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Math 237 – Linear Algebra

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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:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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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:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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S3. Let W be the subspace of \mathcal{P}_2 given by $W = \text{span}(\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2, -x + 3\})$. Find a basis for W .

Solution: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and compute $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since the first two columns are pivot columns, $\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2\}$ is a basis for W .

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S4. Let $W = \text{span} \left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$. Compute the dimension of W .

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has 3 pivot columns so $\dim(W) = 3$.

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V2:

S1:

S3:

S4: