# Linear maps – subvectorspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Exercise 1** 1. Endow  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with an orthonormal frame  $(O, \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ . Show that a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is uniquely determined by its values on the vectors  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$ .
  - 2. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , what is the matrix of the orthogonal symmetry with respect to the horizontal axis?
  - 3. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , what is the matrix of the orthogonal projection to the horizontal axis?
  - 4. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , what is the matrix of the rotation of angle  $\theta$  and center O?
  - 5. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , what is the matrix of the homothety of center O and ratio k?
  - 6. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , what is the matrix of the symmetry of center O?
  - 7. Is a translation a linear map?

#### Solution of Exercise 1 :

- 1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear map. Consider any vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Since  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\vec{v}$  can be uniquely written as :  $\vec{v} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}$ . By linearity of f, one has :  $f(\vec{v}) = f(x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}) = xf(\vec{i}) + yf(\vec{j})$ . Therefore the values of f on the vectors  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$ , determine the value of f on any vector of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Two linear maps taking the same values on  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$  will coincide on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- 2. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , the matrix of the orthogonal symmetry with respect to the horizontal axis is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 3. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , the matrix of the orthogonal projection to the horizontal axis is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 4. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , the matrix of the rotation of angle  $\theta$  and center O is  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 5. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , the matrix of the homothety of center *O* and ratio *k* is  $\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 6. In the basis  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$ , the matrix of the symmetry of center O is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 7. A linear map f from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^p$  necessarily maps  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . The translation by a given vector  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  takes  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\vec{v} + \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . In particular, the translation of vector  $\vec{u}$  takes  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Therefore, if  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$ , the translation of vector  $\vec{u}$  is not a linear map.

**Exercise 2** Let f be the map from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  defined by:

$$f(x, y, z, t) = (x + y + z + t, x + y + z + t, x + y + z + t, 2x + 2y + 2z + 2t).$$

- 1. Show that f is linear and write down its matrix in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- 2. Check that the vectors  $\vec{a} = (1, -1, 0, 0), \vec{b} = (0, 1, -1, 0)$  and  $\vec{c} = (0, 0, 1, -1)$  all belong to ker f.

3. Check that the vector  $\vec{d} = (5, 5, 5, 10)$  belongs to Im f.

#### Solution of Exercise 2:

1. One has to verify that, for any vectors  $\vec{v_1}$  and  $\vec{v_2}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , one has  $f(\vec{v_1} + \lambda \vec{v_2}) = f(\vec{v_1}) + \lambda f(\vec{v_2})$ . Denote by  $(x_1, y_1, z_1, t_1)$  (resp.  $(x_2, y_2, z_2, t_2)$ ) the coordinates of the vector  $\vec{v_1}$  (resp.  $\vec{v_2}$ ) in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . The coordinates of the vector  $\vec{v_1} + \lambda \vec{v_2}$  are  $(x_1 + \lambda x_2, y_1 + \lambda y_2, z_1 + \lambda z_2, t_1 + \lambda t_2)$ . Therefore, using the formula that defines the map f, one has:

$$f(\vec{v_1} + \lambda \vec{v_2}) = f(x_1 + \lambda x_2, y_1 + \lambda y_2, z_1 + \lambda z_2, t_1 + \lambda t_2)$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + \lambda x_2 + y_1 + \lambda y_2 + z_1 + \lambda z_2 + t_1 + \lambda t_2 \\ x_1 + \lambda x_2 + y_1 + \lambda y_2 + z_1 + \lambda z_2 + t_1 + \lambda t_2 \\ x_1 + \lambda x_2 + y_1 + \lambda y_2 + z_1 + \lambda z_2 + t_1 + \lambda t_2 \\ 2(x_1 + \lambda x_2) + 2(y_1 + \lambda y_2) + 2(z_1 + \lambda z_2) + 2(t_1 + \lambda t_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

On the other hand,

$$f(\vec{v_1}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 \\ x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 \\ x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 \\ 2x_1 + 2y_1 + 2z_1 + 2t_1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad f(\vec{v_2}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + t_2 \\ x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + t_2 \\ 2x_2 + 2y_2 + 2z_2 + 2t_2 \\ 2x_2 + 2y_2 + 2z_2 + 2t_2 \end{pmatrix};$$

and

$$f(\vec{v_1}) + \lambda f(\vec{v_2}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 + \lambda(x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + t_2) \\ x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 + \lambda(x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + t_2) \\ x_1 + y_1 + z_1 + t_1 + \lambda(x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + t_2) \\ 2x_2 + 2y_2 + 2z_2 + 2t_2 + \lambda(2x_2 + 2y_2 + 2z_2 + 2t_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

