## PRACTICE PROBLEMS

- **1.** Suppose  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$  for some matrix A and for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . How many rows and columns does A have?
- **2.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Give a geometric description of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .
- 3. The line segment from  $\mathbf{0}$  to a vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is the set of points of the form  $t\mathbf{u}$ , where  $0 \le t \le 1$ . Show that a linear transformation T maps this segment into the segment between  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $T(\mathbf{u})$ .

## 1.8 EXERCISES

- **1.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and define  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Find the images under T of  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .
- **2.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ . Define  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Find  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$ .

In Exercises 3–6, with T defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under T is  $\mathbf{b}$ , and determine whether  $\mathbf{x}$  is unique.

- 3.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- **4.**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$
- **5.**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & -7 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **6.**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$
- 7. Let A be a  $6 \times 5$  matrix. What must a and b be in order to define  $T : \mathbb{R}^a \to \mathbb{R}^b$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ ?
- **8.** How many rows and columns must a matrix A have in order to define a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^5$  into  $\mathbb{R}^7$  by the rule  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ ?

For Exercises 9 and 10, find all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are mapped into the zero vector by the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  for the given matrix A.

 $\mathbf{9.} \ \ A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & -4 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

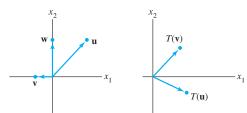
- $\mathbf{10.} \ \ A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 10 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$
- 11. Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let A be the matrix in Exercise 9. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the range of the linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? Why or why not?
- 12. Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let A be the matrix in Exercise 10. Is

**b** in the range of the linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? Why or why not?

In Exercises 13–16, use a rectangular coordinate system to plot  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and their images under the given transformation T. (Make a separate and reasonably large sketch for each exercise.) Describe geometrically what T does to each vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- **13.**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **14.**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **15.**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **16.**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- 17. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and maps  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use the fact that T is linear to find the images under T of  $2\mathbf{u}$ ,  $3\mathbf{v}$ , and  $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$ .

18. The figure shows vectors u, v, and w, along with the images  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$  under the action of a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ . Copy this figure carefully, and draw the image  $T(\mathbf{w})$  as accurately as possible. [Hint: First, write  $\mathbf{w}$  as a linear combination of **u** and **v**.]

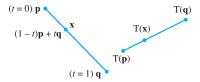


- **19.** Let  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{e}_1$  into  $\mathbf{y}_1$  and maps  $\mathbf{e}_2$  into  $\mathbf{y}_2$ . Find the images of  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- **20.** Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2$ . Find a matrix A such that  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is  $A\mathbf{x}$  for each  $\mathbf{x}$ .

In Exercises 21 and 22, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- **21.** a. A linear transformation is a special type of function.
  - b. If A is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix and T is a transformation defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , then the domain of T is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - c. If A is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - d. Every linear transformation is a matrix transformation.
  - e. A transformation T is linear if and only if  $T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2)$ for all  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in the domain of T and for all scalars  $c_1$ and  $c_2$ .
- The range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is the set of all **22.** a. linear combinations of the columns of A.
  - b. Every matrix transformation is a linear transformation.
  - c. If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation and if **c** is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then a uniqueness question is "Is **c** in the range of
  - d. A linear transformation preserves the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication.
  - A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  always maps the origin of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to the origin of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- **23.** Define  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  by f(x) = mx + b.
  - a. Show that f is a linear transformation when b = 0.
  - Find a property of a linear transformation that is violated when  $b \neq 0$ .
  - c. Why is f called a linear function?

- **24.** An affine transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  has the form  $T(\mathbf{x}) =$  $A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ , with A an  $m \times n$  matrix and **b** in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that T is *not* a linear transformation when  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . (Affine transformations are important in computer graphics.)
- **25.** Given  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the line through  $\mathbf{p}$  in the direction of **v** has the parametric equation  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}$ . Show that a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  maps this line onto another line or onto a single point (a degenerate line).
- **26.** a. Show that the line through vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  may be written in the parametric form  $\mathbf{x} = (1 - t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$ . (Refer to the figure with Exercises 21 and 22 in Section 1.5.)
  - b. The line segment from p to q is the set of points of the form  $(1-t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$  for  $0 \le t \le 1$  (as shown in the figure below). Show that a linear transformation T maps this line segment onto a line segment or onto a single point.



