Minitest 1, Linear Algebra

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DIRECTIONS

1. Don't panic.
2. Show/explain all of your work. A correct answer with insufficient work will lose points.
3. Read each question carefully, and make sure you answer the the question that is asked. If the question asks for an explanation, make sure you give one.
4. Clearly indicate your answer by putting a box around it.
5. Calculators are allowed on the all questions of the exam, however you still must show your work even if you confirm it with a calculator. For the last question, you can use a computer if you want.
6. Make sure you sign the pledge.
7. Number of questions = 5. Total Points = 25.

1. (5 points) For the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 5 \\ 2x_2 + 4x_3 &= 11 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 &= 21 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

do the following:

(a) Write the system in matrix-vector form.

(b) Write the augmented matrix, then row reduce the matrix to reduced row echelon form.

(c) Find all solutions and write your answer in parametric vector form, or explain why there are no solutions.

Note: You can use a calculator to check your work, but you must show the steps of the row reduction to receive full credit.

2. (5 points) Determine all values of h and k such that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 6x_2 &= h \\ 5x_1 + kx_2 &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

has

(a) No solution.

(b) Infinitely many solutions.

(c) A unique solution.

3. (5 points) For each matrix A, answer the following questions. Make sure you (briefly) explain your answer.

   (i) Does the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ have a nontrivial solution?

   (ii) Does the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have at least one solution for every possible $\mathbf{b}$?

   (a) A is a 2×3 matrix with 2 pivots.

   (b) A is a 5×5 matrix with 3 pivots.

4. (5 points) Let A be a 2×3 matrix, $\mathbf{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_2$ be vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$, and let $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$. Now suppose that $A\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1$ and $A\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2$ for some vectors $\mathbf{u}_1$ and $\mathbf{u}_2$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Explain why the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}$ is consistent. (Hint: you can actually state what the solution $\mathbf{x}$ to the equation will be).

Extra Credit(1 point) For each question, state if it is True or False. If True, briefly justify why it is true. If False, give an explanation or a counterexample to show why it is false.

(a) If an augmented matrix represents a system that has an infinite number of solutions, then it must have a bottom row of all zeroes .

(b) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is homogeneous if the zero vector is a solution.

Technology Question:

5. (5 points) For the given matrix A, use some form of technology (graphing calculator, online matrix calculator, Maple, etc) to answer the questions below. You do not need to show work of solving the matrix (since that will be done by the technology) but you should explain what you did and what your results are.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -6 & -3 & 7 \\ -7 & -6 & 4 & 7 & -9 \\ 9 & 9 & -9 & -5 & 5 \\ 31 & 27 & -19 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Do the columns of the matrix span $\mathbb{R}^4$? Explain why or why not.

(b) Suppose the columns of A are denoted $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5$. Then Span$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$ is the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^4$ (possibly all of $\mathbb{R}^4$) spanned by $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$ and $\mathbf{v}_5$. Can you remove any of the columns $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$ or $\mathbf{v}_5$ and not change the Span? If so, which column vectors and why? If not, why not?