By commutativity of the reals, one obtains  $f(\vec{v_1} + \lambda \vec{v_2}) = f(\vec{v_1}) + \lambda f(\vec{v_2})$ . The matrix of f in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is

2. Let us compute the images of the vectors  $\vec{a} = (1, -1, 0, 0), \vec{b} = (0, 1, -1, 0)$  and  $\vec{c} = (0, 0, 1, -1)$ . One has  $f(\vec{a}) = f(1, -1, 0, 0) = (1 - 1, 1 - 1, 1 - 1, 2 - 2) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ :

$$f(a) = f(1, -1, 0, 0) = (1 - 1, 1 - 1, 1 - 1, 2 - 2) = (0, 0, 0, 0);$$
  

$$f(\vec{b}) = f(0, 1, -1, 0) = (1 - 1, 1 - 1, 1 - 1, 2 - 2) = (0, 0, 0, 0);$$
  

$$f(\vec{c}) = f(0, 0, 1, -1) = (1 - 1, 1 - 1, 1 - 1, 2 - 2) = (0, 0, 0, 0).$$

Therefore  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  belong to ker f.

3. Since the vector  $\vec{d} = (5, 5, 5, 10)$  is the image of the vector (5, 0, 0, 0),  $\vec{d}$  belongs to Im f.

**Exercise 3** Consider the map  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  given by:

$$f(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + z, 2x + y + 3z, -x - y - z).$$

1. Justify that f is linear.

- 2. Give the matrix of f in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- 3. (a) Determine a basis and the dimension of the kernel of f, denoted by ker f.
  - (b) Is the map f injective?
- 4. (a) Give the rank of f and a basis of Im f.
  - (b) Is the map f surjective?

### Solution of Exercise 3:

- 1. One has to verify that, for any vectors  $\vec{v_1}$  and  $\vec{v_2}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , one has  $f(\vec{v_1} + \lambda \vec{v_2}) = f(\vec{v_1}) + \lambda f(\vec{v_2})$ . It is the same kind of computation as in Exercise 2, question 1.
- 2. The matrix of f in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array}\right).$$

3. (a) The kernel of f, written ker f, is the set of vectors which are mapped onto  $\vec{0}$  by f. Therefore, a vector  $\vec{v} = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  belongs to ker f if and only if (x, y, z) is a solution of the following system:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + z = 0\\ 2x + y + 3z = 0\\ -x - y - z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Applying the Gauss method, one obtains that the above system is equivalent to

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+2y+z=0\\ -3y+2z=0\\ -3y-2z=0 \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+2y+z=0\\ -3y+2z=0\\ 4z=0 \end{array} \right.$$

Therefore the unique solution of the system is  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , and ker $f = {\vec{0}}$ . The dimension of kerf is therefore 0. The empty set  $\emptyset$  is a basis of kerf.

- (b) For a linear map, being injective is equivalent to  $\ker f = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Hence, by the previous question, f is injective.
- 4. (a) There are many ways to answer this question. Recall that a vector  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  belongs to Im f if and only if there exists  $\vec{v} = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $f(\vec{v}) = \vec{b}$ , or equivalently if  $\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of the matrix associated to f. According to the expression of the matrix associated to f given in question 2., Imf is the vector space generated by the vectors

$$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, C_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, C_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find a basis of Im f, one way is to apply Gauss algorithm to the matrix of f in order to trigonalize it. One finds:

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{pmatrix} C_2 \leftarrow C_2 - 2C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow C_3 - C_1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{pmatrix} C_3 \leftarrow 3C_3 + C_2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -3\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are column vectors of a triangular matrix, they are linearly independent. Since we applied the Gauss algorithm to the *columns* of the

matrix associated to f, they generate Imf. Consequently they form a basis of Imf which is therefore equal to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Another way to find a basis of Imf, is to compute the determinant of the matrix associated to f. Since

$$\det \left( \begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \neq 0,$$

the columns of this matrix are linearly independent. Therefore they form a basis of Im f. A shorter way to answer this question, is to use Rank Theorem. Since f is an injective map from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , one has

