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1 Explain why the following form linearly dependent sets of vectors.  
(Solve this problem by inspection.) b)

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (3, -1), \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = (4, 5), \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = (-4, 7) \quad \text{in } R^2$$

c)

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = 3 - 2x + x^2 \text{ and } \mathbf{p}_2 = 6 - 4x + 2x^2 \text{ in } P_2$$

d)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } M_{22}$$

**2.** In each part, determine whether the vectors are linearly independent or are linearly dependent in  $R^3$ . a)

$$(-3, 0, 4), (5, -1, 2), (1, 1, 3)$$

**3.** In each part, determine whether the vectors are linearly independent or are linearly dependent in  $R^4$ . a)

$$(3,8,7,-3), (1,5,3,-1), (2,-1,2,6), (4,2,6,4)$$

**4.** In each part, determine whether the vectors are linearly independent or are linearly dependent in  $P_2$ . b)

$$1 + 3x + 3x^2, \quad x + 4x^2, \quad 5 + 6x + 3x^2, \quad 7 + 2x - x^2$$

**5.** In each part, determine whether the matrices are linearly independent or dependent. a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } M_{22}$$

**7.** In each part, determine whether the three vectors lie in a plane in  $R^3$ . a)

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, -2, 0), \mathbf{v}_2 = (6, 1, 4), \mathbf{v}_3 = (2, 0, -4)$$

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- (a) Show that the three vectors  $v_1 = (0, 3, 1, -1)$ ,  $v_2 = (6, 0, 5, 1)$ , and  $v_3 = (4, -7, 1, 3)$  form a linearly dependent set in  $R^4$ . (b) Express each vector in part (a) as a linear combination of the other two.

**15. Are the vectors  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  in part (a) of the accompanying figure linearly independent? What about those in part (b)? Explain.**

- (a) Yes, all vector lie on different planes. No two vectors lie on the same plane.  
(b) No. All vectors lie on a 2D plane, therefore they cannot be linearly independent.

16. By using appropriate identities, where required, determine which of the following sets of vectors in  $F(-\infty, \infty)$  are linearly dependent. a)

$$6, 3 \sin^2 x, 2 \cos^2 x$$

c)

$$1, \sin x, \sin 2x$$

e)

$$(3 - x)^2, \ x^2 - 6x, \ 5$$

19. (Calculus required) Use the Wronskian to show that the following sets of vectors are linearly independent. a)

$$1, x, e^x$$

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(Calculus required) Use the Wronskian to show that the functions  $f_1(x) = \sin x$ ,  $f_2(x) = \cos x$ , and  $f_3(x) = x \cos x$  are linearly independent vectors in  $C^\infty(-\infty, \infty)$ .