

Homework 4

1. In each of the following you are given a statement, which may be true or false. Determine whether the statement is correct and show how you reached this conclusion.

- (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
- (b)  $2 + 3x + 2x^2 - x^3 \in \text{span}\{1 - x^3, 2 + x + x^2, 3 - x\}$
- (c)  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \subseteq \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
- (d)  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
- (e)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (f)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (g)  $\{1 - x + x^2, x - x^2 + x^3, 1 + x^2 - x^3, x^3\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$ .

2. In each of the following you are given a vector space (you do not need to prove that this is indeed a vector space). Find a spanning set for each of these vector spaces.

- (a)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} a+b+c \\ a-2b \\ 3a-2c \\ 4c-b \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$
- (b)  $\{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) : A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\}$
- (c)  $\{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}_3[x] : p'(1) = 0\}$
- (d)  $\{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}_n[x] : p(1) = p(-1)\}$

3. In each of the following you are given a set, determine whether it is linearly independent or linearly dependent, show how you reach your conclusion.

- (a)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
- (b)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
- (c)  $\{1 - x^3, 2 + x + x^2, 3 - x, 1 + x + x^2 + x^3\}$
- (d)  $\{f(x) = \sin^2 x, g(x) = \cos^2(x), h(x) = 1\}$  (Note that  $h(x)$  is the constant function which is equal to 1 for every  $x$ ).

4. Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  in  $V$  be such that  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent. Prove or disprove the following claims.

- (a) The set  $\{w_1 + w_2 + w_3, w_2 + w_3, w_3\}$  is linearly independent.

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- (b) The set  $\{w_1 + 2w_2 + w_3, w_2 + w_3, w_1 + w_2\}$  is linearly independent.
5. Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S \subset V$  and  $T \subset V$  be two finite subsets of  $V$ . Prove or disprove the following claims.
- If  $S \subset T$  and  $S$  is linearly independent then  $T$  is linearly independent.
  - If  $S \subset T$  and  $T$  is linearly independent then  $S$  is linearly independent.
  - If  $S$  and  $T$  are linearly independent then  $S \cap T$  is either empty or linearly independent  
(Remark: sometimes people consider an empty set to be linearly independent).
  - If  $S$  and  $T$  are linearly independent then  $S \cup T$  is linearly independent.
  - If  $W = \text{span}S$  and  $U = \text{span}T$  then  $W + U = \text{span}(S \cup T)$ .
6. The following claims are either **true or false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.
- Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$ . Then there exist, a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  and a subspace  $U$  of  $W$  (that is,  $U \subset W \subset V$ ) such that  $\dim U=1$  and  $\dim W=2$ .
  - Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$  and let  $W$  be a **non-trivial** subspace of  $V$  and  $U$  be a **non-trivial** subspace of  $W$  (that is,  $U \subset W \subset V$ ) then  $\dim U=1$  and  $\dim W=2$ .
  - Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$  and let  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$  be such that  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  are linearly independent,  $\{v_2, v_3\}$  are linearly independent, and  $\{v_3, v_1\}$  are linearly independent. Then  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .
  - Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  then:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent iff  $\dim(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) = n$ .
  - Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $V_1, V_2, V_3 \subset V$  be such that  $V_1 + V_2 = V_1 + V_3$  and  $\dim V_2 = \dim V_3$  then  $V_2 = V_3$ . (The sum of two subspaces was defined in previous HW's).

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*check if*

$$(a) R_1 \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ R_2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ R_3 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ R_4 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right| \text{ is consistent}$$

switch .

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -5 \end{array} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 17 \end{array} \right| \therefore \text{It is inconsistent.}$$

$\therefore$  doesn't exists  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$   
s.t.  $c_1(1-x^3) + c_2(2+x+x^2) + c_3(3-x) = (1^2)$

$\therefore$  incorrect

$$(b) 2+3x+2x^2-x^3 \in \text{span}\{1-x^3, 2+x+x^2, 3-x\}$$

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We need to check if  $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3$  s.t.  
 $c_1(1-x^3) + c_2(2+x+x^2) + c_3(3-x) =$

LHS:

$$= -c_1x^3 + 2c_2 + c_2x + c_2x^2 + 3c_3 - c_3x$$

$$= -c_1x^3 + c_2x^2 + ((c_2 - c_3)x + (c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3))$$

$$\begin{cases} -c_1 = -1 \\ c_2 = 2 \\ c_2 - c_3 = 3 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Another way to do

is to check if

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right|$$

is consistent.

$$c_1 = 1 \quad c_2 = 2 \quad c_3 = -1$$

$\therefore \checkmark$  It's true.

$$(c) \text{ span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \subseteq \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

check if ①  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  and ②  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  are consistent.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -8 \\ 0 & -7 & -6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \text{It's inconsistent.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -6 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \uparrow \therefore \text{it's also consistent.}$$

$\therefore$  The statement is true.

$$(d) \text{ span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

Check ①  $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array}\right)$  and ②  $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array}\right)$  are consistent?

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & -2 \end{array}\right) \therefore \text{consistent}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 1 \end{array}\right) \therefore \text{consistent.}$$

$$\therefore \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \subseteq \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

Check ③  $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)$ , ④  $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array}\right)$ , ⑤  $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array}\right)$

are consistent?

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \therefore \text{consistent}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \therefore \text{consistent}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \text{ is inconsistent}$$

$$\therefore \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \subseteq \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

$\therefore$  two spans equal to each other  $\therefore$  True.

(e)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\nexists c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\therefore$  These two vectors are linearly independent  
 $\therefore$  Yes, the set spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(f)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$-1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  They are linearly dependent

$\therefore$  The set only spans a line but not the entire  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(g)  $\{1 - x + x^2, x - x^2 + x^3, 1 + x^2 - x^3, x^3\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$ .

Check if  $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1(1-x+x^2) + c_2(x-x^2+x^3) + c_3(1+x^2-x^3) + c_4(x^3) = 0$$

while at least one of  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  is not 0.

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1 - c_1x + c_1x^2 + c_2x - c_2x^2 + c_2x^3 + c_3 + c_3x^2 - c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 \\ &= (c_4 + c_2 - c_3)x^3 + (c_1 - c_2 + c_3)x^2 + (-c_1 + c_2)x \\ & \quad + (c_1 + c_3) \end{aligned}$$

And  $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$

$$= a_1x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_3x + a_4$$

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

i. It is possible that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_4 + c_2 - c_3 = a_1 \\ c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = a_2 \\ -c_1 + c_2 = a_3 \\ c_1 + c_3 = a_4 \end{array} \right.$$

$\therefore$  statement is true.

2. In each of the following you are given a vector space (you do not need to prove that this is indeed a vector space). Find a spanning set for each of these vector spaces.

(a)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a+b+c \\ a-2b \\ 3a-2c \\ 4c-b \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

(b)  $\{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) : A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\}$

(c)  $\{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}_3[x] : p'(1) = 0\}$

(d)  $\{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}_n[x] : p(1) = p(-1)\}$

a.  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

b. A needs to be in the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 2a & -a \\ 2b & -b \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\therefore \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

c.  $p(x) = a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + a_4 x^3 : a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$p'(1) = 0a_1 + 1a_2 + 2a_3 + 3a_4 = 0.$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_2 = -2a_3 - 3a_4$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1 = s_1 \\ a_2 = -2s_2 - 3s_3 \\ a_3 = s_2 \\ a_4 = s_3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} s_3$$

$$\therefore \text{Spanning set} = \text{Span} \{ 1, -2x+x^2, -3x+x^3 \}$$

d. Consider a less abstract example of  $p(x) \in P_n[x]$ .

$$P_3(x) = a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3, \text{ where } a_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{If } P_3(1) = P_3(-1), \quad a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3.$$

$$\therefore a_1 + a_3 = -(a_1 + a_3)$$

$\therefore a_1 + a_3 = 0$ . And coefficients of even degree terms do not matter.

$$\therefore \text{Spanning set} = \left\{ p(x) = a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} a_{2k+1} = 0 \right\}$$

3. In each of the following you are given a set, determine whether it is linearly independent or linearly dependent, show how you reach your conclusion.

$$(a) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(a). Check if  $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \text{ implies } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0.$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \text{three pivots} \\ \therefore \text{exactly 1 solution, which is the trivial solution.}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0.$$

$\therefore A$  is linearly independent

$$(b) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Check if  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$  has only one solution.  
the trivial solution.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

2 pivots for 3 columns.  
 $\therefore$  infinite solutions.  
 $\therefore$  linearly dependent.

$$(c) \{1 - x^3, 2 + x + x^2, 3 - x, 1 + x + x^2 + x^3\}$$

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}$

such if  $c_1(1-x^3) + c_2(2+x+x^2) + c_3(3-x)$   
 $+ c_4(1+x+x^2+x^3) = 0$  implies  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{c_1 - c_1 x^3}{c_4 + c_4 x + c_4 x^2 + c_4 x^3} + \frac{2c_2 + c_2 x + c_2 x^2}{c_4 + c_4 x + c_4 x^2 + c_4 x^3} + \frac{3c_3 - c_3 x}{c_4 + c_4 x + c_4 x^2 + c_4 x^3} \\ &= (c_4 - c_1)x^3 + (c_2 + c_4)x^2 + (c_2 - c_3 + c_4)x \\ &\quad + (c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3 + c_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_4 - c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_4 = 0 \\ c_2 - c_3 + c_4 = 0 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3 + c_4 = 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_4 = c_1 \\ c_2 = -c_4 = -c_1 \\ c_2 = c_3 - c_4 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3 + c_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

Only solution is  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0$   
 $\therefore$  linearly independent.

$$(d) \{f(x) = \sin^2 x, g(x) = \cos^2(x), h(x) = 1\} \text{ (Note that } h(x) \text{ is the constant function which is equal to 1 for every } x).$$

?  $\exists c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . st.  $c_1 \sin^2(x) + c_2 \cos^2(x) + 1 = 0$   
 that  $c_1, c_2$  don't have to be 0's?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) &= 1, \\ -\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x) &= -1 \\ \therefore \text{if } c_1 = c_2 = -1, \end{aligned}$$

$$c_1 f(x) + c_2 g(x) + h(x) = 0 \text{ doesn't imply } c_1 = c_2 = 0.$$

$\therefore$  linearly dependent.

4. Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  in  $V$  be such that  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent.  
 Prove or disprove the following claims.

(a) The set  $\{w_1 + w_2 + w_3, w_2 + w_3, w_3\}$  is linearly independent.

(a) Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1(w_1 + w_2 + w_3) + c_2(w_2 + w_3) + c_3(w_3) \\ &= c_1w_1 + c_1w_2 + c_1w_3 + c_2w_2 + c_2w_3 + c_3w_3 \\ &= c_1w_1 + (c_1 + c_2)w_2 + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3)w_3. \end{aligned}$$

$\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent means

$$c_1w_1 + c_2w_2 + c_3w_3 = 0 \text{ implies } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0. \\ (c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}).$$

since  $c_1 - c_3$  and  $c_1 - c_2$  are all arbitrary.

$$c_1 = c_1, \quad c_1 + c_2 = c_2, \quad c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = c_3. \\ \text{so } c_1w_1 + (c_1 + c_2)w_2 + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3)w_3 = 0$$

$$\text{implies } c_1 = c_1 + c_2 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$\therefore$  this set is also linearly independent.

Another approach: (matrix approach)

check how many  
solutions are  
there for

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

it only has a unique solution, which  
is the trivial one.

$\therefore$  it's linearly independent.

(b) The set  $\{w_1 + 2w_2 + w_3, w_2 + w_3, w_1 + w_2\}$  is linearly independent.

Check how many solutions  
we have

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \therefore \text{There are infinitely many solutions}$$

$\therefore$  The set is linearly dependent  
 $\therefore$  False.

5. Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S \subset V$  and  $T \subset V$  be two finite subsets of  $V$ . Prove or disprove the following claims.

- (a) If  $S \subset T$  and  $S$  is linearly independent then  $T$  is linearly independent.
- (b) If  $S \subset T$  and  $T$  is linearly independent then  $S$  is linearly independent.
- (c) If  $S$  and  $T$  are linearly independent then  $S \cap T$  is either empty or linearly independent  
(Remark: sometimes people consider an empty set to be linearly independent).
- (d) If  $S$  and  $T$  are linearly independent then  $S \cup T$  is linearly independent.
- (e) If  $W = \text{span}S$  and  $U = \text{span}T$  then  $W + U = \text{span}(S \cup T)$ .

(a) False. If  $S$  is linearly independent, that means no vectors in  $S$  can be written as a linear combination of other vectors in  $S$ , but the other vectors in  $T$  that are not in  $S$  might be able to be written as linear combination of other vectors.

Counterexample:  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   $T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$S \subset T$  and  $S$  is linearly independent. but  $T$  is not.

(b) True. If  $T$  is linearly independent, no vectors in  $T$  can be written as a linear combination of other vectors. If  $S \subset T$ ,  $S$  contains some vectors in  $T$ , which are still unable to be expressed as linear combination of others. So  $S$  has to be linearly independent too.

(c) True. If  $S$  and  $T$  don't overlap,  $U$  is empty. If  $S$  and  $T$  overlap,  $U$  will not be empty.

