



# Practice Questions on Intuition of $Ax=b$



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True/False

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to fill  $\mathbb{R}^4 \Rightarrow$  4 linearly indep.  
vectors

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**Answer:**  $A\underline{x} = x_1 \underline{A}_1 + \cdots + x_n \underline{A}_n$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\underline{x} = x_1 \underline{A}_1 + x_2 \underline{A}_2 + \cdots + x_n \underline{A}_n$$

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Write down a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & | \\ 0 & 1 & | \\ 1 & 1 & | \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{easy}}{=} \quad \quad \quad$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Question:

Write down a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ y + z \\ x + y + z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .



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$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ y+z \\ x+y+z \end{pmatrix}. \quad \begin{matrix} \curvearrowright \\ \text{decomposition} \end{matrix} \quad \equiv$$

$$= x \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{x=1, y=0, z=0}_{\text{---}}$        $\underbrace{y=1}_{x=0, z=0}$        $\underbrace{z=1}_{x=0, y=0}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↙ ↘

H.o.w.



Set notation



$$\begin{pmatrix} z \\ y+z \\ x+y+z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x, y, z$  are  
real numbers

Q:

in the above set,  
how many vectors are  
LI?



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This question is “identical” to the previous one so the answer is the same, namely

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Comments:** Understand why this question is the same as the previous one.



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Let  $\underline{A}_1, \underline{A}_2, \underline{A}_3, \underline{A}_4$  be the columns of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  and suppose that  $2\underline{A}_1 + 2\underline{A}_4 = \underline{A}_3 - 3\underline{A}_2$ . Write down a solution to the equation  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  of the form

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \curvearrowright \text{Answer}$$

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$$A x = 0$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

if  $x$  is the solution of  $Ax = 0$

$kx$  is also Solution of

$$Ax = 0$$

$$A(\underline{kx}) = 0$$



**Answer:**  $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

**Comments:** You are told that  $2\underline{A}_1 + 3\underline{A}_2 - \underline{A}_3 + 2\underline{A}_4 = \underline{0}$ . Since  $A\underline{x} = x_1\underline{A}_1 + \cdots + x_n\underline{A}_n$  the equation  $2\underline{A}_1 + 3\underline{A}_2 - \underline{A}_3 + 2\underline{A}_4 = \underline{0}$  is telling you that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{0}.$$

But you are asked for a solution to  $A\underline{x}$  in which  $x_1 = 6$ . If  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ , then  $Ac\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence

$$3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a solution to  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ .



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Let  $A$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then which of the following is/are Non-Trivial solutions to  $Ax = 0$ ?

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E.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} s \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Not answer because  
it is trivial



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$$x_2 = 0$$



$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Non sense

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array} \right] = \underline{b}$$



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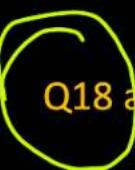
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True

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \end{matrix} \right] \left[ \begin{matrix} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \end{matrix} \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \end{matrix} \right]$$

$\underline{b}$





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## Solutions of $Ax = b$

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$$Ax = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Solutions of $Ax = b$

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it will  
help to  
solve many  
many  
questions

There is always a solution  
(Unique or infinite)

(Columns are LI)

Yes

Unique Soln

Infinite Soln

No



There is never a solution  
(No Solution)

$$\begin{bmatrix} [a_1] \\ [a_2] \\ [a_3] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}$$

A

$$c_1 \underline{a_1} + c_2 \underline{a_2} + c_3 \underline{a_3} = \boxed{b}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} ] \\ ] \\ ] \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} ] \\ ] \\ ] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ] \\ ] \end{bmatrix}$$

L.I  $\Rightarrow$  only one combination

$$5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 9 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

only one combination is possible



T/F

Assume  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution for every vector  $\vec{b}$  then the columns of  $A$  fill  $\mathbf{R}^m$ .

