

已知向量组 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ 线性无关, 若向量组 $\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2, 2\alpha_2 + a\alpha_3, 3\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_1$ 线性相关, 求参数 a 的值.

[解析] 向量组线性相关 \Leftrightarrow 存在不全为零的数, 使得线性组合为零

$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2, 2\alpha_2 + a\alpha_3, 3\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_1$ 线性相关

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2) + x_2(2\alpha_2 + a\alpha_3) + x_3(3\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_1) = 0 \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3 \text{ 不全为零的数})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x_1 + 2x_3)\alpha_1 + (2x_1 + 2x_2)\alpha_2 + (ax_2 + 3x_3)\alpha_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \text{ 线性无关} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ ax_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow Ax = 0 \quad \left(A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 3 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0 \text{ 有非零解} \Rightarrow \det A = 6 + 4a = 0 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{2}.$$