

## Section 1.7

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$  Is there a non-trivial solution to  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Each column of the echelon form has a pivot.

Thus  $\vec{0}$  is the only solution to the above vector equation. By definition, the set of vectors is linearly independent.

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  Note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is a multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , the set of vectors is linearly dependent.

4.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$  Since neither vector is a multiple of the other, the set is linearly independent.

7.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  The columns of the matrix form a set of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

By Theorem 8, the columns of the matrix form a linearly dependent set.

16.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  Note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

Since one vector is a multiple of the other, the set of vectors is linearly dependent.

18.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Since the set consists of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , Theorem 8 implies the set is linearly dependent.

20.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  This set contains the zero vector. By Theorem 9 the set is linearly dependent.

21. a. False.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  always has the trivial solution, but the columns of  $A$  aren't always linearly independent.

b. False. Theorem 7 says that some vector in the set will be a linear combination of the others, i.e.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  This set is linearly dependent, but  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  cannot be written as a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c. True. Theorem 8. A  $4 \times 5$  matrix consists of 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

d. True. Theorem 7. Since  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  is linearly independent,  $\vec{v}_3$  is a linear combination



of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ . Thus  $\vec{v}_3$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

26. A is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \vec{a}_3]$ .

The set  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$  is linearly independent by Theorem 7. (Since  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$  is linearly independent,  $\vec{a}_1 \neq \vec{0}$ , and  $\vec{a}_2$  is not a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1$ . Further  $\vec{a}_3$  is not a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$  since  $\vec{a}_3$  is not in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$ .) Since  $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\}$  is a linearly independent set every column of A is a pivot column.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the only possible echelon form of A.

33. True. Since  $\vec{v}_3 = 2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$ , we have

$$2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}.$$

This may be written as

$$2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 + 0 \cdot \vec{v}_4 = \vec{0}.$$

Thus there is a dependency relation between  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ , and  $\vec{v}_4$ . In other words there is a nontrivial solution to

$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3 + x_4 \vec{v}_4 = \vec{0}.$$

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

36. False. Let  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{v}_3$  is not a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_4$ , but the set  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$  is linearly dependent.

$$-\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 + 0 \cdot \vec{v}_3 + \vec{v}_4 = \vec{0}$$