

Problem 1. (20 points total). This problem has six parts in total. Consider the following augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

- (i) (1 point). Write down the associated linear system for the above augmented matrix. **ANS:**

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 2$$

- (ii) (8 points). Use elementary row operations to reduce the above system into reduced row echelon form. **ANS:**

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- (iii) (3 points). Is the original system consistent or inconsistent? **ANS:** Consistent.

- (iv) (6 points). Set $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Is \mathbf{b} a linear combination of \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 ? If not, explain. If yes, write \mathbf{b} as a linear combination of \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 . **ANS:** From part (ii) we have $x_1 = -1 - x_2$ and $x_3 = 1$, so, setting $x_2 = 0$ gives $-\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (v) (2 points). Is $\mathbf{b} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$? Why or why not? **ANS:** Yes, because, as in the preceding, \mathbf{b} is a linear combination of \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 .

Problem 2. (15 points total). This question has 2 parts.

- (i) (10 points). Let $\mathbf{d} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and \mathbf{v} be two vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to prove that $\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|$. **ANS:**

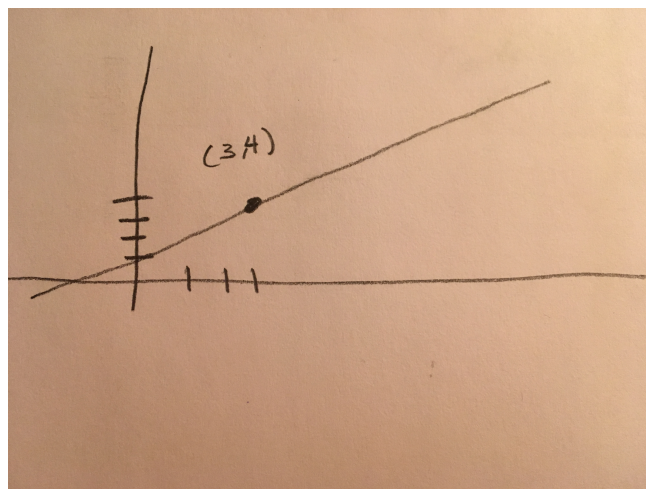
$$\begin{aligned} \|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{v}\| &= \left\| \frac{\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{d}\|^2} \mathbf{d} \right\| \\ &= \left(\left| \frac{\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{d}\|^2} \right| \right) \|\mathbf{d}\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{d}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}{\|\mathbf{d}\|^2} \right) \|\mathbf{d}\| \\ &= \|\mathbf{v}\| \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) (5 points). When is the inequality in part (i) actually an equality? In other words, when is $\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\|$? **ANS:** When the Cauchy inequality is an equality, namely, when $\mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{d}$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem 3. (14 points total). This problem has 3 parts total. Consider two lines in \mathbb{R}^2 given by the parametric descriptions

$$L_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- (i) (3 points). Draw L_1 . To receive full credit you must **clearly mark and label your axes** and draw a clear, accurate picture. **ANS:**



- (ii) (4 points). Write down an equation of *any* line which intersects L_1 at a right angle. **ANS:**

Can use any line in direction orthogonal to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ namely,

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} t \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- (iii) (7 points). Do L_1 and L_2 intersect? If so, find the point of intersection. **ANS:** Set $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ i.e. $t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$ so $t = 4, s = 2$ i.e. **yes, the lines intersect** and the point of intersection is $(7, 8)$.

Problem 5. (21 points total, 3 points each) For the following questions, answer using the word “True” or the word “False”. You **don’t need to justify your answer** to receive full credit. There’s no partial credit.

- (i) True/False: If $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$. **ANS:** False. $u = 1, v = \frac{1}{2}$ fails.
- (ii) True/False: If A is of size $n \times (n + 1)$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ then $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is consistent. **ANS:** True. Homogeneous of any size is always consistent.
- (iii) True/False: A linear system whose corresponding augmented matrix in reduced row echelon form has three pivots cannot be consistent. **ANS:** False. $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$ is a consistent system with three pivots in the RREF of the associated augmented matrix.
- (iv) True/False: A linear system whose coefficient matrix has non-pivot columns must have infinitely many solutions. **ANS:** False. Consider $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$
- (v) True/False: If $\mathbf{u} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ then $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\} \subset \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ **ANS:** True, since $\mathbf{u} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} \implies t\mathbf{u} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and thus $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\} = \{t\mathbf{u} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$
- (vi) True/False: A homogeneous linear system may only have 1 or infinitely many solutions. **ANS:** True, since it cannot have 0 solutions.
- (vii) True/False: If A is an $m \times n$ matrix whose columns do not span \mathbb{R}^m then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent for some $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$. **ANS:** True, this is discussed in section 1.4.