Let  $S \cap T = U$ . All  $v$ 's in  $U$  are in both  $S$  and  $T$ , or  $U \subset S$  and  $U \subset T$ . If  $S$  and  $T$  are linearly independent, all the elements in each subset cannot be written as linear combination of other vectors in their subsets. So naturally,  $U$ , the subset of  $S$  and  $T$ , would only contain vectors that are linearly independent.

(d). False. Counterexample:  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   $T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

$S \cup T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  can be written as

$1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\therefore S, T$  are linearly independent but  $S \cup T$  is not.

(e) True.

$$W = \{c_1 S_1 + c_2 S_2 + \dots + c_n S_n \mid c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$U = \{d_1 T_1 + d_2 T_2 + \dots + d_n T_n \mid d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W+U = c_1 S_1 + \dots + c_n S_n + d_1 T_1 + \dots + d_n T_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}(S+T) &= \{x_1(S_1 + T_1) + \dots + x_n(S_n + T_n) \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= x_1 S_1 + \dots + x_n S_n + x_1 T_1 + \dots + x_n T_n \end{aligned}$$

Since  $c_x, d_x$ , and  $x_x$  are arbitrary.

$$W+U = \text{Span}(S \cup T)$$

6. The following claims are either **true or false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.

- (a) Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$ . Then there exist, a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  and a subspace  $U$  of  $W$  (that is,  $U \subset W \subset V$ ) such that  $\dim U=1$  and  $\dim W=2$ .

True: If  $\dim V=3$ , there will be 3 linearly independent vectors in the basis for  $V$  i.e.  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  span  $V$ . As a subspace of  $V$ ,  $W$  contains elements from  $V$ , which can be  $W = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ . And as a subspace for  $W$ ,  $U$  can be  $\text{span}\{v_1\}$ .  $\dim U=1$ , and  $\dim W=2$ .

- (b) Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$  and let  $W$  be a **non-trivial** subspace of  $V$  and  $U$  be a **non-trivial** subspace of  $W$  (that is,  $U \subset W \subset V$ ) then  $\dim U=1$  and  $\dim W=2$ .

True. \* If  $C$  is equivalent to  $S$ , then this statement is false because it's possible that  $U=W=V$ , then  $\dim U=\dim W=\dim V$ .

If  $\dim V=3$ , let  $V$ 's basis be  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = S$ . If  $W \subset V$ ,  $W$  must contain less than 3 elements from  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $v_3$ . Assume by way of contradiction, let  $\dim W=3$ , then  $\dim W$  needs to contain 3 linearly independent elements, which is not possible. So  $\dim W < 3$ . Also because  $W$  is a non-trivial subspace, it's not empty.  $\therefore \dim W$  is either 1 or 2. Since  $U$  also needs to be a subspace of  $W$ ,  $\dim W=2$  and  $\dim U=1$ .

- (c) Let  $V$  be a vector space which satisfies  $\dim V=3$  and let  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$  be such that  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  are linearly independent,  $\{v_2, v_3\}$  are linearly independent, and  $\{v_3, v_1\}$  are linearly independent. Then  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

True. A basis for a vector space  $V$  is a set of vectors in  $V$  such that every vector in  $V$  can be written uniquely as a finite linear combination of elements of  $B$ . Since  $\{v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $\{v_2, v_3\}$ , and  $\{v_3, v_1\}$  are linearly independent, any vector cannot be written as a linear combination of the two other vectors. So  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

- (d) Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  then:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent iff  $\dim(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) = n$ .

True. First part is to prove that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent  $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) = n$ . By definition of dimension, the dimension of a vector space is the number of linearly independent vectors that span the vector space.

Second part is to prove  $\dim(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) = n \Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent.

Suppose by way of contradiction, if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent, then at least 1 vector,  $v_k$  can be written as a linear combination of other  $v_i$ 's.

So  $\dim(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) < n$ , which is not true.

- (e) Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $V_1, V_2, V_3 \subset V$  be such that  $V_1 + V_2 = V_1 + V_3$  and  $\dim V_2 = \dim V_3$  then  $V_2 = V_3$ . (The sum of two subspaces was defined in previous HW's).

False. A counterexample would be  $V_1 = \mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\dim V_1 = 2$ .  $V_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $V_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .  $\dim V_2 = \dim V_3 = 1$

A plane  $V_1$  + a vector  $V_2$  on this plane =  $V_1$ .  $V_1 + V_3$  would also =  $V_1$ .

$$\therefore V_1 + V_2 = V_1 + V_3$$

However,  $V_2 \neq V_3$ , as  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  are two very different vectors.