

Algebra A – Learning Log 6

The study goal is to understand how culture influences students' mathematical conceptions and learning skills.

In this study, you will be asked to answer questions. Some of them will be mathematical questions, regarding the material of the course. In other questions you will be asked to reflect on the previous answers that you gave and about your learning process in the course.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. There are no right or wrong answers. The records of this study will be kept private, and will not affect your course grade. Answering the mathematical questions incorrectly will not affect your course grade.

If you decide not to take part or to skip some of the questions, it will not affect your course grade. If you decide to take part, you are free to withdraw at any time.

If you decide to participate you will benefit a **bonus of 2 points** added to your final grade (see details on the course website).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, at:
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Thank you for your participation.

Answer the following problem:

Let $T : \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ be defined as $T \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b - c \\ c - b & a \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) Prove that T is linear.
- (b) Find a basis and dimension for $\text{Im}(T)$ and $\text{Ker}(T)$.
- (c) Find a non-zero and non-invertible matrix A in the image.
- (d) Does the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ belong to the image? If it is, find the set of its origins, and determine if this set is a vector space. If it is not, explain why.

Answer the following questions:

1. Rate the difficulty of the given problem.

(1 - very easy, 9 - very hard)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2. Suppose the problem is given an exam, and is worth 20 points. How many points do you think you gained for your solution? Please explain.

3. Do you agree with the following statements?

(1 - don't agree at all, 9 - strongly agree)

(a) The purpose of the problem is to evaluate algorithmic skills, such as arithmetic calculations, technical skills, solving methods, etc.

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(b) The purpose of the problem is to evaluate cognitive skills, such as intuitive understanding, train of thought, strategy, etc.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

(c) The purpose of the problem is to evaluate formal skills, such as mathematical logic, proof structure, proper writing, etc.

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4. Consider the following quote:

“The most important resource that you have in the course, by far, are the people around you. It is important that you know each other. Talk to each other, ask each other questions, ask others for feedback.”

Do you agree with the this quote?

(1 - don't agree at all, 9 - strongly agree)

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Please explain: