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$$\text{Let } A = [\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3 \quad \vec{v}_4 \quad \vec{v}_5 \quad \vec{v}_6] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 0 & 11 & 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 13 & -1 \\ -4 & 0 & -8 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 8 & 5 & -4 & 7 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & -4 & 18 & 15 & 6 & 27 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Claim: $B = [\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_4 \quad \vec{v}_5]$ is a solution to the equation $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ so that it has only the trivial solution, and so it has the maximum amount of columns from A .

Proof: $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution if and only if B has no free variable, which is the case for $B = [\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_4 \quad \vec{v}_5]$.

This is the maximum amount of columns from A that B can have, because for every case where B has five or

$$\text{six columns, that is } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ there is at least one free variable.}$$

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Consider each of the following linear transformations of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (i) Find $T(\vec{e}_1)$ and $T(\vec{e}_2)$.
- (ii) Find the standard matrix for T .

a

Vertical shear that sends $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ to $\vec{e}_1 - 3\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$, leaving \vec{e}_2 unchanged.

i

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \vec{e}_1 - 3\vec{e}_2 \text{ and } T(\vec{e}_2) = \vec{e}_2$$

ii

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b

Rotation counterclockwise about the origin by $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ radians.

i

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_2 \text{ and } T(\vec{e}_2) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_2$$

ii

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

c

Reflection through the line $x_2 = x_1$.

i

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \vec{e}_2 \text{ and } T(\vec{e}_2) = \vec{e}_1$$

ii

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

d

The composite linear transformation T_d that first performs (a), then (b), then (c)

i

$$\begin{aligned} T_d(\vec{e}_1) &= T_c(T_b(T_a(\vec{e}_1))) \\ &= T_c(T_b(\vec{e}_1 - 3\vec{e}_2)) \\ &= T_c(T_b(\vec{e}_1) - 3T_b(\vec{e}_2)) \\ &= T_c(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_2 - 3(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{e}_2)) \\ &= T_c(\sqrt{2}\vec{e}_1 + 2\sqrt{2}\vec{e}_2) \\ &= \sqrt{2}T_c(\vec{e}_1) + 2\sqrt{2}T_c(\vec{e}_2) \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}\vec{e}_1 + \sqrt{2}\vec{e}_2 \end{aligned}$$

ii

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation and let $\{\vec{v}_1 \cdots \vec{v}_p\}$ be a set of linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

Claim: If $\{T(\vec{v}_1) \cdots T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is linearly dependent then T is not bijective.

Proof: $\{T(\vec{v}_1) \cdots T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is linearly dependent, so it can be written as $c_1T(\vec{v}_1) + c_2T(\vec{v}_2) + \cdots + c_pT(\vec{v}_p) = 0$ for some $c_i \neq 0$, which can be rewritten as $T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \cdots + c_p\vec{v}_p) = 0$. Because some $c_i \neq 0$, $T(x) = 0$ has more than the trivial solution, and is therefore not bijective.

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Claim: $h = -\frac{28}{3}$ for the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ h \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ to be linearly dependent.

Proof: We can construct the augmented matrix $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -6 & 8 & 0 \\ 4 & 7 & h & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{28}{3} + h & 0 \end{array} \right]$. For the vectors to be linearly dependent, they need to have more than the trivial solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, so they need to have at least one free variable, which is the case when $h = -\frac{28}{3}$.

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Claim: The statement “If $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$ are vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 such that no vector \vec{v}_i is a scalar multiple of one of the other three vectors, then the set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$ is linearly independent.” is false.

Proof: Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$. No vector is a scalar multiple of another vector, but

the augmented matrix row reduces to $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$, which has more than just the trivial solution,

therefore making the set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$ linearly dependent.

The linear dependency of a set of vectors is determined by whether at least one of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of the others, not by whether some are scalar multiples of another.

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Suppose $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is an onto linear transformation with standard matrix A .

a

Claim: A must have 3 pivot positions.

Proof: For $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ the standard matrix A must be a 3 x 4 matrix. If it is onto, then for every \vec{b} , $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ must have a solution. In order to ensure every \vec{b} satisfies this equation, there needs to be a pivot in each row, so 3 pivots.

b

Claim: There are four possible echelon forms of A .

Proof: $\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix}$.

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