

# Practice Exam 2 solutions

- (1) Give an example three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for which no two are parallel and yet all three span a plane. Do they form a basis for that plane?

For example, in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
all span  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but no two are parallel.

But  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  so they aren't lin. indep.  
& can't be a basis.

Put these into  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by adding an extra 0.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

They span the plane  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  but aren't a basis.  
b/c not lin. indep.

- (2) If  $Ax = 0$  has just one solution, then what's the most you can say about the matrix  $A$ ? What if  $A$  were a square matrix?

First, it means  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is the only solution.  
Hence the columns of  $A$  are lin. indep.

So if  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $\text{rank } r = n$ .

This also tells us  $n \leq m$ .

The nullspace of  $A$  is the set of solutions to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
so  $\dim N(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \dim C(A^T) = n$ .

If  $A$  is square, then  $A$  is also invertible.

(3) If the row vectors of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are each perpendicular to a non-zero vector  $\vec{v}$ , then  $A$  cannot be invertible. Why not?

If each row of  $A$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{v}$   
 then  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

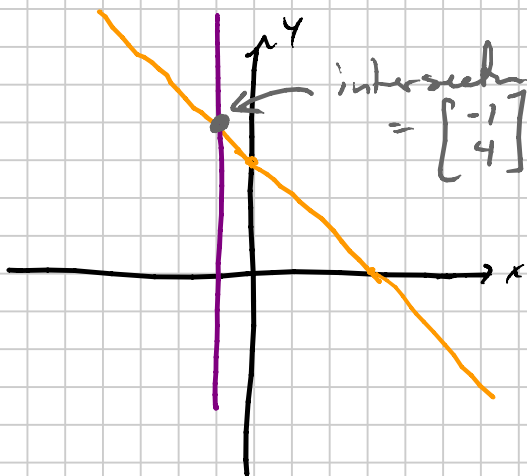
(because  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{v}$  means  $\vec{a}^T \vec{v} = 0$ .)

Since  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , the  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has a non-zero solution.

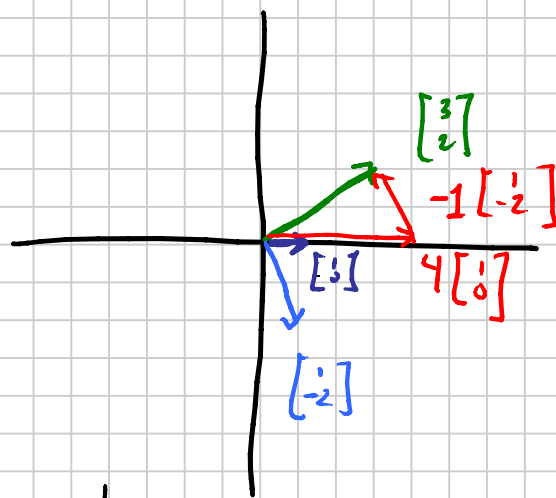
But if  $A$  were invertible,  
 the  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0}$  would be the only soln.  
 $= \vec{0}$

Hence  $A$  is not invertible.

(4) Draw the Row Picture and Column Picture that illustrate the equation  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and its solution.



