

These problems are intended to help you review for the final (but they cover only a few topics from the semester). You don't need to turn in any of them; but make sure to do them and ask questions in class. You should know how to do these problems for the final exam.

1. Suppose we pick two vectors \vec{v} and \vec{w} in \mathbb{R}^2 "at random" (say each coordinate of each vector is a random integer between 0 and 10).
 - (a) Is it more likely that \vec{v} and \vec{w} are parallel or not parallel? (Don't explain.)
 - (b) Is it more likely that \vec{v} and \vec{w} are linearly dependent or independent? Why?
 - (c) Is it more likely that \vec{v} and \vec{w} form a basis or not for \mathbb{R}^2 ? Why?
2. Suppose we pick three vectors \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} in \mathbb{R}^2 at random.
 - (a) Is it more likely that \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} are linearly dependent or independent? Why?
 - (b) Is it more likely that \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} span or not span \mathbb{R}^2 ? Why?
3. Repeat each of the above questions for \mathbb{R}^3 , for two, three, and four vectors.
4. Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix whose entries are randomly picked integers between say 0 and 100. In each of the following cases, what are all the possible values, and the most likely values, for $\text{rank}(A)$, the dimensions of the column space, row space, and nullspace of A , and the number of linearly independent rows and columns in A ? Why?
 - (a) $m = 3, n = 5$
 - (b) $m = 7, n = 4$
 - (c) $m = 3, n = 3$. In this case, is $\det(A)$ more likely to be zero or nonzero? Why?
5. Suppose we're given a homogeneous system of m linear equations with n variables: $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. In each of the following cases, state whether it's possible or impossible for the system to have zero solutions, one solution, or infinitely many solutions; and state which of the possibilities are more likely if the coefficients are picked at random.
 - (a) $m = 3, n = 5$
 - (b) $m = 7, n = 4$
 - (c) $m = 3, n = 3$.
6. Repeat the above problem for a non-homogeneous system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, where the components of \vec{b} are also random numbers.