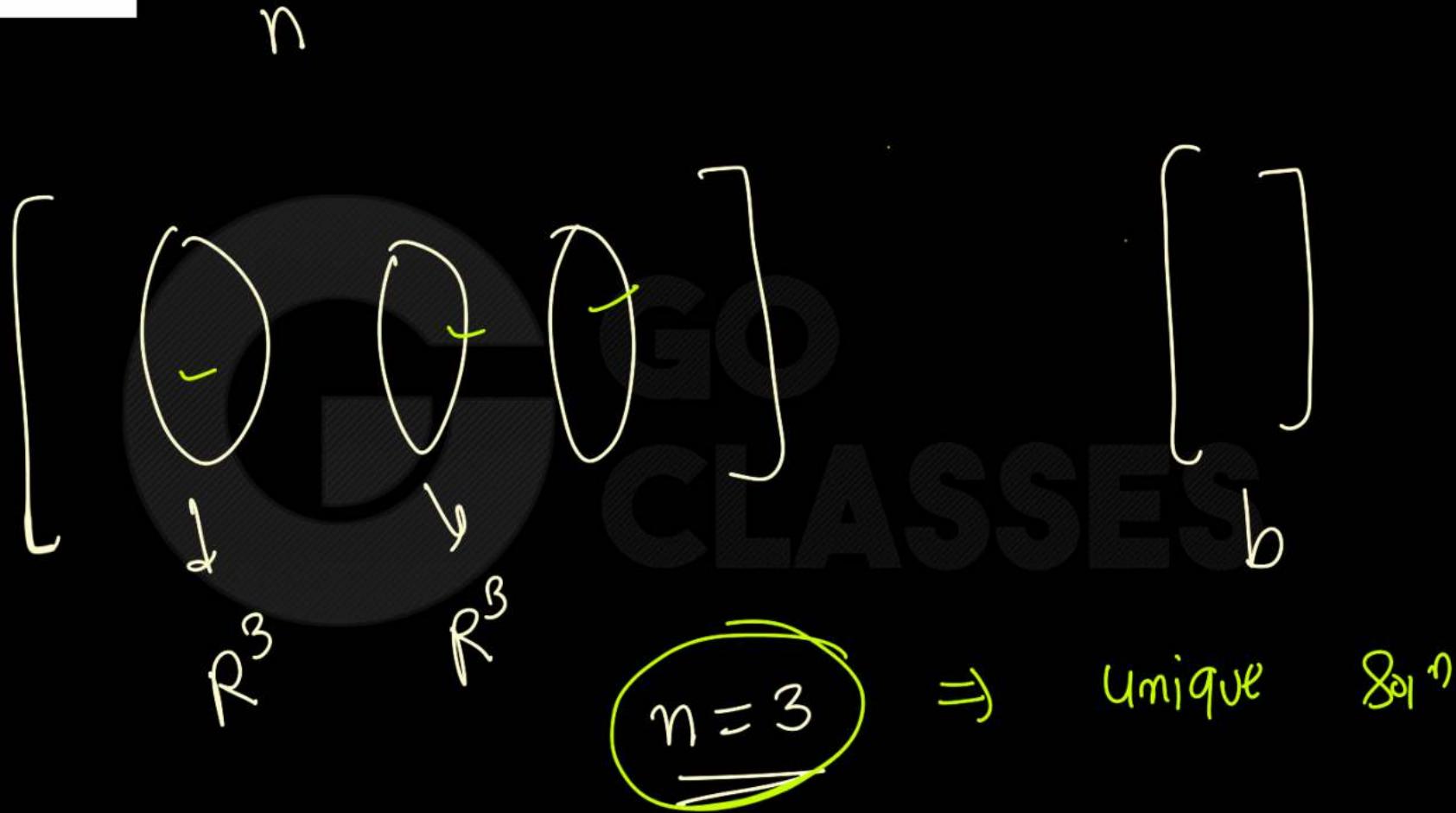




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$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \vdots \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \vdots \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$





