MASTERY QUIZ DAY 9

Math 237 – Linear Algebra Fall 2017

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Show all work. Answers without work will not receive credit. You may use a calculator, but you must show all relevant work to receive credit for a standard.

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.