- **27.** Let **u** and **v** be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let Pbe the plane through u, v, and 0. The parametric equation of P is  $\mathbf{x} = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}$  (with s, t in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Show that a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  maps P onto a plane through  $\mathbf{0}$ , or onto a line through  $\mathbf{0}$ , or onto just the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . What must be true about  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$  in order for the image of the plane *P* to be a plane?
- **28.** Let **u** and **v** be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It can be shown that the set P of all points in the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  has the form  $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$ , for  $0 \le a \le 1$ ,  $0 \le b \le 1$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Explain why the image of a point in P under the transformation T lies in the parallelogram determined by  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$ .
- **29.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation that reflects each point through the  $x_2$ -axis. Make two sketches similar to Fig. 6 that illustrate properties (i) and (ii) of a linear transformation.
- **30.** Suppose vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation. Suppose  $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{0}$  for i = $1, \ldots, p$ . Show that T is the zero transformation. That is, show that if **x** is any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
- **31.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation, and let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1,\mathbf{v}_2,\mathbf{v}_3\}$  be a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why the set  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), T(\mathbf{v}_3)\}$  is linearly dependent.

In Exercises 32-36, column vectors are written as rows, such as  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ , and  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is written as  $T(x_1, x_2)$ .

- **32.** Show that the transformation T defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) =$  $(x_1 - 2|x_2|, x_1 - 4x_2)$  is not linear.
- **33.** Show that the transformation T defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) =$  $(x_1 - 2x_2, x_1 - 3, 2x_1 - 5x_2)$  is not linear.

- **34.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the transformation that reflects each vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  through the plane  $x_3 = 0$  onto  $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, x_2, -x_3)$ . Show that T is a linear transformation. [See Example 4 for ideas.]
- **35.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be the transformation that projects each vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  onto the plane  $x_2 = 0$ , so  $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, 0, x_3)$ . Show that T is a linear transformation.
- **36.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Suppose  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is a linearly independent set, but  $\{T(\mathbf{u}), T(\mathbf{v})\}$  is a linearly dependent set. Show that  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution. [*Hint*: Use the fact that  $c_1T(\mathbf{u}) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$  for some weights  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , not both zero.]

[M] In Exercises 37 and 38, the given matrix determines a linear transformation T. Find all  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

37. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 & -5 \\ -7 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ -9 & 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 38. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -7 & 0 \\ 5 & -8 & 7 & 4 \\ 6 & -8 & 6 & 4 \\ 9 & -7 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**39.** [M] Let 
$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and let A be the matrix in Exercise 37.

Is **b** in the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? If so, find an **x** whose image under the transformation is **b**.

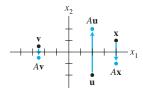
**40.** [M] Let 
$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and let A be the matrix in Exercise 38.

Is **b** in the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? If so, find an **x** whose image under the transformation is **b**.

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## **SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS**

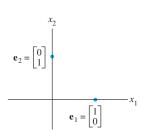


The transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

- **1.** A must have five columns for  $A\mathbf{x}$  to be defined. A must have two rows for the codomain of T to be  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Plot some random points (vectors) on graph paper to see what happens. A point such as (4, 1) maps into (4, -1). The transformation x → Ax reflects points through the x-axis (or x<sub>1</sub>-axis).
- 3. Let  $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{u}$  for some t such that  $0 \le t \le 1$ . Since T is linear,  $T(t\mathbf{u}) = t$   $T(\mathbf{u})$ , which is a point on the line segment between  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $T(\mathbf{u})$ .

## 1.9 THE MATRIX OF A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

Whenever a linear transformation T arises geometrically or is described in words, we usually want a "formula" for  $T(\mathbf{x})$ . The discussion that follows shows that every linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is actually a matrix transformation  $\mathbf{x}\mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  and that important properties of T are intimately related to familiar properties of T. The key to finding T is to observe that T is completely determined by what it does to the columns of the T0 identity matrix T1.



**EXAMPLE 1** The columns of  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose T is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

With no additional information, find a formula for the image of an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .