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Assignment: Section 1.7 Homework

1. Determine if the vectors are linearly independent.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☒ **A.** The vectors are not linearly independent because if $c_1 = \underline{2}$ and $c_2 = 1$, both not zero, then $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$.
- ☐ **B.** The vectors are linearly independent because the vector equation $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

2. Determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Select the correct choice below and fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☐ **A.** The columns are linearly independent because the reduced row echelon form of $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$ is _____.
- ☒ **B.** The columns are not linearly independent because the reduced row echelon form of $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

3. Use the following vectors to answer parts (a) and (b).

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 16 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) For what values of h is \mathbf{v}_3 in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$?
 (b) For what values of h is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent?

(a) For what values of h is \mathbf{v}_3 in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$? Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. $h =$ _____ (Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)
☐ B. All values of h
☒ C. No values of h

(b) For what values of h is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent? Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. $h =$ _____ (Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)
☒ B. All values of h
☐ C. No values of h

4. Find the value(s) of h for which the vectors are linearly dependent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ h \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. The vectors are linearly dependent if $h =$ _____ because the related matrix will have a free variable. (Type an integer or a simplified fraction.)
☒ B. The vectors are linearly dependent for all values of h because the related matrix always has a free variable.
☐ C. The vectors are linearly independent for all values of h because the related matrix never has a free variable.

5. Determine by inspection whether the vectors are linearly independent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. The set is linearly independent because at least one of the vectors is a multiple of another vector.
☐ B. The set is linearly independent because there are four vectors in the set but only two entries in each vector.
☐ C. The set is linearly dependent because at least one of the vectors is a multiple of another vector.
☒ D. The set is linearly dependent because there are four vectors but only two entries in each vector.

6. Determine by inspection whether the vectors are linearly independent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. The set of vectors is linearly independent because _____ times the first vector is equal to the second vector.
(Type an integer or a simplified fraction.)
- ☐ B. The set of vectors is linearly dependent because _____ times the first vector is equal to the third vector.
(Type an integer or a simplified fraction.)
- ☒ C. The set of vectors is linearly dependent because one of the vectors is the zero vector.
- ☐ D. The set of vectors is linearly independent because none of the vectors are multiples of the other vectors.
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7. In parts (a) to (d) below, mark the statement True or False.

a. The columns of a matrix A are linearly independent if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. If a matrix equation has the trivial solution then there do not exist nonzero weights for the columns of A such that $c_1\mathbf{a}_1 + c_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{a}_p = \mathbf{0}$.
- ☐ B. True. If the columns are linearly independent, then $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution.
- ☒ C. False. For every matrix A , $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has the trivial solution. The columns of A are independent only if the equation has no solution other than the trivial solution.
- ☐ D. False. The columns of a matrix A are linearly independent only if the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has some solution other than the trivial solution.

b. If S is a linearly dependent set, then each vector is a linear combination of the other vectors in S . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. If an indexed set of vectors, S , is linearly dependent, then at least one of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of other vectors in the set. Using the basic properties of equality, each of the vectors in the linear combination can also be written as a linear combination of those vectors.
- ☐ B. False. If S is linearly dependent then there is at least one vector that is not a linear combination of the other vectors, but the others may be linear combinations of each other.
- ☐ C. True. If S is linearly dependent then for each j , \mathbf{v}_j , a vector in S , is a linear combination of the preceding vectors in S .
- ☒ D. False. If an indexed set of vectors, S , is linearly dependent, then it is only necessary that one of the vectors is a linear combination of the other vectors in the set.

c. The columns of any 4×5 matrix are linearly dependent. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If a matrix has more rows than columns then the columns of the matrix are linearly dependent.
- ☒ B. True. A 4×5 matrix has more columns than rows, and if a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent.
- ☐ C. False. If A is a 4×5 matrix then the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is inconsistent because the reduced echelon augmented matrix has a row with all zeros except in the last column.
- ☐ D. True. When a 4×5 matrix is written in reduced echelon form, there will be at least one row of zeros, so the columns of the matrix are linearly dependent.

d. If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, and if $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent, then \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, and $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent, then \mathbf{z} must be the zero vector. So \mathbf{z} cannot be in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$.
- ☐ B. True. If $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent and \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, then \mathbf{z} must be the zero vector. So \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$.
- ☒ C. True. If $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent, then \mathbf{z} must be a linear combination of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} because \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent. So \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$.
- ☐ D. False. Vector \mathbf{z} cannot be in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ because \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent.

