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Assignment: Section 1.7 Homework

1. Determine if the vectors are linearly independent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \\ -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector equation has only the trivial solution, so the vectors are linearly independent.

2. Determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 \\ -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Select the correct choice below and fill in the answer box within your choice.
(Type an integer or simplified fraction for each matrix element.)

- ☐ A. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. Therefore, the columns of A do not form a linearly independent set.
- ☐ B. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has more than one solution. Therefore, the columns of A do not form a linearly independent set.
- ☐ C. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has more than one solution. Therefore, the columns of A form a linearly independent set.

☒ D.

If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix

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represents the

equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. Therefore, the columns of A form a linearly independent set.

3. Determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Select the correct choice below and fill in the answer box within your choice.
(Type an integer or simplified fraction for each matrix element.)

- ☐ A. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. Therefore, the columns of A do not form a linearly independent set.
- ☐ B. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has more than one solution. Therefore, the columns of A form a linearly independent set.
- ☐ C. If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix _____ represents the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has more than one solution. Therefore, the columns of A do not form a linearly independent set.

☒ D.

If A is the given matrix, then the augmented matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ represents the

equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. The reduced echelon form of this matrix indicates that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution. Therefore, the columns of A form a linearly independent set.

4. Determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 3 & 2 \\ -5 & 25 & -15 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. The columns of the matrix do form a linearly independent set because there are more entries in each vector than there are vectors in the set.
- ☐ B. The columns of the matrix do form a linearly independent set because the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector.
- ☒ C. The columns of the matrix do not form a linearly independent set because the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector.
- ☐ D. The columns of the matrix do not form a linearly independent set because there are more entries in each vector than there are vectors in the set.

5. Use the following vectors to answer parts (a) and (b).

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 12 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) For what values of h is \mathbf{v}_3 in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$?

(b) For what values of h is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent?

(a) For what values of h is \mathbf{v}_3 in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$? Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

☐ A. $h =$ _____ (Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

☐ B. All values of h

☒ C. No values of h

(b) For what values of h is $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent? Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in the answer box to complete your choice.

☐ A. $h =$ _____ (Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

☒ B. All values of h

☐ C. No values of h

6. Find the value(s) of h for which the vectors are linearly dependent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

The value(s) of h which makes the vectors linearly dependent is(are) -4 because this will cause x_3 to be a free variable.

(Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

7. Find the value(s) of h for which the vectors are linearly dependent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 13 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

The value(s) of h which makes the vectors linearly dependent is(are) -232 because this will cause x_3 to be a free variable.

(Use a comma to separate answers as needed.)

8. Determine by inspection whether the vectors are linearly independent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ **A.** The set is linearly dependent because there are four vectors but only two entries in each vector.
- ☐ **B.** The set is linearly independent because at least one of the vectors is a multiple of another vector.
- ☐ **C.** The set is linearly dependent because at least one of the vectors is a multiple of another vector.
- ☐ **D.** The set is linearly independent because there are four vectors in the set but only two entries in each vector.

9. Determine by inspection whether the vectors are linearly independent. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ **A.** The set is linearly independent because neither vector is a multiple of the other vector. Two of the entries in the first vector are -5 times the corresponding entry in the second vector. But this multiple does not work for the third entries.
 - ☐ **B.** The set is linearly dependent because the first vector is a multiple of the other vector. The entries in the first vector are -5 times the corresponding entry in the second vector.
 - ☐ **C.** The set is linearly independent because the first vector is a multiple of the other vector. The entries in the first vector are -5 times the corresponding entry in the second vector.
 - ☐ **D.** The set is linearly dependent because neither vector is a multiple of the other vector. Two of the entries in the first vector are -5 times the corresponding entry in the second vector. But this multiple does not work for the third entries.
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10. In parts (a) to (d) below, mark the statement True or False.

a. Two vectors are linearly dependent if and only if they lie on a line through the origin. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If two vectors are linearly dependent then the graph of one will be orthogonal, or perpendicular, to the other.
- ☐ B. False. Two vectors are linearly dependent if one of the vectors is a multiple of the other. The larger vector will be further from the origin than the smaller vector.
- ☒ C. True. Two vectors are linearly dependent if one of the vectors is a multiple of the other. Two such vectors will lie on the same line through the origin.
- ☐ D. True. Linearly dependent vectors must always intersect at the origin.

b. If a set contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors, then the set is linearly independent. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. If a set contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors, then there are less variables than equations, so there cannot be any free variables in the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
- ☐ B. True. There exists a set that contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors that is linearly independent. One example is a set consisting of two vectors where one of the vectors is not a scalar multiple of the other vector.
- ☐ C. False. A set of vectors is linearly independent if none of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of the others. If there are fewer vectors than entries in the vectors, then at least one of the vectors must be written as a linear combination of the others.
- ☒ D. False. There exists a set that contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors that is linearly dependent. One example is a set consisting of two vectors where one of the vectors is a scalar multiple of the other vector.

c. If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, and if \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$, then $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. Since \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$, \mathbf{z} cannot be written as a linear combination of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . The set $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly independent.
- ☐ B. False. Vector \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ and \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, so \mathbf{z} must also be linearly independent of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . The set $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly independent.
- ☒ C. True. Since \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$, \mathbf{z} is a linear combination of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . Since \mathbf{z} is a linear combination of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , the set $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent.
- ☐ D. True. Vector \mathbf{z} is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ and \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly independent, so \mathbf{z} is a scalar multiple of \mathbf{x} or of \mathbf{y} . Since \mathbf{z} is a multiple of \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y} , the set $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is linearly dependent.

d. If a set in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent, then the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If a set in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent, then the set contains more entries in each vector than vectors.
- ☐ B. True. For a set in \mathbb{R}^n to be linearly dependent, it must contain more than n vectors.
- ☐ C. True. There exists a set in \mathbb{R}^n that is linearly dependent and contains more than n vectors. One example is a set in \mathbb{R}^2 consisting of three vectors where one of the vectors is a scalar multiple of another.
- ☒ D. False. There exists a set in \mathbb{R}^n that is linearly dependent and contains n vectors. One example is a set in \mathbb{R}^2 consisting of two vectors where one of the vectors is a scalar multiple of the other.

11.

Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 & -5 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, observe that the third column is the sum of the first and second columns. Find a nontrivial solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ without performing row operations. [Hint: Write $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ as a vector equation.]

$$\mathbf{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