row  $1x + 1y = 3$   
 $-2x + 0y = 2$

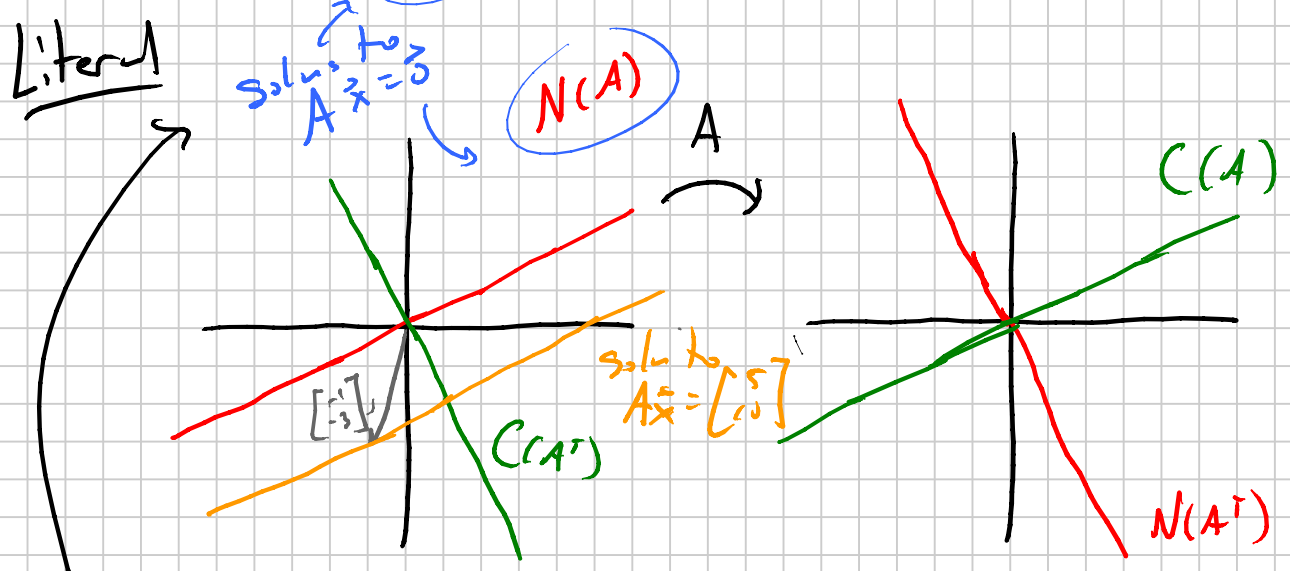
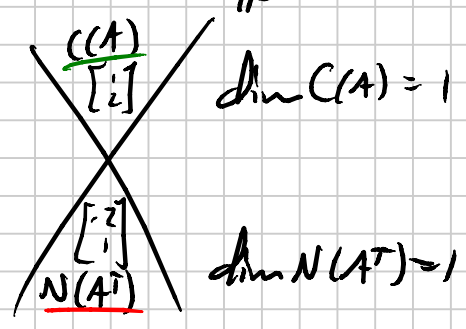
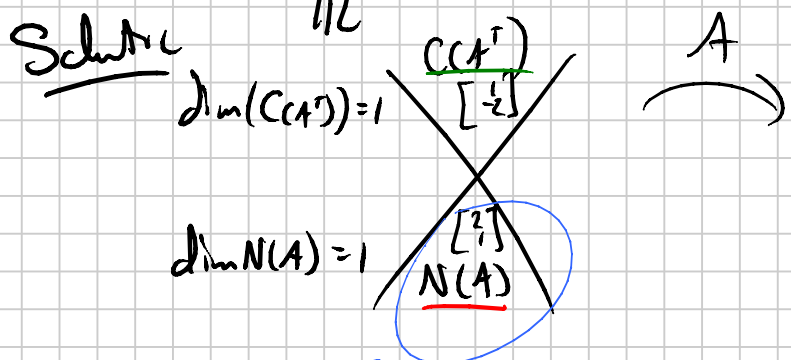


column  $x \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (5) (a) Draw both the schematic and "literal" pictures of the four fundamental subspaces associated to the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) On the left side (the row picture) of both the schematic and literal pictures, what corresponds to the set of solutions to  $Ax = 0$ ?
- (c) Find the complete solution  $x = x_p + x_n$  to the equation  $Ax = b$  where  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ . Draw the set of solutions in the left side (the row picture) of the literal picture. Is this set of solutions a subspace?
- (d) Repeat this problem using the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a)  $C(A^T)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
row sp  
 $N(A)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
 $C(A^T)^\perp$   
 $\mathbb{R}^2$

