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V2. Determine if
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} -3\\-2\\5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

RREF
$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this system has a solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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V2. Determine if
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 belongs to the span of the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution: Since

RREF
$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

does not contain a contradiction, $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\-1\\6\\-7 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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V2. Determine if
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 2\\3\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} -3\\-2\\5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

RREF
$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this system has a solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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V2. Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

RREF
$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this system has no solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ cannot be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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V2. Determine if
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 belongs to the span of the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution: Since

$$RREF\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

contains the contradiction 0 = 1, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is not a linear combination of the three vectors.