

9. Express the vector  $(2, -5, 3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $(1, -3, 2)$ ,  $(2, -4, -1)$  and  $(1, -5, 7)$ .

Sol: Let

$$(2, -5, 3) = a(1, -3, 2) + b(2, -4, -1) + c(1, -5, 7)$$

$$(2, -5, 3) = (a+2b+c, -3a-4b-5c, 2a-b+7c)$$

$$a+2b+c=2 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$-3a-4b-5c=-5 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$2a-b+7c=3 \rightarrow (4)$$

Multiply (2) by (3) and add the result to (4).

Then

$$2b-2c=1 \text{ i.e. } b-c=1 \rightarrow (5)$$

Multiply (2) by 2 and subtract the result from (4).

$$-5b+5c=-1 \text{ i.e. } b-c=1 \rightarrow (6)$$

Equations (5) & (6) are inconsistent.

Thus it is not possible to find values of  $a, b$  &  $c$  to satisfy given system.

Hence  $(2, -5, 3)$  is not expressible as a linear combination of given vectors.  
For what value of  $k$  will the vectors

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$$C_1 + (C_2 + C_3 + C_4) \begin{vmatrix} a+3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a+3 & a & 1 & 1 \\ a+3 & 1 & a & 1 \\ a+3 & 1 & 1 & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(a+3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & a \end{vmatrix}$$

 $R_2 \rightarrow R_1$ 

$$(a+3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-1 \end{vmatrix}$$

 $R_3 \rightarrow R_1$  $R_4 \rightarrow R_1$  $(a+3)$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding from

$$(a+3)(a-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\therefore (a+3)(a-1)^3$  Hence proved.



**Example 20.** What conditions must  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  satisfy so that the matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

in  $M_{22}$  are linearly dependent?

**Solution.** Since the matrices are to be linearly dependent, there must exist scalars  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ , not all zero, such that

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This implies

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 2c_2 + ac_3 & 2c_1 + 3c_2 + bc_3 \\ -c_1 - 2c_2 + cc_3 & c_2 + dc_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e., the system of homogeneous equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_1 + 2c_2 + ac_3 &= 0 \\ 2c_1 + 3c_2 + bc_3 &= 0 \\ -c_1 - 2c_2 + cc_3 &= 0 \\ c_2 + dc_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

must have a nontrivial solution.

By Theorem 4.12, the system (2) will have a nontrivial solution if the coefficient matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 3 & b \\ -1 & -2 & c \\ 0 & 1 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

is less than 3 i.e.,  $\text{Rank } A = 2$  at the most.

Now,

$$A \xrightarrow{R} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & c+a \\ 0 & 1 & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{by } R_2 - 2R_1 \\ \text{and } R_3 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & c+a \\ 0 & 0 & b+d-2a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{by } R_4 + R_2.$$

The last matrix has rank 2 at the most only if

$$c+a = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b+d-2a = 0.$$

Thus the required conditions on  $a, b, c, d$  are

$$a+c = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b+d-2a = 0.$$

Note that, for  $a = b = d = 1, c = -1$  and  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = -1, c_3 = 1$ , the equation (1) satisfied.

Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-x_3, x_1, x_1 + x_3)$

Find  $N(T)$  Is  $T$  one to one?

Given Transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-x_3, x_1, x_1 + x_3)$$

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$$N(T) = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 0) \}$$

Now  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 0)$ .

$$(-x_3, x_1, x_1 + x_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$-x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$x_1 + x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$x_3 = 0, \quad x_1 = 0.$$

which shows that  $N(T)$  will consist of all vectors of the form  $(0, x_2, 0)$  which  $x_2$ -axis

i.e.,  $N(T) = \{ (0, x_2, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$ .

Since  $N(T) = \{ (0, x_2, 0) \neq (0, 0, 0) \}$  so  $T$  is not one to one.