

**Matrix Theory****Problem Set 4****2010**

Due Monday, 25 October 2010 at 12 noon in EE105. Free feel to work with others, but the final write-up should be entirely based on your own understanding. Be sure to print every group member's name and student ID on your homework.

1. (15pts) Let  $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  and  $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3\}$  be the subspaces in

$\mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the dimensions and bases for  $V \cap W$  and  $V + W$ .

2. (15pts) Let  $A$  be  $5 \times 7$  and  $B$  be  $7 \times 6$  matrices.  
 (a) If  $\text{rank}(A) = 4$ , find all possible values of  $\text{rank}(AB)$ .  
 (b) If  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$  and  $\text{rank}(AB) = 2$ , find all possible values of  $\text{rank}(B)$ .  
 (c) Is it possible that  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ ,  $\text{rank}(B) = 5$ , and  $AB = 0$ ?  
 3. (20pts) Show that the intersection of three 6-dimensional subspaces in  $\mathbb{R}^8$  is not the single point  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

4. (20pts) Let  $A$  be  $m$  by  $n$ , and  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ . Let  $E = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be an invertible

matrix such that  $EA = \begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $R$  is  $r$  by  $n$ , and  $R$  is in reduced row echelon

form. Show that  $C(A) = N(E_2)$ , where  $C(A)$  is the column space of  $A$ , and  $N(E_2)$  is the nullspace of  $E_2$ .

5. (15pts) If  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  are bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and for every  $j$ ,

$$A\mathbf{u}_j = c_{1j}\mathbf{u}_1 + c_{2j}\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_{nj}\mathbf{u}_n$$

$$B\mathbf{v}_j = c_{1j}\mathbf{v}_1 + c_{2j}\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{nj}\mathbf{v}_n$$

Prove that there exists an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $A = SBS^{-1}$ . Show the invertible matrix  $S$  you found.

6. (15pts) Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces in a vector space  $V$ . If  $U$  and  $W$  are invariant subspaces under linear transformation  $A$ , prove that  $U + W$  is an invariant subspace under  $A$ . Is  $U \cap W$  also invariant under  $A$ ? State your reasoning. Recall that a subspace  $S$  is invariant under linear transformation  $A$  if

$$A(S) \triangleq \{A(\mathbf{x}) \mid \mathbf{x} \in S\} \subseteq S.$$