 $\dim \mathbb{R}^3 = \dim \ker f + \dim \operatorname{Im} f \Leftrightarrow 3 = 0 + \dim \operatorname{Im} f.$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{Im} f = \mathbb{R}^3$  since the only subspace of dimension 3 of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$  itself. One concludes that the rank of f (which is by definition the dimension of  $\operatorname{Im} f$ ) is 3, and a basis of  $\operatorname{Im} f$  is given, for example by  $\vec{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(i) Recall that a map 
$$f : E \to F$$
 is surjective if and only if  $\operatorname{Im} f = F$ . For

- (b) Recall that a map  $f : E \to F$  is surjective if and only if Im f = F. For a linear map, this is equivalent to dim  $\text{Im} f = \dim F$ . By the previous question, the map considered in this exercise is surjective.
- **Exercise 4** 1. Let f be a surjective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . What is the dimension of the kernel of f?
  - 2. Let g be an injective map from  $\mathbb{R}^{26}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{100}$ . What is the dimension of the image of g?
  - 3. Can there be a bijective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^{50}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{72}$ ?

## Solution of Exercise 4:

- 1. By the Rank Theorem, dim ker  $f = \dim \mathbb{R}^4 \dim \operatorname{Im} f$ . Since f is supposed to be surjective, dim  $\operatorname{Im} f = 2$ . Therefore dim ker f = 4 2 = 2.
- 2. By the Rank Theorem, dim Im  $g = \dim \mathbb{R}^{26} \dim \ker g$ . Since g is supposed to be injective, dim ker g = 0. Hence dim Im g = 26.
- 3. By the Rank Theorem, an injective map from  $\mathbb{R}^{50}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{72}$  satisfies dim Im f = 50. On the other hand, a surjective map from  $\mathbb{R}^{50}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{72}$  satisfies dim Im f = 72. Consequently a map from  $\mathbb{R}^{50}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{72}$  can not be injective and surjective. Therefore there exists no bijective map from  $\mathbb{R}^{50}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{72}$ .

**Exercise 5** Consider the matrix

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 2 & 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

- 1. Compute a basis of the kernel of A.
- 2. Compute a basis of the image of A.

Solution of Exercise 5: We will answer both questions at the same time. To do so, we will apply the Gauss algorithm to the columns of the matrix A and  $I_3$  simultanously (here  $I_3$  denotes the identity matrix

of size (3,3) having the same number of columns as A).

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 \leftarrow 2C_2 - 7C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow 2C_3 - C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow 2C_3 - C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow 2C_3 - C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow 11C_3 - C_2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 11 & 1 \\ 3 & -11 & -1 \\ \end{aligned} \\ A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \\ \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 11 & 0 \\ 3 & -11 & 0 \\ 3 & -11 & 0 \\ \end{pmatrix} \\ I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -7 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 22 \\ \end{pmatrix} \\ It follows that a basis of Im A is given by the vectors  $\vec{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 11 \\ -11 \\ \end{pmatrix}$ . Indeed, the$$

columns of the upper matrix still generate Im A since we obtained them by applying the Gauss algorithm to the *columns* of A. The third column of the upper matrix being equal to the null vector, we only consider the first two columns, namely the vectors  $\vec{v_1}$  and  $\vec{v_2}$ . These two vectors are linearly independent since they are two columns of a triangular matrix.

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dim ker  $f = \dim \mathbb{R}^3 - \dim \operatorname{Im} f = 1$  since dim Im f = 2. Moreover, one can verify that  $\vec{u}$  is a non-zero vector of ker f by:

$$A\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 22 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 - 14 + 22 = 0 \\ 4 - 4 = 0 \\ -12 - 10 + 22 = 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Exercise 6 Consider the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 1. Compute a basis of the kernel of B.
- 2. Compute a basis of the image of B.

Solution of Exercise 6: We use the same technique as in the previous exercise: the Gauss algorithm on the columns of the matrix B and  $I_4$  simultaneously (here  $I_4$  denotes the identity matrix having as many columns as B, namely 4 columns).

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 11 & 11 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 11 & 11 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consequently, a basis of Im f is given by the three vectors  $\vec{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$ .

A basis of ker f is given by the vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Exercise 7 Consider the matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 1. Compute a basis of the kernel of C.
- 2. Compute a basis of the image of C.

Solution of Exercise 7: One has

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 10 & 2 \\ 1 & 10 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 10 & 2 \\ 1 & 10 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 0 \\ 1 & 10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (1 - 1)$$

Consequently a basis of Im f is given by the two vectors  $\vec{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ . A basis of

ker f is given by the vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .