

## Project B (optional, for extra credit)

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**Note:** Giving answers “yes” or “no” and giving examples without explanations is not sufficient. Provide proofs for all your statements.

**Definition.** An  $n \times 1$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  is called a vector of length  $n$ . The set of all vectors of length  $n$  with real entries is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The set of all vectors of length  $n$  with integer coefficients is denoted by  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . If  $M$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $v$  is a vector of length  $n$ , then the product  $Mv$  is a vector of length  $m$ . The function  $T_M : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  given by  $T_M(v) = Mv$  is called a linear transformation defined by the matrix  $M$ .

1. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $T_M : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation defined by  $M$ , that is,  $T_M$  is the multiplication by  $M$  on the left. Is  $T_M$  one-to-one? Is  $T_M$  onto?
2. For which (find a necessary and sufficient condition) matrices  $M$  in  $\text{Mat}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is  $T_M : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  one-to-one and onto?
3. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  again. Notice that if  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is such that  $x$  and  $y$  are integers, that is, if  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , then  $M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + 2y \\ 3y + 4y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Thus we can restrict  $T_M$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ , and consider the map  $T_M : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$ .
  - (a) Is  $T_M : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  one-to one?
  - (b) Is  $T_M : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  onto?
  - (c) If the answer in part (a) is “yes”, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $M'$  s.t.  $T_{M'} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  is not one-to-one. If the answer in part (a) is “no”, give an example of  $M'$  s.t.  $T_{M'} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  is one-to-one.
  - (d) If the answer in part (b) is “yes”, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $M''$  s.t.  $T_{M''} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  is not onto. If the answer in part (b) is “no”, give an example of  $M''$  s.t.  $T_{M''} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  is onto.
4. Let  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  be integers, and let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  for  $T_M : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  to be one-to-one.
  - (b) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  for  $T_M : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  to be onto.
5. Generalize your results in problem 4 to the case of  $n \times n$  matrices with integer coefficients. Warning: this problem requires more linear algebra than reviewed in this class. It is probably too hard if you haven't taken Linear Algebra.