$n=3$

$\Rightarrow$  Unique Sol<sup>n</sup>

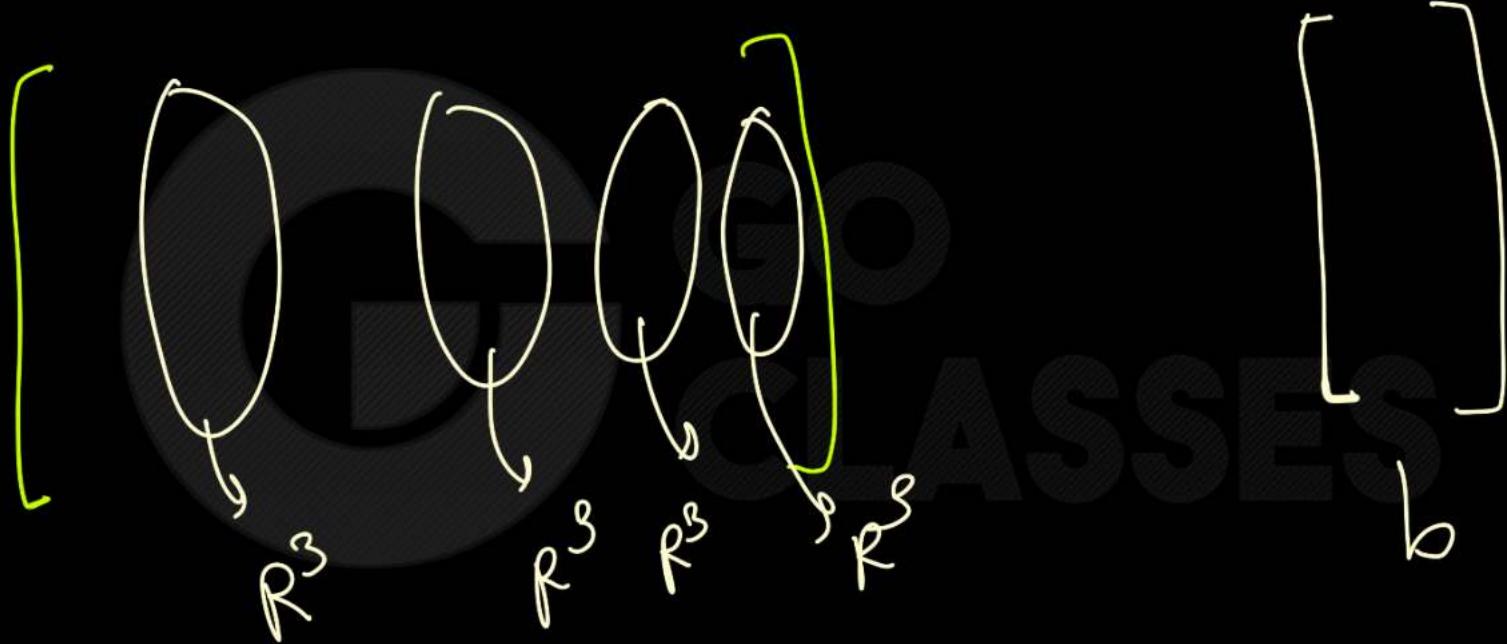
$\Rightarrow$  L<sup>D</sup> vectors  $\Rightarrow \inf_{\underline{\text{Sol}}^n}$



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we have inf sol<sup>n</sup> for every b.

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TRUE



T/F

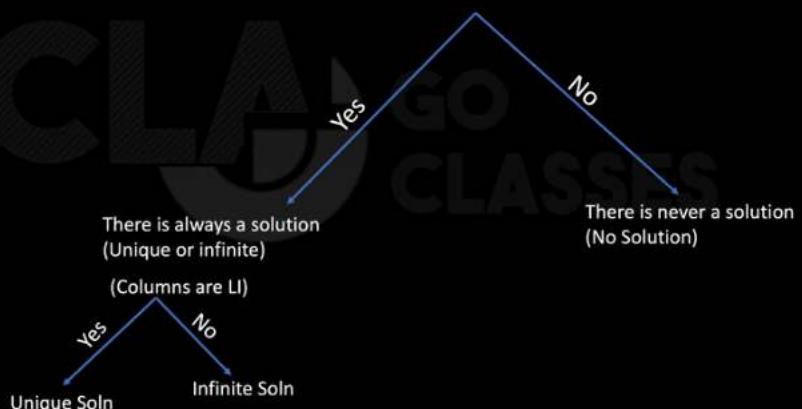
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unique  $\Rightarrow$  LI

