

**SOLUTION** We claim that  $E$  is the image of the unit disk  $D$  under the linear transformation  $T$  determined by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ , because if  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{u}$ , then

$$u_1 = \frac{x_1}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \frac{x_2}{b}$$

It follows that  $\mathbf{u}$  is in the unit disk, with  $u_1^2 + u_2^2 \leq 1$ , if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $E$ , with  $(x_1/a)^2 + (x_2/b)^2 \leq 1$ . By the generalization of Theorem 10,

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{area of ellipse}\} &= \{\text{area of } T(D)\} \\ &= |\det A| \cdot \{\text{area of } D\} \\ &= ab \cdot \pi(1)^2 = \pi ab \end{aligned}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEM

Let  $S$  be the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the area of the image of  $S$  under the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

## 3.3 EXERCISES

Use Cramer's rule to compute the solutions of the systems in Exercises 1–6.

1.  $5x_1 + 7x_2 = 3$   
 $2x_1 + 4x_2 = 1$
2.  $4x_1 + x_2 = 6$   
 $5x_1 + 2x_2 = 7$
3.  $3x_1 - 2x_2 = 7$   
 $-5x_1 + 6x_2 = -5$
4.  $-5x_1 + 3x_2 = 9$   
 $3x_1 - x_2 = -5$
5.  $2x_1 + x_2 = 7$   
 $-3x_1 + x_3 = -8$   
 $x_2 + 2x_3 = -3$
6.  $2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$   
 $-x_1 + 2x_3 = 2$   
 $3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = -2$

In Exercises 7–10, determine the values of the parameter  $s$  for which the system has a unique solution, and describe the solution.

7.  $6sx_1 + 4x_2 = 5$   
 $9x_1 + 2sx_2 = -2$
8.  $3sx_1 - 5x_2 = 3$   
 $9x_1 + 5sx_2 = 2$
9.  $sx_1 - 2sx_2 = -1$   
 $3x_1 + 6sx_2 = 4$
10.  $2sx_1 + x_2 = 1$   
 $3sx_1 + 6sx_2 = 2$

In Exercises 11–16, compute the adjugate of the given matrix, and then use Theorem 8 to give the inverse of the matrix.

11.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
12.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
13.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
14.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$15. \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad 16. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

17. Show that if  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$ , then Theorem 8 gives the same formula for  $A^{-1}$  as that given by Theorem 4 in Section 2.2.
18. Suppose that all the entries in  $A$  are integers and  $\det A = 1$ . Explain why all the entries in  $A^{-1}$  are integers.

In Exercises 19–22, find the area of the parallelogram whose vertices are listed.

19.  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(5, 2)$ ,  $(6, 4)$ ,  $(11, 6)$
20.  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 3)$ ,  $(4, -5)$ ,  $(3, -2)$
21.  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(1, -4)$ ,  $(2, 1)$
22.  $(0, -2)$ ,  $(6, -1)$ ,  $(-3, 1)$ ,  $(3, 2)$

23. Find the volume of the parallelepiped with one vertex at the origin and adjacent vertices at  $(1, 0, -2)$ ,  $(1, 2, 4)$ , and  $(7, 1, 0)$ .

24. Find the volume of the parallelepiped with one vertex at the origin and adjacent vertices at  $(1, 4, 0)$ ,  $(-2, -5, 2)$ , and  $(-1, 2, -1)$ .

25. Use the concept of volume to explain why the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  is zero if and only if  $A$  is not invertible. Do not appeal to Theorem 4 in Section 3.2. [Hint: Think about the columns of  $A$ .]

26. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation, and let  $\mathbf{p}$  be a vector and  $S$  a set in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that the image of  $\mathbf{p} + S$  under  $T$  is the translated set  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(S)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

27. Let  $S$  be the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the area of the image of  $S$  under the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

28. Repeat Exercise 27 with  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

29. Find a formula for the area of the triangle whose vertices are  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

30. Let  $R$  be the triangle with vertices at  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ , and  $(x_3, y_3)$ . Show that

$$\{\text{area of triangle}\} = \frac{1}{2} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

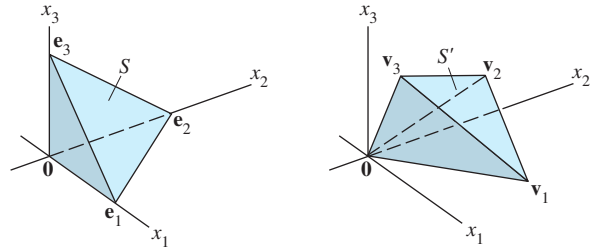
[Hint: Translate  $R$  to the origin by subtracting one of the vertices, and use Exercise 29.]

31. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation determined by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are

positive numbers. Let  $S$  be the unit ball, whose bounding surface has the equation  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$ .

- Show that  $T(S)$  is bounded by the ellipsoid with the equation  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{c^2} = 1$ .
- Use the fact that the volume of the unit ball is  $4\pi/3$  to determine the volume of the region bounded by the ellipsoid in part (a).

32. Let  $S$  be the tetrahedron in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with vertices at the vectors  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_3$ , and let  $S'$  be the tetrahedron with vertices at vectors  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ . See the figure.



- Describe a linear transformation that maps  $S$  onto  $S'$ .
- Find a formula for the volume of the tetrahedron  $S'$  using the fact that

$$\{\text{volume of } S'\} = (1/3)\{\text{area of base}\} \cdot \{\text{height}\}$$

33. [M] Test the inverse formula of Theorem 8 for a random  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$ . Use your matrix program to compute the cofactors of the  $3 \times 3$  submatrices, construct the adjugate, and set  $B = (\text{adj } A)/(\det A)$ . Then compute  $B - \text{inv}(A)$ , where  $\text{inv}(A)$  is the inverse of  $A$  as computed by the matrix program. Use floating point arithmetic with the maximum possible number of decimal places. Report your results.
34. [M] Test Cramer's rule for a random  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  and a random  $4 \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{b}$ . Compute each entry in the solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , and compare these entries with the entries in  $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ . Write the command (or keystrokes) for your matrix program that uses Cramer's rule to produce the second entry of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
35. [M] If your version of MATLAB has the `flops` command, use it to count the number of floating point operations to compute  $A^{-1}$  for a random  $30 \times 30$  matrix. Compare this number with the number of flops needed to form  $(\text{adj } A)/(\det A)$ .

### SOLUTION TO PRACTICE PROBLEM

The area of  $S$  is  $\left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 14$ , and  $\det A = 2$ . By Theorem 10, the area of the image of  $S$  under the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is

$$|\det A| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\} = 2 \cdot 14 = 28$$

## CHAPTER 3 SUPPLEMENTARY EXERCISES

- Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer. Assume that all matrices here are square.
  - If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with a zero determinant, then one column of  $A$  is a multiple of the other.
  - If two rows of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  are the same, then  $\det A = 0$ .
  - If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, then  $\det 5A = 5 \det A$ .
  - If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, with  $\det A = 2$  and  $\det B = 3$ , then  $\det(A + B) = 5$ .
  - If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  and  $\det A = 2$ , then  $\det A^3 = 6$ .
  - If  $B$  is produced by interchanging two rows of  $A$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .
  - If  $B$  is produced by multiplying row 3 of  $A$  by 5, then  $\det B = 5 \cdot \det A$ .

**SOLUTION** Write the vectors in  $H$  as column vectors. Then an arbitrary vector in  $H$  has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-3b \\ b-a \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$   
 $\mathbf{v}_1 \qquad \qquad \mathbf{v}_2$

This calculation shows that  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are the vectors indicated above. Thus  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by Theorem 1. ■

Example 11 illustrates a useful technique of expressing a subspace  $H$  as the set of linear combinations of some small collection of vectors. If  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ , we can think of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  in the spanning set as “handles” that allow us to hold on to the subspace  $H$ . Calculations with the infinitely many vectors in  $H$  are often reduced to operations with the finite number of vectors in the spanning set.

**EXAMPLE 12** For what value(s) of  $h$  will  $\mathbf{y}$  be in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ , if

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION** This question is Practice Problem 2 in Section 1.3, written here with the term *subspace* rather than  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ . The solution there shows that  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  if and only if  $h = 5$ . That solution is worth reviewing now, along with Exercises 11–16 and 19–21 in Section 1.3. ■

Although many vector spaces in this chapter will be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it is important to keep in mind that the abstract theory applies to other vector spaces as well. Vector spaces of functions arise in many applications, and they will receive more attention later.

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Show that the set  $H$  of all points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the form  $(3s, 2 + 5s)$  is not a vector space, by showing that it is not closed under scalar multiplication. (Find a specific vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$  and a scalar  $c$  such that  $c\mathbf{u}$  is not in  $H$ .)
2. Let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are in a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is in  $W$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ . [Hint: First write an equation that shows that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is in  $W$ . Then adjust your notation for the general case.]

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## 4.1 EXERCISES

1. Let  $V$  be the first quadrant in the  $xy$ -plane; that is, let

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \right\}$$

- a. If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are in  $V$ , is  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  in  $V$ ? Why?
- b. Find a specific vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  and a specific scalar  $c$  such

that  $c\mathbf{u}$  is *not* in  $V$ . (This is enough to show that  $V$  is *not* a vector space.)

2. Let  $W$  be the union of the first and third quadrants in the  $xy$ -plane. That is, let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : xy \geq 0 \right\}$ .

- a. If  $\mathbf{u}$  is in  $W$  and  $c$  is any scalar, is  $c\mathbf{u}$  in  $W$ ? Why?

- b. Find specific vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $W$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is not in  $W$ . This is enough to show that  $W$  is *not* a vector space.

3. Let  $H$  be the set of points inside and on the unit circle in the  $xy$ -plane. That is, let  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \right\}$ . Find a specific example—two vectors or a vector and a scalar—to show that  $H$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
4. Construct a geometric figure that illustrates why a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  not through the origin is not closed under vector addition.

In Exercises 5–8, determine if the given set is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_n$  for an appropriate value of  $n$ . Justify your answers.

5. All polynomials of the form  $\mathbf{p}(t) = at^2$ , where  $a$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
6. All polynomials of the form  $\mathbf{p}(t) = a + t^2$ , where  $a$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
7. All polynomials of degree at most 3, with integers as coefficients.
8. All polynomials in  $\mathbb{P}_n$  such that  $\mathbf{p}(0) = 0$ .

9. Let  $H$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ 5t \\ 3t \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$ . Why does this show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

10. Let  $H$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 3t \\ 0 \\ -7t \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $t$  is any real number. Show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Use the method of Exercise 9.)

11. Let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 2b + 3c \\ -b \\ 2c \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $b$  and  $c$  are arbitrary. Find vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ . Why does this show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

12. Let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 2s + 4t \\ 2s \\ 2s - 3t \\ 5t \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . (Use the method of Exercise 11.)

13. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- a. Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ? How many vectors are in  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ?
- b. How many vectors are in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ?
- c. Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in the subspace spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ? Why?

14. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  be as in Exercise 13, and let  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in the subspace spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ? Why?

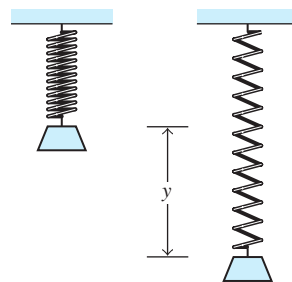
In Exercises 15–18, let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form shown, where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  represent arbitrary real numbers. In each case, either find a set  $S$  of vectors that spans  $W$  or give an example to show that  $W$  is *not* a vector space.

15.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2a + 3b \\ -1 \\ 2a - 5b \end{bmatrix}$
16.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3a - 5b \\ 3b + 2a \end{bmatrix}$
17.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2a - b \\ 3b - c \\ 3c - a \\ 3b \end{bmatrix}$
18.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4a + 3b \\ 0 \\ a + 3b + c \\ 3b - 2c \end{bmatrix}$

19. If a mass  $m$  is placed at the end of a spring, and if the mass is pulled downward and released, the mass–spring system will begin to oscillate. The displacement  $y$  of the mass from its resting position is given by a function of the form

$$y(t) = c_1 \cos \omega t + c_2 \sin \omega t \quad (5)$$

where  $\omega$  is a constant that depends on the spring and the mass. (See the figure below.) Show that the set of all functions described in (5) (with  $\omega$  fixed and  $c_1, c_2$  arbitrary) is a vector space.



20. The set of all continuous real-valued functions defined on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is denoted by  $C[a, b]$ . This set is a subspace of the vector space of all real-valued functions defined on  $[a, b]$ .

- a. What facts about continuous functions should be proved in order to demonstrate that  $C[a, b]$  is indeed a subspace as claimed? (These facts are usually discussed in a calculus class.)
- b. Show that  $\{\mathbf{f} \text{ in } C[a, b] : \mathbf{f}(a) = \mathbf{f}(b)\}$  is a subspace of  $C[a, b]$ .

For fixed positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the set  $M_{m \times n}$  of all  $m \times n$  matrices is a vector space, under the usual operations of addition and multiplication by real scalars.

21. Determine if the set  $H$  of all matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  is a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .
22. Let  $F$  be a fixed  $3 \times 2$  matrix, and let  $H$  be the set of all matrices  $A$  in  $M_{2 \times 4}$  with the property that  $FA = 0$  (the zero matrix in  $M_{3 \times 4}$ ). Determine if  $H$  is a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 4}$ .

In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

23. a. If  $\mathbf{f}$  is a function in the vector space  $V$  of all real-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and if  $\mathbf{f}(t) = 0$  for some  $t$ , then  $\mathbf{f}$  is the zero vector in  $V$ .  
 b. A vector is an arrow in three-dimensional space.  
 c. A subset  $H$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if the zero vector is in  $H$ .  
 d. A subspace is also a vector space.  
 e. Analog signals are used in the major control systems for the space shuttle, mentioned in the introduction to the chapter.
24. a. A vector is any element of a vector space.  
 b. If  $\mathbf{u}$  is a vector in a vector space  $V$ , then  $(-1)\mathbf{u}$  is the same as the negative of  $\mathbf{u}$ .  
 c. A vector space is also a subspace.  
 d.  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 e. A subset  $H$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the zero vector of  $V$  is in  $H$ , (ii)  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  are in  $H$ , and (iii)  $c$  is a scalar and  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$ .

Exercises 25–29 show how the axioms for a vector space  $V$  can be used to prove the elementary properties described after the definition of a vector space. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate axiom numbers. Because of Axiom 2, Axioms 4 and 5 imply, respectively, that  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$  and  $-\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{u}$ .

25. Complete the following proof that the zero vector is unique. Suppose that  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $V$  has the property that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$  for all  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ . But  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}$ , by Axiom \_\_\_\_\_. Hence  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ .
26. Complete the following proof that  $-\mathbf{u}$  is the *unique* vector in  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{w}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ . Adding  $-\mathbf{u}$  to both sides, we have
- $$\begin{aligned} (-\mathbf{u}) + [\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}] &= (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{0} \\ [(-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}] + \mathbf{w} &= (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{0} && \text{by Axiom _____ (a)} \\ \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w} &= (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{0} && \text{by Axiom _____ (b)} \\ \mathbf{w} &= -\mathbf{u} && \text{by Axiom _____ (c)} \end{aligned}$$
27. Fill in the missing axiom numbers in the following proof that  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$  for every  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$ .
- $$\begin{aligned} 0\mathbf{u} &= (0 + 0)\mathbf{u} = 0\mathbf{u} + 0\mathbf{u} && \text{by Axiom _____ (a)} \\ \text{Add the negative of } 0\mathbf{u} \text{ to both sides:} \\ 0\mathbf{u} + (-0\mathbf{u}) &= [0\mathbf{u} + 0\mathbf{u}] + (-0\mathbf{u}) \\ 0\mathbf{u} + (-0\mathbf{u}) &= 0\mathbf{u} + [0\mathbf{u} + (-0\mathbf{u})] && \text{by Axiom _____ (b)} \\ \mathbf{0} &= 0\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} && \text{by Axiom _____ (c)} \\ \mathbf{0} &= 0\mathbf{u} && \text{by Axiom _____ (d)} \end{aligned}$$
28. Fill in the missing axiom numbers in the following proof that

$c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  for every scalar  $c$ .

$$c\mathbf{0} = c(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}) \quad \text{by Axiom _____ (a)}$$

$$= c\mathbf{0} + c\mathbf{0} \quad \text{by Axiom _____ (b)}$$

Add the negative of  $c\mathbf{0}$  to both sides:

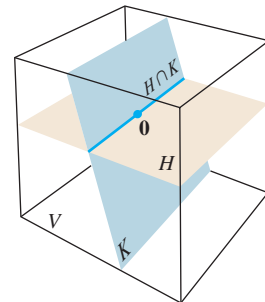
$$c\mathbf{0} + (-c\mathbf{0}) = [c\mathbf{0} + c\mathbf{0}] + (-c\mathbf{0})$$

$$c\mathbf{0} + (-c\mathbf{0}) = c\mathbf{0} + [c\mathbf{0} + (-c\mathbf{0})] \quad \text{by Axiom _____ (c)}$$

$$\mathbf{0} = c\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} \quad \text{by Axiom _____ (d)}$$

$$\mathbf{0} = c\mathbf{0} \quad \text{by Axiom _____ (e)}$$

29. Prove that  $(-1)\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$ . [Hint: Show that  $\mathbf{u} + (-1)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ . Use some axioms and the results of Exercises 27 and 26.]
30. Suppose  $c\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$  for some nonzero scalar  $c$ . Show that  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ . Mention the axioms or properties you use.
31. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in a vector space  $V$ , and let  $H$  be any subspace of  $V$  that contains both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Explain why  $H$  also contains  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ . This shows that  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  that contains both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
32. Let  $H$  and  $K$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . The **intersection** of  $H$  and  $K$ , written as  $H \cap K$ , is the set of  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  that belong to both  $H$  and  $K$ . Show that  $H \cap K$  is a subspace of  $V$ . (See the figure.) Give an example in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to show that the union of two subspaces is not, in general, a subspace.



33. Given subspaces  $H$  and  $K$  of a vector space  $V$ , the **sum** of  $H$  and  $K$ , written as  $H + K$ , is the set of all vectors in  $V$  that can be written as the sum of two vectors, one in  $H$  and the other in  $K$ ; that is,
- $$H + K = \{\mathbf{w} : \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \text{ for some } \mathbf{u} \text{ in } H \text{ and some } \mathbf{v} \text{ in } K\}$$
- a. Show that  $H + K$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  
 b. Show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $H + K$  and  $K$  is a subspace of  $H + K$ .
34. Suppose  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_q$  are vectors in a vector space  $V$ , and let
- $$H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\} \text{ and } K = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_q\}$$
- Show that  $H + K = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_q\}$ .

35. [M] Show that  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ , where

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -4 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \\ -5 \\ -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

36. [M] Determine if  $\mathbf{y}$  is in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the columns of  $A$ , where

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -8 \\ 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & -9 \\ 8 & 7 & -6 \\ -5 & -8 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

37. [M] The vector space  $H = \text{Span}\{1, \cos^2 t, \cos^4 t, \cos^6 t\}$  contains at least two interesting functions that will be used

in a later exercise:

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = 1 - 8 \cos^2 t + 8 \cos^4 t$$

$$\mathbf{g}(t) = -1 + 18 \cos^2 t - 48 \cos^4 t + 32 \cos^6 t$$

Study the graph of  $\mathbf{f}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ , and guess a simple formula for  $\mathbf{f}(t)$ . Verify your conjecture by graphing the difference between  $1 + \mathbf{f}(t)$  and your formula for  $\mathbf{f}(t)$ . (Hopefully, you will see the constant function 1.) Repeat for  $\mathbf{g}$ .

38. [M] Repeat Exercise 37 for the functions

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = 3 \sin t - 4 \sin^3 t$$

$$\mathbf{g}(t) = 1 - 8 \sin^2 t + 8 \sin^4 t$$

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = 5 \sin t - 20 \sin^3 t + 16 \sin^5 t$$

in the vector space  $\text{Span}\{1, \sin t, \sin^2 t, \dots, \sin^5 t\}$ .

### SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Take any  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$ —say,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ —and take any  $c \neq 1$ —say,  $c = 2$ . Then  $c\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$ . If this is in  $H$ , then there is some  $s$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3s \\ 2 + 5s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is,  $s = 2$  and  $s = 12/5$ , which is impossible. So  $2\mathbf{u}$  is not in  $H$  and  $H$  is not a vector space.

2.  $\mathbf{v}_1 = 1\mathbf{v}_1 + 0\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_p$ . This expresses  $\mathbf{v}_1$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ , so  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is in  $W$ . In general,  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is in  $W$  because

$$\mathbf{v}_k = 0\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_{k-1} + 1\mathbf{v}_k + 0\mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_p$$

## 4.2 NULL SPACES, COLUMN SPACES, AND LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

In applications of linear algebra, subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  usually arise in one of two ways: (1) as the set of all solutions to a system of homogeneous linear equations or (2) as the set of all linear combinations of certain specified vectors. In this section, we compare and contrast these two descriptions of subspaces, allowing us to practice using the concept of a subspace. Actually, as you will soon discover, we have been working with subspaces ever since Section 1.3. The main new feature here is the terminology. The section concludes with a discussion of the kernel and range of a linear transformation.

### The Null Space of a Matrix

Consider the following system of homogeneous equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \\ -5x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Typically, such a linear transformation is described in terms of one or more derivatives of a function. To explain this in any detail would take us too far afield at this point. So we consider only two examples. The first explains why the operation of differentiation is a linear transformation.

**EXAMPLE 8** (Calculus required) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all real-valued functions  $f$  defined on an interval  $[a, b]$  with the property that they are differentiable and their derivatives are continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $W$  be the vector space  $C[a, b]$  of all continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ , and let  $D : V \rightarrow W$  be the transformation that changes  $f$  in  $V$  into its derivative  $f'$ . In calculus, two simple differentiation rules are

$$D(f + g) = D(f) + D(g) \quad \text{and} \quad D(cf) = cD(f)$$

That is,  $D$  is a linear transformation. It can be shown that the kernel of  $D$  is the set of constant functions on  $[a, b]$  and the range of  $D$  is the set  $W$  of all continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ . ■

**EXAMPLE 9** (Calculus required) The differential equation

$$y'' + \omega^2 y = 0 \tag{4}$$

where  $\omega$  is a constant, is used to describe a variety of physical systems, such as the vibration of a weighted spring, the movement of a pendulum, and the voltage in an inductance-capacitance electrical circuit. The set of solutions of (4) is precisely the kernel of the linear transformation that maps a function  $y = f(t)$  into the function  $f''(t) + \omega^2 f(t)$ . Finding an explicit description of this vector space is a problem in differential equations. The solution set turns out to be the space described in Exercise 19 in Section 4.1. ■

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

- Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : a - 3b - c = 0 \right\}$ . Show in two different ways that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Use two theorems.)
- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & 5 \\ -4 & 1 & -5 \\ -5 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose you know that the equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$  and  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}$  are both consistent. What can you say about the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ ?

## 4.2 EXERCISES

- Determine if  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ , where
 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & -3 \\ 6 & -2 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
- Determine if  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ , where
 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 \\ -3 & 2 & 5 \\ -5 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In Exercises 3–6, find an explicit description of  $\text{Nul } A$ , by listing vectors that span the null space.

$$3. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 7–14, either use an appropriate theorem to show that the given set,  $W$ , is a vector space, or find a specific example to the contrary.

$$7. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : a + b + c = 2 \right\} \quad 8. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} : 3r - 2 = 3s + t \right\}$$

$$9. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} p - 3q = 4s \\ 2p = s + 5r \end{array} \right\} \quad 10. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} 3a + b = c \\ a + b + 2c = 2d \end{array} \right\}$$

$$11. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s - 2t \\ 3 + 3s \\ 3s + t \\ 2s \end{bmatrix} : s, t \text{ real} \right\} \quad 12. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3p - 5q \\ 4q \\ p \\ q + 1 \end{bmatrix} : p, q \text{ real} \right\}$$

$$13. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c - 6d \\ d \\ c \end{bmatrix} : c, d \text{ real} \right\} \quad 14. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -s + 3t \\ s - 2t \\ 5s - t \end{bmatrix} : s, t \text{ real} \right\}$$

In Exercises 15 and 16, find  $A$  such that the given set is  $\text{Col } A$ .

$$15. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2s + t \\ r - s + 2t \\ 3r + s \\ 2r - s - t \end{bmatrix} : r, s, t \text{ real} \right\}$$

$$16. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b - c \\ 2b + 3d \\ b + 3c - 3d \\ c + d \end{bmatrix} : b, c, d \text{ real} \right\}$$

For the matrices in Exercises 17–20, (a) find  $k$  such that  $\text{Nul } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , and (b) find  $k$  such that  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .

$$17. A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \\ -9 & 6 \\ 9 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$18. A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ -5 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$19. A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$20. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

21. With  $A$  as in Exercise 17, find a nonzero vector in  $\text{Nul } A$  and a nonzero vector in  $\text{Col } A$ .

22. With  $A$  as in Exercise 18, find a nonzero vector in  $\text{Nul } A$  and a nonzero vector in  $\text{Col } A$ .

23. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine if  $\mathbf{w}$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ . Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

24. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -8 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine if  $\mathbf{w}$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ . Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

In Exercises 25 and 26,  $A$  denotes an  $m \times n$  matrix. Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

25. a. The null space of  $A$  is the solution set of the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

b. The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

c. The column space of  $A$  is the range of the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

d. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then  $\text{Col } A$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

e. The kernel of a linear transformation is a vector space.

f.  $\text{Col } A$  is the set of all vectors that can be written as  $A\mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$ .

26. a. A null space is a vector space.

b. The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

c.  $\text{Col } A$  is the set of all solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

d.  $\text{Nul } A$  is the kernel of the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

e. The range of a linear transformation is a vector space.

f. The set of all solutions of a homogeneous linear differential equation is the kernel of a linear transformation.

27. It can be shown that a solution of the system below is  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $x_2 = 2$ , and  $x_3 = -1$ . Use this fact and the theory from this section to explain why another solution is  $x_1 = 30$ ,  $x_2 = 20$ , and  $x_3 = -10$ . (Observe how the solutions are related, but make no other calculations.)

$$x_1 - 3x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$-2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$-x_1 + 5x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$$

28. Consider the following two systems of equations:

$$5x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$-9x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 1$$

$$4x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 = 9$$

$$5x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$-9x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 5$$

$$4x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 = 45$$

It can be shown that the first system has a solution. Use this fact and the theory from this section to explain why the second system must also have a solution. (Make no row operations.)



29. Prove Theorem 3 as follows: Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , an element in  $\text{Col } A$  has the form  $A\mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $A\mathbf{x}$  and  $A\mathbf{w}$  represent any two vectors in  $\text{Col } A$ .
- Explain why the zero vector is in  $\text{Col } A$ .
  - Show that the vector  $A\mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{w}$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ .
  - Given a scalar  $c$ , show that  $c(A\mathbf{x})$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ .
30. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  into a vector space  $W$ . Prove that the range of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$ . [Hint: Typical elements of the range have the form  $T(\mathbf{x})$  and  $T(\mathbf{w})$  for some  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}$  in  $V$ .]
31. Define  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(1) \end{bmatrix}$ . For instance, if  $\mathbf{p}(t) = 3 + 5t + 7t^2$ , then  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation. [Hint: For arbitrary polynomials  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$  in  $\mathbb{P}_2$ , compute  $T(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$  and  $T(c\mathbf{p})$ .]
  - Find a polynomial  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\mathbb{P}_2$  that spans the kernel of  $T$ , and describe the range of  $T$ .
32. Define a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(0) \end{bmatrix}$ . Find polynomials  $\mathbf{p}_1$  and  $\mathbf{p}_2$  in  $\mathbb{P}_2$  that span the kernel of  $T$ , and describe the range of  $T$ .
33. Let  $M_{2 \times 2}$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and define  $T : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$  by  $T(A) = A + A^T$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
  - Let  $B$  be any element of  $M_{2 \times 2}$  such that  $B^T = B$ . Find an  $A$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}$  such that  $T(A) = B$ .
  - Show that the range of  $T$  is the set of  $B$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}$  with the property that  $B^T = B$ .
  - Describe the kernel of  $T$ .
34. (Calculus required) Define  $T : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  as follows: For  $\mathbf{f}$  in  $C[0, 1]$ , let  $T(\mathbf{f})$  be the antiderivative  $\mathbf{F}$  of  $\mathbf{f}$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(0) = 0$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation, and describe the kernel of  $T$ . (See the notation in Exercise 20 of Section 4.1.)
35. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces, and let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Given a subspace  $U$  of  $V$ , let  $T(U)$  denote the set of all images of the form  $T(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $U$ . Show that  $T(U)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .
36. Given  $T : V \rightarrow W$  as in Exercise 35, and given a subspace  $Z$  of  $W$ , let  $U$  be the set of all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$  such that  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is in  $Z$ . Show that  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
37. [M] Determine whether  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the column space of  $A$ , the null space of  $A$ , or both, where
- $$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ -5 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 9 & -11 & 7 & -3 \\ 19 & -9 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
38. [M] Determine whether  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the column space of  $A$ , the null space of  $A$ , or both, where
- $$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 5 & -2 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 10 & -8 & 6 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
39. [M] Let  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_5$  denote the columns of the matrix  $A$ , where
- $$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 & -1 & -12 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 & -5 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_4]$$
- Explain why  $\mathbf{a}_3$  and  $\mathbf{a}_5$  are in the column space of  $B$ .
  - Find a set of vectors that spans  $\text{Nul } A$ .
  - Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Explain why  $T$  is neither one-to-one nor onto.
40. [M] Let  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  and  $K = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ , where
- $$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -12 \\ -28 \end{bmatrix}.$$
- Then  $H$  and  $K$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In fact,  $H$  and  $K$  are planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  through the origin, and they intersect in a line through  $\mathbf{0}$ . Find a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{w}$  that generates that line. [Hint:  $\mathbf{w}$  can be written as  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$  and also as  $c_3\mathbf{v}_3 + c_4\mathbf{v}_4$ . To build  $\mathbf{w}$ , solve the equation  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = c_3\mathbf{v}_3 + c_4\mathbf{v}_4$  for the unknown  $c_j$ 's.]

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Col  $A$ , and  $\text{Nul } A$  4–6

## SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. First method:  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by Theorem 2 because  $W$  is the set of all solutions to a system of homogeneous linear equations (where the system has only one equation). Equivalently,  $W$  is the null space of the  $1 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

the spanning property.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Linearly independent  
but does not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ 
A basis  
for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ 
Spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$  but is  
linearly dependent

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

2. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis for the subspace  $W$  spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ .

3. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : s \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Then every vector in  $H$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  because

$$\begin{bmatrix} s \\ s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  a basis for  $H$ ?

## 4.3 EXERCISES

Determine whether the sets in Exercises 1–8 are bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Of the sets that are *not* bases, determine which ones are linearly independent and which ones span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answers.

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
4.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
5.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$
6.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$
7.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$
8.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Find bases for the null spaces of the matrices given in Exercises 9 and 10. Refer to the remarks that follow Example 3 in Section 4.2.

9.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$       10.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Find a basis for the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in the plane  $x - 3y + 2z = 0$ . [Hint: Think of the equation as a “system” of homogeneous equations.]

12. Find a basis for the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  on the line  $y = -3x$ .

In Exercises 13 and 14, assume that  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ . Find bases for  $\text{Nul } A$  and  $\text{Col } A$ .

13.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 8 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$14. \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 10 & 9 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 15–18, find a basis for the space spanned by the given vectors,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_5$ .

$$15. \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 10 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$16. \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$17. \quad [\mathbf{M}] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 8 \\ -3 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$18. \quad [\mathbf{M}] \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ -14 \\ 0 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$19. \quad \text{Let } \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and also let}$$

$H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ . It can be verified that  $4\mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2 - 3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ . Use this information to find a basis for  $H$ . There is more than one answer.

$$20. \quad \text{Let } \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ It can be}$$

verified that  $2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ . Use this information to find a basis for  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ .

In Exercises 21 and 22, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

21. a. A single vector by itself is linearly dependent.  
 b. If  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$ , then  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is a basis for  $H$ .  
 c. The columns of an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
 d. A basis is a spanning set that is as large as possible.  
 e. In some cases, the linear dependence relations among the columns of a matrix can be affected by certain elementary row operations on the matrix.

22. a. A linearly independent set in a subspace  $H$  is a basis for  $H$ .  
 b. If a finite set  $S$  of nonzero vectors spans a vector space  $V$ , then some subset of  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ .  
 c. A basis is a linearly independent set that is as large as possible.  
 d. The standard method for producing a spanning set for  $\text{Nul } A$ , described in Section 4.2, sometimes fails to produce a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .  
 e. If  $B$  is an echelon form of a matrix  $A$ , then the pivot columns of  $B$  form a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .

23. Suppose  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ . Explain why  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

24. Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why  $\mathcal{B}$  must be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

25. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $H$  be the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose second and third entries are equal. Then every vector in  $H$  has a unique expansion as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ , because

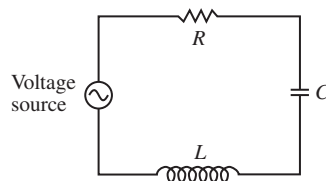
$$\begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (t-s) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for any  $s$  and  $t$ . Is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  a basis for  $H$ ? Why or why not?

26. In the vector space of all real-valued functions, find a basis for the subspace spanned by  $\{\sin t, \sin 2t, \sin t \cos t\}$ .

27. Let  $V$  be the vector space of functions that describe the vibration of a mass–spring system. (Refer to Exercise 19 in Section 4.1.) Find a basis for  $V$ .

28. (*RLC circuit*) The circuit in the figure consists of a resistor ( $R$  ohms), an inductor ( $L$  henrys), a capacitor ( $C$  farads), and an initial voltage source. Let  $b = R/(2L)$ , and suppose  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  have been selected so that  $b$  also equals  $1/\sqrt{LC}$ . (This is done, for instance, when the circuit is used in a voltmeter.) Let  $v(t)$  be the voltage (in volts) at time  $t$ , measured across the capacitor. It can be shown that  $v$  is in the null space  $H$  of the linear transformation that maps  $v(t)$  into  $Lv''(t) + Rv'(t) + (1/C)v(t)$ , and  $H$  consists of all functions of the form  $v(t) = e^{-bt}(c_1 + c_2t)$ . Find a basis for  $H$ .



Exercises 29 and 30 show that every basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must contain exactly  $n$  vectors.

29. Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  be a set of  $k$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $k < n$ . Use a theorem from Section 1.4 to explain why  $S$  cannot be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
30. Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  be a set of  $k$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $k > n$ . Use a theorem from Chapter 1 to explain why  $S$  cannot be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Exercises 31 and 32 reveal an important connection between linear independence and linear transformations and provide practice using the definition of linear dependence. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces, let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, and let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  be a subset of  $V$ .

31. Show that if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent in  $V$ , then the set of images,  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ , is linearly dependent in  $W$ . This fact shows that if a linear transformation maps a set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  onto a linearly independent set  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ , then the original set is linearly independent, too (because it cannot be linearly dependent).
32. Suppose that  $T$  is a one-to-one transformation, so that an equation  $T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v})$  always implies  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ . Show that if the set of images  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$  is linearly dependent, then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent. This fact shows that a one-to-one linear transformation maps a linearly independent set onto a linearly independent set (because in this case the set of images cannot be linearly dependent).
33. Consider the polynomials  $\mathbf{p}_1(t) = 1 + t^2$  and  $\mathbf{p}_2(t) = 1 - t^2$ . Is  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\}$  a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{P}_3$ ? Why or why not?
34. Consider the polynomials  $\mathbf{p}_1(t) = 1 + t$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_2(t) = 1 - t$ , and  $\mathbf{p}_3(t) = 2$  (for all  $t$ ). By inspection, write a linear dependence relation among  $\mathbf{p}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{p}_3$ . Then find a basis for  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3\}$ .

35. Let  $V$  be a vector space that contains a linearly independent set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\}$ . Describe how to construct a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  in  $V$  such that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ .

36. [M] Let  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  and  $K = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ , where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find bases for  $H$ ,  $K$ , and  $H + K$ . (See Exercises 33 and 34 in Section 4.1.)

37. [M] Show that  $\{t, \sin t, \cos 2t, \sin t \cos t\}$  is a linearly independent set of functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Start by assuming that

$$c_1 \cdot t + c_2 \cdot \sin t + c_3 \cdot \cos 2t + c_4 \cdot \sin t \cos t = 0 \quad (5)$$

Equation (5) must hold for all real  $t$ , so choose several specific values of  $t$  (say,  $t = 0, .1, .2$ ) until you get a system of enough equations to determine that all the  $c_j$  must be zero.

38. [M] Show that  $\{1, \cos t, \cos^2 t, \dots, \cos^6 t\}$  is a linearly independent set of functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Use the method of Exercise 37. (This result will be needed in Exercise 34 in Section 4.5.)

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## SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Let  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2]$ . Row operations show that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 \\ 3 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Not every row of  $A$  contains a pivot position. So the columns of  $A$  do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , by Theorem 4 in Section 1.4. Hence  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are not in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , they cannot possibly be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . However, since  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are obviously linearly independent, they are a basis for a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , namely,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ .

2. Set up a matrix  $A$  whose column space is the space spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ , and then row reduce  $A$  to find its pivot columns.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 & -2 & -8 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 20 & 4 & -20 \\ 0 & -25 & -5 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$