

25. For each of the sets S_1 to S_6 in Question 3.9, determine whether the set is linearly independent

$$S_1 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1)\}.$$

$$S_2 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, -2, 2)\}.$$

$$S_3 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1), (1, 5, -2)\}.$$

$$S_4 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1), (4, 0, 3)\}.$$

$$S_5 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1), (1, 5, -2), (0, 8, -2)\}.$$

$$S_6 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1), (4, 0, 3), (2, 6, -3)\}.$$

S_1 and S_2 are linearly independent while S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6 are linearly dependent

Example: Let $S_1 = \{(1, 1, -1), (-2, 2, 1)\}$

$$c_1(1, 1, -1) + c_2(-2, 2, 1) = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3+R_1]{R_2-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+\frac{1}{4}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

All the columns are pivot. The system has only the trivial solution.

Therefore, S_1 is a linearly independent set.

27. In Question 3.13, suppose u, v, w are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Determine which of the sets S_1 to S_5 are linearly independent.

$$S_1 = \{u, v\}, \quad S_2 = \{u-v, v-w, w-u\}, \quad S_3 = \{u-v, v-w, u+w\},$$

$$S_4 = \{u, u+v, u+v+w\}, \quad S_5 = \{u+v, v+w, u+w, u+v+w\}.$$

Checking S_1 :

$$au + bv = 0 \iff au + bv + 0w = 0$$

Since u, v, w are linearly independent, we have $a=0, b=0$

only trivial solution

Thus S_1 is linearly independent

$$\text{Checking } S_2: a(u-v) + b(v-w) + c(w-u) = 0$$

$$\text{When } a=1, b=1, c=1$$

$$u-v+v-w+w-u = 0 \text{ hence the system has a non trivial solution.}$$

Therefore S_2 is linearly dependent.

$$\text{Checking } S_3: a(u-v) + b(v-w) + c(u+w) = 0$$

$$au - va + bv - wb + cu + cw = 0$$

$$u(a+c) + v(-a+b) + w(-b+c) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} a+c=0 \\ -a+b=0 \\ -b+c=0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a=0, b=0, c=0$$

Since u, v, w are linearly independent

The system has only the trivial solution.

Thus S_3 is linearly independent

29. Let u, v, w be vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $V = \text{span}\{u, v\}$ and $W = \text{span}\{u, w\}$ are planes in \mathbb{R}^3 . Find $V \cap W$ if

- (a) u, v, w are linearly independent.
- (b) u, v, w are not linearly independent.

a) If u, v, w are linearly independent, then the two planes intersect at the line spanned by u and hence $V \cap W = \text{span}(u)$

b) V and W are planes in \mathbb{R}^3 . So, u, v are linearly independent and u, w are linearly independent. If u, v, w are linearly dependent, then u, v, w must lie on the same plane and hence $V = W = V \cap W$

30. (All vectors in this question are written as column vectors.) Let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and P a square matrix of order n .

- (a) Show that if Pu_1, Pu_2, \dots, Pu_k are linearly independent, then u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are linearly independent.
- (b) Suppose u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are linearly independent.
 - (i) Show that if P is invertible, then Pu_1, Pu_2, \dots, Pu_k are linearly independent.
 - (ii) If P is not invertible, are Pu_1, Pu_2, \dots, Pu_k linearly independent?

a)

$$c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_k u_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_k u_k) = P \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 Pu_1 + c_2 Pu_2 + \dots + c_k Pu_k = 0$$

Since Pu_1, Pu_2, \dots, Pu_k are linearly independent,
 $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k = 0$. Thus u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are linearly independent

b) i) $P(c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_k u_k) = 0$

Since P is invertible, $c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_k u_k = 0$
 Since u_1, \dots, u_k are linearly independent, $c_1, \dots, c_k = 0$
 Therefore Pu_1, Pu_2, \dots, Pu_k are linearly independent.

ii) No, conclusion

Let $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

If $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, then Pu_1 and Pu_2 are linearly independent.

If $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, then Pu_1 and Pu_2 are linearly dependent.