

## Vector Spaces

Label the following statements as true or false.

- (a) Every vector space contains a zero vector.
- (b) A vector space may have more than one zero vector.
- (c) In any vector space,  $ax = bx$  implies that  $a = b$ .
- (d) In any vector space,  $ax = ay$  implies that  $x = y$ .

## Subspaces

- (a) If  $V$  is a vector space and  $W$  is a subset of  $V$  that is a vector space, then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- (b) The empty set is a subspace of every vector space.
- (c) If  $V$  is a vector space other than the zero vector space, then  $V$  contains a subspace  $W$  such that  $W \neq V$ .
- (d) The intersection of any two subsets of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- (e) An  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix can never have more than  $n$  nonzero entries.
- (f) The trace of a square matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.
- (g) Let  $W$  be the  $xy$ -plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; that is,  $W = \{(a_1, a_2, 0) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then  $W = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Linear dependence and independence

- (a) If  $S$  is a linearly dependent set, then each vector in  $S$  is a linear combination of other vectors in  $S$ .
- (b) Any set containing the zero vector is linearly dependent.
- (c) The empty set is linearly dependent.
- (d) Subsets of linearly dependent sets are linearly dependent.
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- (f) If  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots + a_nx_n = 0$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent, then all the scalars  $a_i$  are zero.

## Bases and Dimensions

- (b) Every vector space that is generated by a finite set has a basis.
- (c) Every vector space has a finite basis.
- (d) A vector space cannot have more than one basis.
- (e) If a vector space has a finite basis, then the number of vectors in every basis is the same.

- (h) Suppose that  $V$  is a finite-dimensional vector space, that  $S_1$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$ , and that  $S_2$  is a subset of  $V$  that generates  $V$ . Then  $S_1$  cannot contain more vectors than  $S_2$ .
- (i) If  $S$  generates the vector space  $V$ , then every vector in  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of vectors in  $S$  in only one way.
- (j) Every subspace of a finite-dimensional space is finite-dimensional.
- (k) If  $V$  is a vector space having dimension  $n$ , then  $V$  has exactly one subspace with dimension 0 and exactly one subspace with dimension  $n$ .
- (l) If  $V$  is a vector space having dimension  $n$ , and if  $S$  is a subset of  $V$  with  $n$  vectors, then  $S$  is linearly independent if and only if  $S$  spans  $V$ .

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