inf  $\Rightarrow$  LD

Solutions of  $Ax = b$   
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{LD} \\ \text{wavy} \end{array} \right] \quad [ ] \quad 4 \times 4 \quad [ ] \quad - \quad [ ] \quad b$$

A

if inf sol<sup>n</sup> are there then col<sup>n</sup>'s must be LD and  
if we have LD col<sup>n</sup>'s then unique sol<sup>n</sup>'s are not possible.



T/F

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LP

$\uparrow$   
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \text{ LI } \left[ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right]^{4 \times 4}$$

unique sol's  $\Rightarrow$  LI col's  $\Rightarrow$  4 col's in  $R^4 \Rightarrow$  they fill space  $\Rightarrow$  sol for all  $b$ .



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$$\left[ \quad \right] \xrightarrow{\chi}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{inf soln}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{No soln}}$$

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These vectors  
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R<sup>4</sup>

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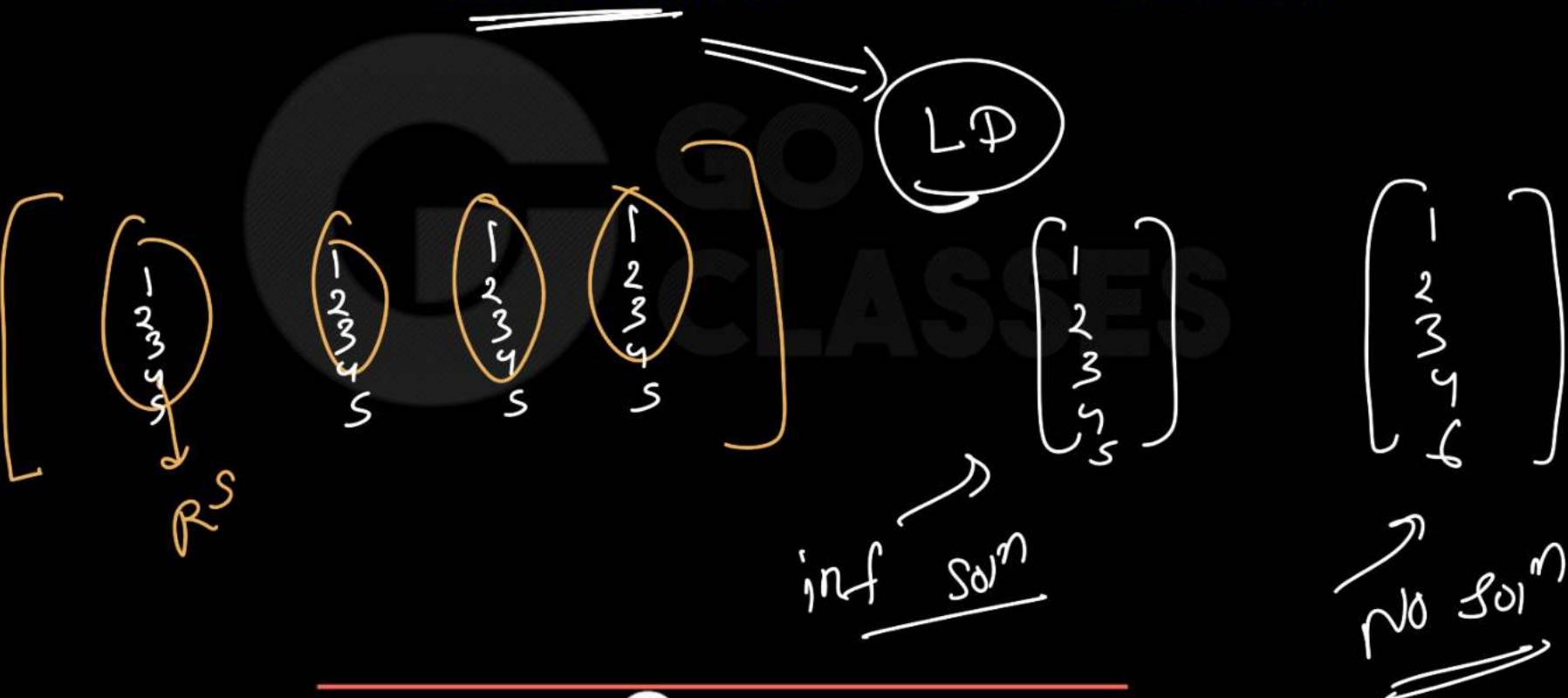
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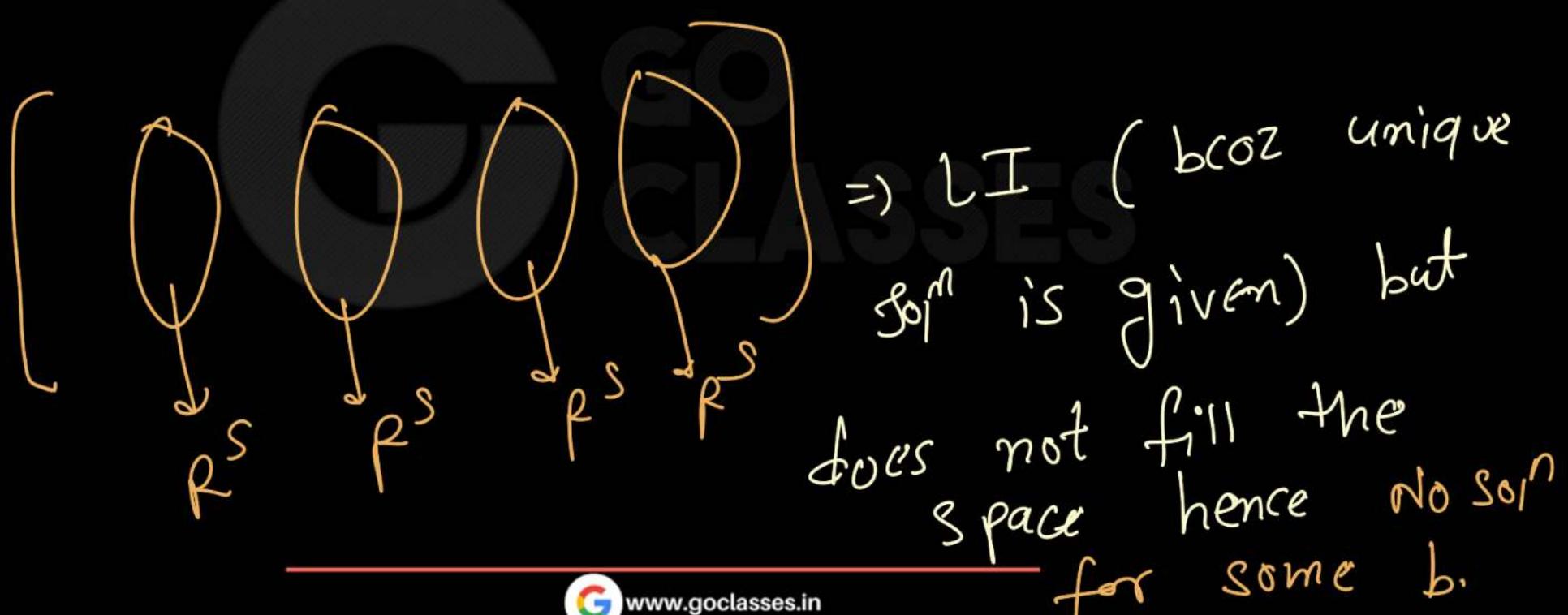
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4 LI vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

