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Math 260  
Quiz 9 (25 min)

1. (2 points) Are the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -16 & 16 \\ 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  linearly independent? Why or why not? If not, write the zero vector as a linear combination of these 3 vectors where not all coefficients are 0.

Suppose scalars  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  exist such that

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 16 \\ 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -3 & -16 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 16 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} c_3 = t \\ c_2 + 4c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -4t \\ c_1 - 2c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 2t \end{array}$$

So there are many solutions (bec. any value of  $t$  produces a different solution).

Since  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$  is not forced on us, these vectors are NOT linearly independent.

$$\text{Let } t=1 \Rightarrow c_1=2 \quad c_2=-4 \quad \text{and} \quad c_3=1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 16 \\ 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a linear combination of the given 3 matrices that produces the zero matrix but the coefficients are not all zero.

2. (2 points) Are the vectors  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  linearly independent as vectors in  $F(-\infty, \infty)$ ? Why or why not?

Suppose scalars  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  exist such that

$$c_1 e^x + c_2 x^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plug in } x=0 &\Rightarrow c_1 e^0 + c_2 (0)^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow c_1 (1) + c_2 (0) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plug in } x=1 &\Rightarrow c_1 e^1 + c_2 (1)^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot e + c_2 (1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$c_1 = c_2 = 0$  is forced on us.

So  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  are linearly independent functions (in  $F(-\infty, \infty)$ ).

3. (3 points) Show that the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  form are both linearly independent and span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Hint: Use a theorem)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $|A| = 6 \neq 0 \Rightarrow A$  is invertible.

By a theorem, since  $A$  is invertible, the columns of  $A$  are both linearly independent and span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

4. (3 points) Find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Since  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ , we need 3 vectors.

I'll just add in vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (randomly chosen).

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad |A| = 10 \neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow A \text{ is invertible.}$$

By a theorem, since  $A$  is invertible, the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent and span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

So  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .