

Q1 With the usual matrix addition and scalar matrix multiplication is D a linear combination of A, B and C where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & 1 \\ 11 & -11 & -5 \\ -6 & 1 & -36 \\ -4 & 20 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution 1. Let's start to work with simple equations to find a linear combination. I want to point out

$$\alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} (1) & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ (0) & (0) & -8 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} (5) & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ (3) & (0) & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_3 \begin{pmatrix} (3) & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ (0) & (-1) & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-8) & 4 & 1 \\ 11 & -11 & -5 \\ (-6) & (1) & -36 \\ -4 & 20 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we write down each representing equation and solve separately we obtain the coefficients. Let's continue with

$$0\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + 0\alpha_3 = -6$$

$$3\alpha_3 = -6$$

$$\alpha_3 = -2$$

$$0\alpha_1 + 0\alpha_2 + -1\alpha_3 = 1$$

$$\alpha_2 = -1$$

$$1\alpha_1 + 5\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3 = -8$$

$$1\alpha_1 - 10 - 3 = -8$$

$$\alpha_1 = 5$$

so we found $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ let's try to substitute and see whether satisfy or not

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + (-2) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & 1 \\ 11 & -11 & -5 \\ -6 & 1 & -36 \\ -4 & 20 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 & 10 \\ 20 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -40 \\ 5 & 30 & 10 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -10 & -4 & 0 \\ -8 & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 0 & 4 \\ -2 & -10 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & -9 \\ -1 & 0 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & 1 \\ 11 & -11 & -5 \\ -6 & 1 & -36 \\ -4 & 20 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & 1 \\ 11 & -11 & -5 \\ -6 & 1 & -36 \\ -4 & 20 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Q2 In CVS are the vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ linearly dependent?

Solution 2. Lets start work with

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \alpha_2 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_1 + 4 \\ 0\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_1 + 3 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha_2 - 4\alpha_2 + 4 \\ 2\alpha_2 - 3\alpha_2 + 3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -4\alpha_1 + 4 \\ -3\alpha_1 + 3 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} -2\alpha_2 + 4 \\ -\alpha_2 + 3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -4\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 + 4 \\ -3\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + 3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

then if we solve last step using equations as

$$\begin{aligned} -4\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 &= 0 \\ -3\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and this matrix row reduced echelon form is an identity matrix means that we have only have trivial solution and this is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \alpha_1 &= 0 \\ \alpha_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so at the end we can say they are **linearly independent**, not **dependent**.

Q3 Are the continuous functions $e^{2\ln x}, x^2, \cos x$ linearly dependent or independent, under the standart operations on functions?

Solution 3. We are searching,

$$\alpha_1 e^{2\ln x} + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 \cos x = 0$$

we can instantly substitute

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= -1 \\ \alpha_2 &= 1 \\ \alpha_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and this satisfy our equation. We found a non-trivial solution to our system, we conclude that this functions are **linearly dependent**.

Q4 Suppose the following two equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{u}_k \\ \vec{v} &= \beta_1 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \beta_k \vec{u}_k\end{aligned}$$

such that for at least one index i , we have $\alpha_i \neq \beta_i$. Does it mean that $\vec{u}_i = \vec{0}$ where $\vec{0}$ is the zero vector?

Solution 4. At this point I want to emphasize "at least one" and start to observe

Suppose that $\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1$ and all others index i $\alpha_i = \beta_i$ Lets compute

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} - \vec{v} &= \vec{0} \\ \vec{v} - \vec{v} &= (\alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{u}_k) - (\beta_1 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \beta_k \vec{u}_k) \\ \vec{0} &= \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 - \beta_1 \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{0} &= (\alpha_1 - \beta_1) \vec{u}_1 \quad (\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1)\end{aligned}$$

in this situation only option is the

$$\vec{u}_1 = \vec{0}$$

as a result if we are talking about at least one index i $\alpha_i \neq \beta_i$ at least one condition only hold when one vector such that $\vec{u}_i = \vec{0}$ exist in linear combination.

Q5 Suppose that $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$ are linearly dependent. What can you say about the linear dependence or independence of the vectors $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{u}_1 - 2\vec{u}_2$ and $\vec{v}_2 = 3\vec{u}_2 + 2\vec{u}_3$?

Solution 5. I want to show two different and possible situation based on this we conclude that **we can't say anything about linear dependence or independence of \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2**

First one is, lets assume

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{u}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{u}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$ are now linearly dependent, lets compute \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

in this case \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 are **linearly dependent**

In other case is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{u}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{u}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

again our $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$ vectors are linearly dependent. Lets compute \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

and as you can see in this case they are **linearly independent**.