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MATH 250 : LINEAR ALGEBRA

Problem Set 3 – due Thursday, March 3rd

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Problem Set 3

3.1 Compute each of the following.

(a) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 3 \\
-1 & 6
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
5 \\
4
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(b) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-1 & 3 \\
4 & 2
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 \\
3
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(c) \[
R_{\pi/4}(2, 1)
\]

(d) \[
\rho(R_{\pi/3}(3, 4)), \text{ where } \rho : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ is the reflection across the horizontal axis.}
\]

3.2 Below are matrices corresponding to functions mapping \(\mathbb{R}^2\) to \(\mathbb{R}^2\). Describe each function geometrically. (For example, a geometric description of \(R_{\theta}\) might be: it rotates the plane counterclockwise around the origin by angle \(\theta\).)

(a) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 \\
1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(b) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 \\
0 & 5
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(c) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-2 & 0 \\
0 & 5
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(d) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & -1 \\
1 & 1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

3.3 Determine the matrix of \(F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) defined by \(F(x, y) := (2x - 3y, x + y)\).

3.4 Suppose \(f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) is a linear function with matrix \(\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}\), and \(g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) is a linear function with matrix \(\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ -8 & 7 \end{pmatrix}\). Consider the functions \(h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) and \(k : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) defined by \(h(x, y) := f(x, y) + g(x, y)\) and \(k(x, y) := f(g(x, y))\).

(a) Determine \(h(1, 0), h(0, 1), k(1, 0),\) and \(k(0, 1)\).

(b) Prove that \(h\) is linear, and determine the matrix of \(h\).

(c) Prove that \(k\) is linear, and determine the matrix of \(k\).

3.5 Suppose \(T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) is linear such that \(T(0, 1) = (0, 1)\) and \(T(1, 0) = \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)\).

(a) Determine the matrix of \(T\).

(b) Let \(S_1 := \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 1 \leq y \leq 2\}\), \(S_2 := \{(x, y) : 1 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 2\}\), and \(S_3 := \{(x, y) : 2 \leq x \leq 3, 1 \leq y \leq 2\}\). Carefully write the first letter of your first name in \(S_1\), the second letter of your first name in \(S_2\), and the third letter of your first name in \(S_3\). (See below for illustration.) What would these three letters look like after applying \(T\) to them? Draw a clear picture.

3.6 Suppose \(f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2\) is linear with matrix \(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\).

(a) Show that if \(ad - bc = 0\), then there exists a line \(L\) passing through the origin such that all outputs of \(f\) lie on \(L\).

(b) Conversely, show that if there exists a line \(L\) such that \(f(x, y)\) is on \(L\) for every \((x, y)\), then \(ad - bc = 0\).