8. Describe the possible echelon forms of the following matrix.

A is a 3×3 matrix with linearly independent columns.

Select all that apply. (Note that leading entries marked with an X may have any nonzero value and starred entries (*) may have any value including zero.)

☒ A.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & * & * \\ 0 & X & * \\ 0 & 0 & X \end{bmatrix}$$

☐ B.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

☐ C.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & * & * \\ * & X & * \\ * & * & X \end{bmatrix}$$

☐ D.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & X & * \\ 0 & 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. Describe the possible echelon forms of the following matrix.

A is a 5×2 matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}$, and \mathbf{a}_2 is not a multiple of \mathbf{a}_1 .

Select all that apply. (Note that leading entries marked with an X may have any nonzero value and starred entries (*) may have any value including zero.)

☐ A.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

☐ B.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

☒ C.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

☒ D.
$$\begin{bmatrix} X & * \\ 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. Suppose A is a 7×5 matrix. How many pivot columns must A have if its columns are linearly independent? Why?

Select the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. The matrix must have _____ pivot columns. The statements "A has a pivot position in every row" and "the columns of A are linearly independent" are logically equivalent.
- ☐ B. The matrix must have _____ pivot columns. If A had fewer pivot columns, then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ would have only the trivial solution.
- ☒ C. The matrix must have 5 pivot columns. Otherwise, the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ would have a free variable, in which case the columns of A would be linearly dependent.
- ☐ D. None of the columns of A are pivot columns. Any column of A that is a pivot column is linearly dependent with the other pivot columns.

11. Suppose A is a 5×7 matrix. How many pivot columns must A have if its columns span \mathbb{R}^5 ? Why?

Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. The matrix must have _____ pivot columns. If A had fewer pivot columns, then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ would have only the trivial solution.
- ☐ B. The matrix must have _____ pivot columns. Otherwise, the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ would have a free variable, in which case the columns of A would not span \mathbb{R}^5 .
- ☒ C. The matrix must have 5 pivot columns. The statements "A has a pivot position in every row" and "the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^5 " are logically equivalent.
- ☐ D. The columns of a 5×7 matrix cannot span \mathbb{R}^5 because having more columns than rows makes the columns of the matrix dependent.

12. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ -5 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, observe that the third column is the sum of the first and second columns. Find a nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ without performing row operations. [Hint: Write $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ as a vector equation.]

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. The statement is either true in all cases or false. If false, construct a specific example to show that the statement is not always true.

If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$ are in \mathbb{R}^4 and $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is linearly dependent.

Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer boxes to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. True. If $c_1 = 2$, $c_2 = 1$, $c_3 = 1$, and $c_4 = 0$, then $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_4\mathbf{v}_4 = \mathbf{0}$. The set of vectors is linearly dependent.
- ☒ B. True. The vector \mathbf{v}_3 is a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 , so at least one of the vectors in the set is a linear combination of the others and set is linearly dependent.
- ☐ C. True. Because $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$, \mathbf{v}_4 must be the zero vector. Thus, the set of vectors is linearly dependent.
- ☐ D.

False. If $\mathbf{v}_1 =$ _____, $\mathbf{v}_2 =$ _____, $\mathbf{v}_3 =$ _____, and $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$,

then $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is linearly independent.

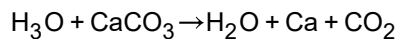
14. Determine if \mathbf{v} is in the set spanned by the columns of B .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 & 8 \\ 6 & -3 & 12 \\ 6 & 0 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -14 \\ -18 \\ 6 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box(es) to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. Vector \mathbf{v} is not in the set spanned by the columns of B because the columns of B , \mathbf{b}_1 , \mathbf{b}_2 , and \mathbf{b}_3 are linearly independent.
- ☐ B. Vector \mathbf{v} is not in the set spanned by the columns of B because the reduced echelon form of the matrix formed by writing B with a fourth column equal to \mathbf{v} is _____.
- ☒ C. Vector \mathbf{v} is in the set spanned by the columns of B because
 5 \mathbf{b}_1 + 8 \mathbf{b}_2 + 0 $\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{v}$.
- ☐ D. Vector \mathbf{v} is in the set spanned by the columns of B because the columns of B span \mathbb{R}^4 .

15. Balance the following chemical equation.



Assume the coefficient of CO_2 is 1. What is the balanced equation?