unique soln

No soln

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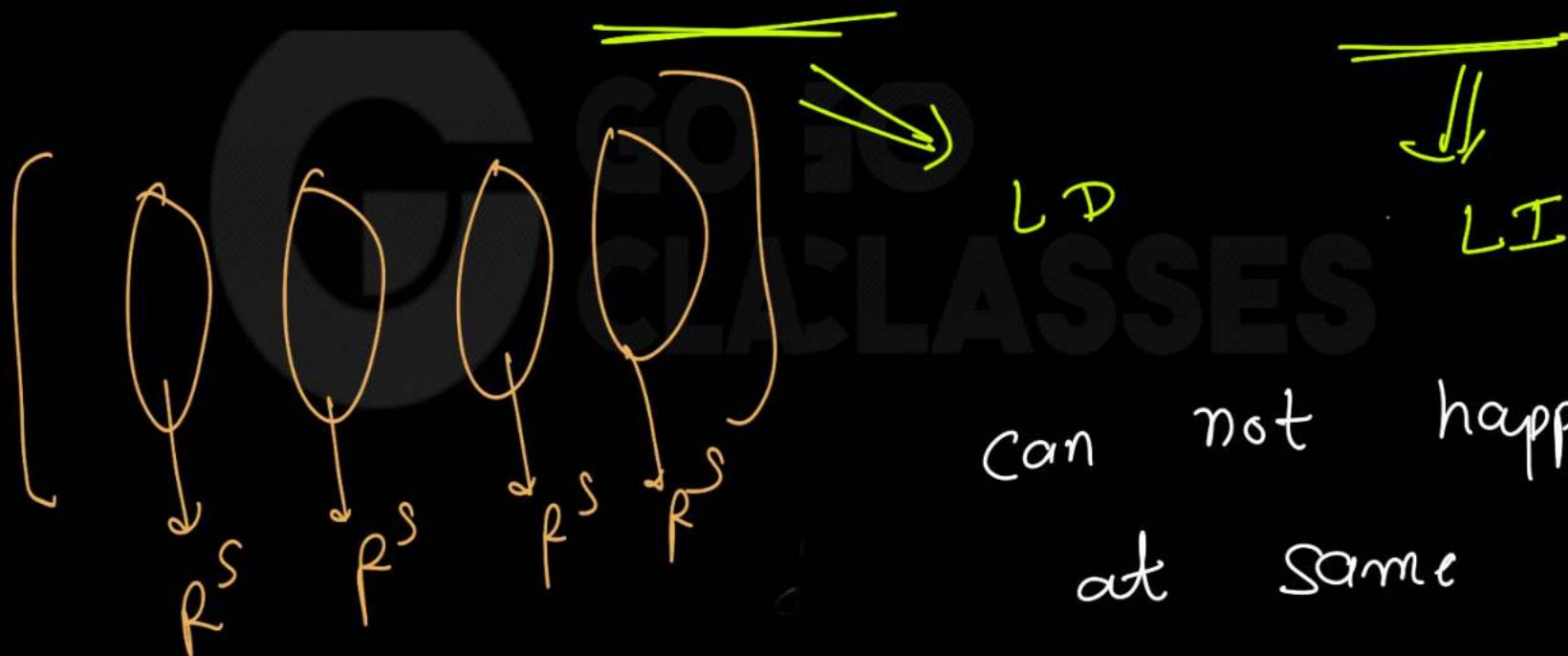


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Similar to IIT JEE 2017 question

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Col<sup>n</sup>'s are  
linearly depend.

$$b = 1 \left[ \quad \right] + 4 \left[ \quad \right] + 9 \left[ \quad \right]$$

$b$  is a linear combination  
of col<sup>n</sup> of A.



## Question: True/False

Given two sets of vectors,  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_r\}$  and  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_s\}$ , if they fill the same space

(formally  $\text{span}\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_r\} = \text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_s\}$ ),

then every vector  $\underline{u}_i$  can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors from  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_s\}$ , and  
every vector  $\underline{v}_i$  can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors from  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_r\}$ .

