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I: Consider the system of equations

$$x + 3y - 5z = -1$$

$$2x + y + 5z = 8$$

$$x + 2y - 2z = b$$

a) (10 points) Using row reduction reduce this system to *echelon form*.

The augmented matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

which upon row reduction yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (2 points) For which values of b , if any, is the system consistent?

$$b = 1$$

c) (2 points) For which values of b , if any, is there a unique solution?

None

d) (6 points) For which values of b , if any, are there infinitely many solutions? Compute all the solutions for these cases.

$b = 1$ in which case the solutions are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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II: Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -13 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

a) (14 points) Determine all the vectors \vec{b} that can be written as a linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$.

Have to solve the system

$$x\vec{v}_1 + y\vec{v}_2 + z\vec{v}_3 = \vec{b}$$

The augmented matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 4 & -13 & b \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

which row reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & b \\ 0 & -2 & 8 & \frac{2a-4b}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-2a-3b+7c}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that this reduction is not unique.

Precisely the vectors that satisfy

$$-2a - 3b + 7c = 0$$

can be written as a linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$.

b) (6 points) Are the vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ linearly independent?

No, because the third variable in the augmented matrix is free.

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III: Consider the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 11 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) (10 points) Using row operations, bring this matrix to *reduced echelon form*.

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

reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the reduced echelon form is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (4 points) Indicate in the matrix B the pivotal positions.

The pivotal positions are the first position in the first row and the third position in the second row.

c) (6 points) The matrix B is the augmented matrix of the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} w + 2x + y + 5z &= 1 \\ 3w + 6x + y + 11z &= 7 \\ w + 2x + 2y + 7z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

find all the solutions of this system.

We have that x and z are free variables and hence we may set $x = s, z = t$ and

$$y = -2 - 2t, w = -2s - 3t + 3$$

and hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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IV: a) (10 points) Let $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ be a linear transformation that maps the vector \vec{e}_1 to the vector $\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2$ and the vector \vec{e}_2 to the vector \vec{e}_1 . What is the matrix associated with T .

The matrix is given by

$$[T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (10 points) The linear transformations $Q : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ is obtained by first performing the shear transformation

$$S\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

and then a rotation by 45° . Find the matrix associated with Q .

The shear transformation maps the vectors $\vec{e}_1 \rightarrow \vec{e}_1$ and $\vec{e}_2 \rightarrow \vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2$. The rotation of 45° maps the vector $\vec{e}_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2]$ and the vector $\vec{e}_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[-\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2]$. Hence

$$Q(\vec{e}_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2], \quad Q(\vec{e}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[-\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2] = \sqrt{2}\vec{e}_2$$

Hence the matrix associated with Q is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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V: No partial credit: (5 points each) True or false:

a) A system of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ vectors in R^n with $p > n$ are always linearly dependent.

TRUE

b) If for a system of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ in R^n every pair is linearly independent, then the whole system is linearly independent.

FALSE

c) For a linearly dependent system of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ in R^n the vector \vec{v}_1 can always be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors $\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$.

FALSE

d) For a given system of linear equations, the echelon form is unique.

FALSE