c) (3 points) Is there a different basis  $\mathcal{B}$  such that the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $T$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Explain briefly. (Here,  $T$  is the linear transformation defined in part (b).)

**Solution:**

The coordinate transformation is given by the matrix  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  which contains the basis vectors in the columns. Its inverse is  $S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The new coordinates are

$$[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = S^{-1}\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b) The matrix in the new coordinates is  $B = S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c) **No**. The matrix  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not invertible. If  $S^{-1}AS = C$ , then  $AS = SC$ . This is not possible because the left hand side an invertible matrix  $AS$  and on the right hand side a noninvertible matrix  $CS$ .

**Problem 9) (10 points)**

You are given a matrix  $A$  which is a  $5 \times 6$  matrix of rank 5. In each of the following questions, we need not only the answer but also a short explanation.

- a) (2 points) Can the matrix  $A$  be invertible ?
- b) (3 points) What is the dimension of the image?
- c) (3 points) What is the dimension of the kernel?
- d) (2 points) How many solutions will the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  have?

**Solution:**

- a) **No**, the matrix is not a square matrix.
- b) The dimension of the the image is the rank of  $A$  which is **5**.
- c) The kernel is **1-dimensional** by the rank-nullity theorem.
- d) We can add nonzero kernel elements  $\vec{v}$  to a solution  $\vec{x}$  so that with  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  we still have a solution  $A(\vec{x} + \vec{v}) = \vec{b}$ . This shows that we either have infinitely many or no solution at all. Because the image is the entire codomain, for every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^5$ , there is  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^6$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . We always have a solution. Therefore, there must be **infinitely many solutions**.

**Problem 10) (10 points)**

A general shear is a linear transformation  $T$  for which there is a vector  $\vec{v}$  with  $T(v) = v$  and such that for all vectors  $T(x) - x$  is parallel to  $v$ . Is the linear transformation  $T(x) = A(x)$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a general shear? If so, find the line along which it is centered. It is enough to give a nonzero vector  $\vec{v}$  in that line.

**Solution:**

Check that  $T(\vec{x}) - \vec{x}$  is parallel to a fixed vector. It is enough to check that for two vectors: form  $T\vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Because both vectors are parallel to  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we know also that linear combinations of  $\vec{e}_1$  and  $\vec{e}_2$  are parallel to  $\vec{v}$ . The transformation is a shear.