

# Homework 7.

Linear (In-)dependence

1. (a)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  : linearly dependent

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \in \text{sp} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = 2.$$

(b)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  : linearly dependent

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{sp} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a = t \\ 4 = at \end{cases} \text{ has solutions} \Leftrightarrow a^2 = 4 \Leftrightarrow a = \pm 2.$$

(c) We use the theorem:

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly dependent

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists (m, n, t) \neq (0, 0, 0) \text{ such that } m v_1 + n v_2 + t v_3 = 0.$$

$$m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + n \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m + n + t = 0 \\ m + n - t = 0 \\ m - n + at = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } m = -3t, n = 2t, -st + at = 0 \Rightarrow at = st$$

$\therefore a = s \Leftrightarrow (m, n, t)$  has non-zero solutions

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is linearly dependent.}$$

2. If  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$ ,

then  $\forall i$ ,

$$(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m) \cdot v_i = a_i (v_i \cdot v_i) = 0$$

$$v_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow v_i \cdot v_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0$$

$\therefore v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent.

Basis, Dimension, and Coordinate Representation.

$$1. \begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 + x_4 - x_5 = 0 \quad (*) \\ 3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 - x_4 - x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Clearly  $0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies  $(*)$ .

For any  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \end{pmatrix}, v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \end{pmatrix} \in U, a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

check  $u+v$  and  $au$  satisfy  $(*)$  yourself.

$\therefore U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

1. (b) Solve (\*), we get

$$(c) \quad x_3 = 6x_1 + 2x_2, \quad x_4 = \frac{-5}{2}x_1 + 3x_2, \quad x_5 = \frac{-13}{2}x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 6x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \frac{-5}{2}x_1 + 3x_2 \\ \frac{-13}{2}x_1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 12 \\ -5 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{x_1}{2} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_2 \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Sp} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 12 \\ -5 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\parallel$   $\parallel$   
 $v_1$   $v_2$

It is easy to check that  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 = 0 \rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = 0$

So  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  forms a basis for  $U$  and  $\dim U = 2$ .

$$2. B = \{v_1, \dots, v_r\} \subseteq W.$$

Since every element of  $W$  can be written (uniquely) as a linear combination of element in  $B$ , we have  $\text{span } B = W$ .

Now we show that  $B$  is linearly independent :

$$\text{If } a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_r v_r = 0,$$

$\therefore 0 = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_r$  is the unique representation,

$$\therefore a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_r = 0.$$

So  $B$  is a basis for  $W$ .

3. (a)  $\text{span}$  :

$$\forall \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3. \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } a = \frac{1}{6}(-3x + 6y - z), \quad b = \frac{1}{6}(3x - z), \quad c = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2y + z).$$

$$\therefore \text{sp } B = \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Linearly independent:

$$\text{If } a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = 0 \\ 2a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ a_1 + a_2 + 3a_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0 \quad \therefore B \text{ is a basis for } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

$$3. (b) \quad e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad a_2 = 1, \quad a_3 = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore [e_1]_B = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = b_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad b_2 = 0, \quad b_3 = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore [e_2]_B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad c_2 = -1, \quad c_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore [e_3]_B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad \left[ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right]_B = [x e_1 + y e_2 + z e_3]_B = x [e_1]_B + y [e_2]_B + z [e_3]_B \\ = x \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(-x+y+z) \\ x-z \\ -\frac{1}{6}(x+y-3z) \end{pmatrix}$$