

This is a two-stage quiz. You will receive this back with each question graded pass/fail in our next class meeting. You have until the date specified above to submit corrections for partial credit.

1. (3 points) Let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} s+3t \\ s-t \\ 2s-t \\ 4t \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by finding a spanning set for  $W$ .

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

as all  $\vec{u}$  in  $W$  satisfy

$$\vec{u} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } s, t.$$

2. (3 points) If  $W$  is the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a-2b \\ 3b+4 \\ 5a \end{bmatrix}$ , is  $W$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Justify why or why not.

No.  $\vec{0}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , is not in  $W$ .

For any choice of  $a, b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-2b \\ 3b+4 \\ 5a \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (4 points) Consider the matrix

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

(i) Is  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{Nul}(A)$ ? Justify your answer.

$$A\vec{u} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  so no,  $\vec{u}$  not in  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

(ii) Give an explicit description of  $\text{Nul}(A)$  via a spanning set.

$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{Nul}(A)$  if  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 &= 4x_3 + 3x_4 \\ x_2 &= 2x_3 - x_4 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{x}$  in  $\text{Nul}(A)$  if  $\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .