

## 1.5 Linear Independence

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**1.5.1** In parts (a) - (g), answer true or false.

a)  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4) = \mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) The 4 vectors in (a) are independent.

c) Referring to (a) again, all vectors,  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4)$  satisfy a linear equation  $ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3 = 0$  for scalars a,b,c not all 0.

d) The rank of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is 3.

e) In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n$  distinct vectors are independent.

f)  $n + 1$  distinct vectors always span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ .

g) If the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then they are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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**1.5.2** Consider the system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= -1 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 &= 2 \\ 11x_1 + 14x_2 - 21x_3 &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

a) Find all solutions, if any exist, of the system.

b) Is the set of vectors given by,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

linearly independent or dependent?

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**1.5.3** Consider the following two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Find a third non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  so that the set  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  is linearly dependent. (explain)

b) Find a third vector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  so that the set  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  is linearly **independent**. (explain)

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**1.5.4** Consider the following wing set of vectors in  $\mathfrak{R}^3$ :

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Is the set linearly independent or dependent? Give reasons for your answer.
- Find  $W = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ , i.e., give any correct formula for a typical element of  $W$ .
- What geometrical object is  $W$ ? (e.g., point, line, plane, space, etc.)

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**1.5.5** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ h \end{bmatrix}.$$

The value of  $h$  for which  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is:

- 5
- 5
- 0
- 1
- none of the above.

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**1.5.6** Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which one of the following is true?

- $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is linearly dependent.
- $\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{y}\}$  is linearly independent.
- $\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is linearly dependent.
- $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is linearly dependent.
- None of the above.

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**1.5.7** Let  $S = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  be a set of three vectors in  $\mathfrak{R}^3$ . If none of the vectors in  $S$  is a multiple of another vector in  $S$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent. True or false.

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**1.5.8** In special cases, it is possible for a set of four vectors in  $\mathfrak{R}^6$  to span  $\mathfrak{R}^6$ . True or false.

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**1.5.9** For what value(s) of the parameters  $s$  and  $t$  is the set of vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

linearly dependent?

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**1.5.10** Which of the following sets of vectors span all of  $\mathfrak{R}^2$ ? You do *not* need to explain your answers.

$$S_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, S_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, S_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

$$S_4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, S_5 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

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**1.5.11** Consider three vectors in  $\mathfrak{R}^4$ :

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

- For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  does  $v_3$  lie in  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ ?
- For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  is the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  linearly independent in  $\mathfrak{R}^3$ ?
- For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  does

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

have at least one solution  $x$ ?

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**1.5.12 a)**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 & 2 & 2 \\ -6 & 5 & 8 & 12 \\ 12 & 0 & -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent? Why or why not.

**b)** Determine if the columns of the given matrix form a linearly dependent set.

**Hint:** one way to do this is by row operations.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 5 \\ -2 & 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**c)** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Given that } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , is this solution unique?

**d)** For the matrix in (c) is there a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  for all  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Why or why not?

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**1.5.13** If  $A$  is a (possibly not square) matrix with  $A^T A$  invertible, are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent? (yes, no, maybe).

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**1.5.14 a)** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution then  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the column vectors of  $A$ .

**b)** Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix whose column space is the span of vectors  $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4)^t$ , satisfying  $v_1 - 2v_2 + v_3 - v_4 = 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{b} = (1, b_2, b_3, 0)^t$ . Find all values of  $\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3$  for which the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution.

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**1.5.15** The following matrix applies to the next 2 questions

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Are the columns of  $B$  linearly independent? Explain why or why not.

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**1.5.16** Is the span of the columns of  $A$  equal to all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain why or why not.

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**1.5.17 a)** Is the set  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  linearly independent (why or why not)?

**b)** Is the set  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  linearly independent (why or why not)?

**c)** What is the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

**d)** What (in vector form) is the general solution to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

The Matlab dialogue below may or may not be useful to you.

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>> B = [
1 2 3 0 4;
4 3 6 2 1;
3 4 3 8 6;
];
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>> rref(B)
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ans =
1 0 0 2 -2
0 1 0 2 3
0 0 1 -2 0
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