

# Quiz 2, Linear

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5.5 min

→ 20 min in class

Name: Key

1. (4 points) Is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Show your work or explain your reasoning.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \end{array} \right] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

has a free variable and is consistent, so answer is yes! ~~there is~~ The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the other three. ✓

2. (3 points) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  for all  $h$  and  $k$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & | & h \\ -1 & 1 & | & k \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & \frac{h}{5} \\ 0 & 2 & | & k + \frac{h}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & \frac{h}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{1}{2}(k + \frac{h}{5}) \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

This will always be consistent for any values of  $h, k$  b/c it has two pivots. So for any  $h, k$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span.

3. (3 points) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 3$  matrix. Explain why the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  cannot be consistent for all  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

If you had  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , it would look

$$\text{like } \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

when you row reduce,

you can get at most 3 pivots in  $A$ , so you

could get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & | & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & | & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & k \end{bmatrix}$$

There will be some  $k \neq 0$ , where this is inconsistent.   
 vectors  $\mathbf{b}$    
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