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**LARSON—MATH 310—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 13**  
**Vector Subspace, Homogeneous Linear System**

**Review:** Chapter 3 of Klein's *Coding the Matrix* text

1. What are the 3 properties of a *vector space*  $\mathcal{V}$ ?
2. Why is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a vector space?
3. If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a vector space, and  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ , when is  $\mathcal{W}$  a *subspace* of  $\mathcal{V}$ ?
4. What are examples of subspaces?
5. Book problem:

**Exercise 3.2.15:** For each of the subproblems, you are to investigate whether the given vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . If possible, write each of the standard generators for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as a linear combination of the given vectors. If doing this is impossible for one of the subproblems, you should first add one additional vector and then do it.

1.  $[1, 2], [3, 4]$
2.  $[1, 1], [2, 2], [3, 3]$
3.  $[1, 1], [1, -1], [0, 1]$

**New**

1. For a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and finite set  $D$  why is the collection of functions  $\mathbb{F}^D$  a vector space?
2. If  $\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2, \dots, \hat{v}_n$  are vectors in a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ , why is  $\text{Span}(\{\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2, \dots, \hat{v}_n\})$  a vector space?

3. What is a *homogeneous linear system*?

4. Why are the solutions of a homogeneous linear system a vector space?

5. Book problem:

### Vector spaces

**Problem 3.8.7:** Prove or give a counterexample: " $\{[x, y, z] : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x + y + z = 1\}$  is a vector space."

**Problem 3.8.8:** Prove or give a counterexample: " $\{[x, y, z] : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x + y + z = 0\}$  is a vector space."

**Problem 3.8.9:** Prove or give a counterexample: " $\{[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5] : x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}, x_2 = 0 \text{ or } x_5 = 0\}$  is a vector space."