

Chapter 19

- 7.) Suppose $a_1u + a_2(u + v) + a_3(u + v + w) = 0$, thus we have that

$$(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)u + (a_2 + a_3)v + a_3w = 0$$

Since u, v , and w are linearly independent, we have $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$, $a_2 + a_3 = 0$, and $a_3 = 0$, so $a_2 + a_3 = a_2 = 0$, so $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = a_1 = 0$, thus $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$, thus u, v , and w are linearly independent. ■

- 8.) Suppose $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \cdots + a_nv_n = 0$. Since the vectors are linearly dependent, we can set $a_i \neq 0$ for some i , so $a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_{i-1}v_{i-1} + a_{i+1}v_{i+1} + \cdots + a_nv_n = -a_iv_i$. Dividing out by $-a_i$, we obtain v_i as a linear combination of the other vectors. ■

- 9.) If $\{v_1, \cdots v_n\}$ is linearly independent, we are done. Otherwise, there exists v_i that is a linear combination of the other, so we can remove it from the set to obtain another spanning set. Repeat this until the set is linearly independent, at which point we have obtained a basis. ■

- 10.) If the dimension of V is n , we are done. Otherwise, set w_i to be linearly dependent to all vectors in the set and add it to the set. This is possible if the dimension of V is at least $n + i$. Repeat this process until we have $n + m$ vectors, all of which are linearly independent, thus we have obtained a basis for V . ■

- 22.) Each vector has n entries and each entry has p choices, so the total number of elements in the vector space is p^n . ■