Math 237 – Linear Algebra Fall 2017

Version 1

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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:

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

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

**S1.** Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3\\-1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\-2 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since each column is a pivot column, the vectors are linearly independent.

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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution:

$$RREF\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 & | & 1\\ 0 & -1 & 1 & | & 4\\ -1 & 4 & -6 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 0\\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

**S1.** Determine if the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-1\\0\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-8\\6\\5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent.

Solution:

$$RREF \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the reduced row echelon form has a nonpivot column, the vectors are linearly dependent.

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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$  can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 5\\2\\-3\\2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3\\1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 8\\3\\5\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution:

$$RREF\left(\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system has no solution, so  $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not a linear combination of the three other vectors.

**S1.** Determine if the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3\\8\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\-1\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

RREF 
$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has a non pivot column, therefore the set is linearly dependent.

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**V2.** Determine if 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 5\\2\\-3\\2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3\\1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 8\\3\\5\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution:

$$RREF \left( \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system has no solution, so  $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not a linear combination of the three other vectors.

**S1.** Determine if the set of polynomials  $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:** 

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

Since there is a nonpivot column, the set is linearly dependent.  $\,$ 

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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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Solution:

RREF 
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Since there is a nonpivot column, the set is linearly dependent.

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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.

**S1.** Determine if the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-1\\0\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-8\\6\\5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent.

Solution:

$$RREF\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3\\ -1 & 2 & -8\\ 0 & -2 & 6\\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2\\ 0 & 1 & -3\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the reduced row echelon form has a nonpivot column, the vectors are linearly dependent.