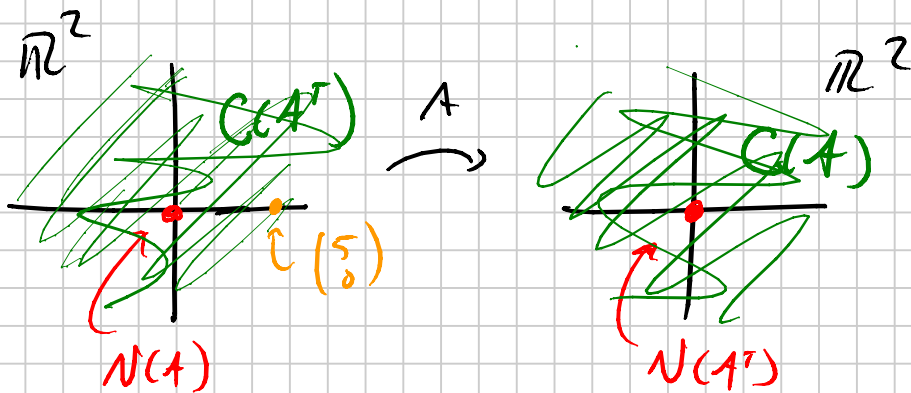
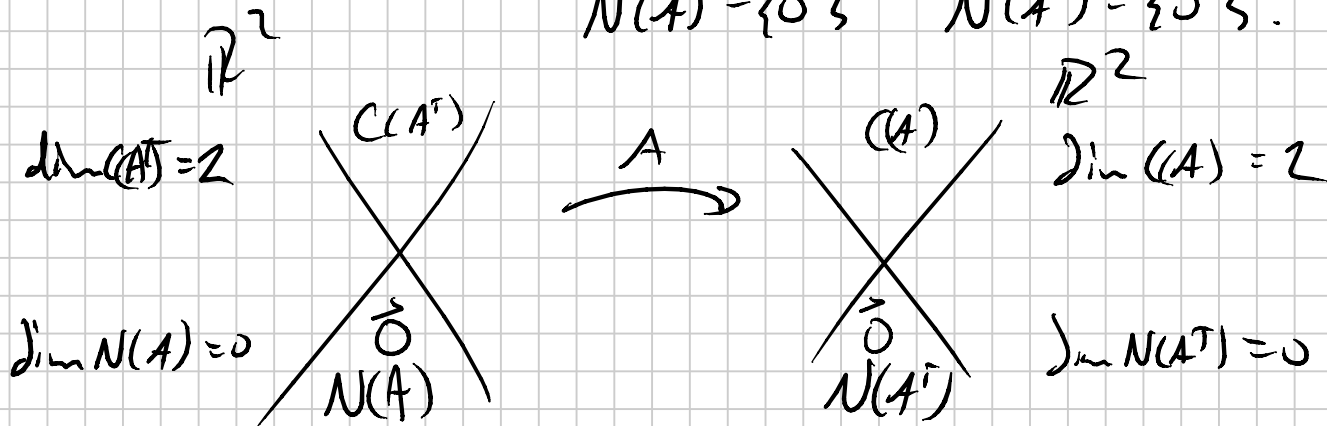
$C(A)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
col sp.  
 $N(A^T)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
 $C(A)^\perp$   
 $\mathbb{R}^2$



b) c)  $\vec{x}_n = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (the null space)  
just need to find a particular soln  $\vec{x}_p$ .  
Eye balling it,  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + -3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  so  $\vec{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$   
complete soln:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$d) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is invertible, so  $C(A^T) = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ ,  $N(A^T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .



solves to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Solve to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$

Solve  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y &= 5 \\ 2x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 5, y = 0$$

(6) (a) Project the vector  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  into the line  $W$  spanned by  $w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Determine the matrix  $P$  that projects vectors into  $W$ .

(c) If a vector  $x$  is in  $W^\perp$ , why must  $Px = 0$ ?

(d) Use this to find a basis for  $W^\perp$ .

$$a) \vec{p} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} \vec{w} = \frac{0+6+(-1)}{0+9+1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-6}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{3}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b) \text{Projection matrix } P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) With  $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + \vec{e}$  = "projection + error"  
 since  $\vec{p} \in W \Rightarrow \vec{e} \in W^\perp$ ,  $\vec{x} = \vec{e} \Rightarrow \vec{p} = \vec{0}$   
 Hence  $P\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

d) Part c) says that  $W^\perp = N(P)$

So we just find basis for  $N(P)$ .

Scalars don't change  $N(P)$

$$\text{so we } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{special solns } \vec{s}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{s}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for  $W^\perp$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

(7) (a) Find the complete solution  $x = x_p + x_n$  to the equation  $Ax = b$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Find bases for each  $C(A)$ ,  $C(A^T)$ , and  $N(A)$ .

a) Put in reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row swap}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5/4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3/2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5/4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{particular soln} \\ \vec{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{spec solns.} \\ \vec{s}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -5/4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{s}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Complete Solution

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -5/4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Bases  $C(A^T)$  and  $N(A)$  are same as for reduced matrix  $R$ .

So  $C(A^T)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 5/4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow N(A)$  has basis  $\left\{ \vec{s}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -5/4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{s}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

A basis for  $C(A)$  is the pivot cols of  $A$   
col sp.

So basis for  $C(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

(8) These questions are about the vector space  $M$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices (where the "vectors" are  $2 \times 2$  matrices).

- Give a basis for this vector space  $M$  and explain why it is a basis.
- What is the dimension of  $M$ ?
- Do the  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $A^T =$   for space? If so, give a basis and state its dimension. If not, give a reason why not.
- Do the invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices form a vector space? If so, give a basis and state its dimension. If not, give a reason why not.

a) Since  $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

a basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Clearly they are lin indep.

They also span since  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Hence this is a basis.

b) So the dimension of  $M$  is 4.

c)  $\{A \mid A^T = -A\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} a = -a \\ c = -b \\ b = -c \\ d = -d \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

A basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Dimension is 1.

d) No, the set of invertible matrices is not a vector space.

For instance, the zero vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not invertible.