Q 43 <https://sites.math.washington.edu/~smith/Teaching/308/2012-Summer-Mterm-Answers.pdf>



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True



## Question: True/False

Every subset of a linearly independent set is linearly independent.



Q 38 <https://sites.math.washington.edu/~smith/Teaching/308/2012-Summer-Mterm-Answers.pdf>



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True.



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## Question: True/False

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Q 40 <https://sites.math.washington.edu/~smith/Teaching/308/2012-Summer-Mterm-Answers.pdf>



Every subset of a linearly dependent set is linearly dependent.

False.



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## Question: True/False

Suppose  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $v_3$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Then  $v_1$  must be a linear combination of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ .

TRUE      FALSE

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<https://chrisj.math.gatech.edu/23s/1553/materials/e2-rev-again-solutions.pdf>



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TRUE

FALSE

**False.** Similar to many past examples including an example in the 2.5 slides. Out of pure coincidence, it is nearly identical to #5 in the 2.5-3.1 Supplement. If the set is linearly dependent, we only know that *at least one* of the vectors is a linear combination of the others, not that *every* vector is. For example, the vectors below form a linearly dependent set but  $v_1$  is not a linear combination of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ .

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



## Question: True/False

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and the equation  $Ax = b$  has at least one solution for each  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , then  $A$  must be invertible.

TRUE      FALSE





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TRUE

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## MSQ Question:

Suppose  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is a **linearly independent** set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Which of the following statements are true? Clearly circle all that apply.

- (i) For each  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ , the vector equation

$$x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + x_3 v_3 + x_4 v_4 = b$$

is consistent and has a unique solution.

- (ii) It is possible that the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly dependent.

- (iii)  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\} = \mathbf{R}^4$ .



- b) (3 points) Suppose  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is a **linearly independent** set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Which of the following statements are true? Clearly circle all that apply.

- (i) For each  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ , the vector equation

$$x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 + x_3v_3 + x_4v_4 = b$$

is consistent and has a unique solution.

- (ii) It is possible that the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly dependent.

- (iii)  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\} = \mathbf{R}^4$ .



## Question:

possible      impossible

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- Two nonzero vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  such that  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  is linearly independent and  $\{\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2\}$  is linearly dependent.
  
- A matrix  $A$  of size  $4 \times 3$  with linearly dependent columns.

[https://sbarone7.math.gatech.edu/ma1554s23\\_exam1\\_key.pdf](https://sbarone7.math.gatech.edu/ma1554s23_exam1_key.pdf)



possible      impossible

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## MCQ Question:

(c) (2 points) If  $A$  is an  $m \times 5$  matrix and  $A\vec{x} = 0$  has a unique solution, then which of the following is true. *Select only one.*

- $m \geq 5$
- $m = 5$
- $m \leq 5$
- $m$  can be any natural number

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$$r^m > s$$

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## Question: True/False

### True/False Questions

For each of the following statements, determine if they are true or false. You do not have to show your work or justify your answer. You just have to write “true” or “false.”

- A. (2 points) For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , if  $m > n$  then the columns of  $A$  must be linearly independent.
- B. (2 points) Any set of distinct standard basis vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly independent.
- C. (2 points) For any  $20 \times 24$  matrix  $A$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution.
- D. (2 points) For any vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is linearly dependent, then so is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ .



- A. False
- B. True
- C. True
- D. True



Q.48

Which of the following statements is/are TRUE?

Note:  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers.

(A)

There exist  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $Mx = p$  has a unique solution and  $Mx = q$  has infinite solutions.

(B)

There exist  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $Mx = p$  has no solutions and  $Mx = q$  has infinite solutions.

(C)

There exist  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $q \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $Mx = p$  has a unique solution and  $Mx = q$  has infinite solutions.

(D)

There exist  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $Mx = p$  has a unique solution and  $Mx = q$  has no solutions.

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Which of the following statements is/are TRUE?

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M  $3 \times 3$

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**Q.48**

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$$-\begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & R^3 \end{bmatrix}$$