

1. Suggested Problems

Problem 1 (4.3.1, 4.3.3, 4.3.5, 4.3.6). Determine which sets are bases for \mathbb{R}^3 . Of the sets that are not bases, determine which ones are linearly independent and which ones span \mathbb{R}^3 . Justify your answers.

a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

d)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2 (4.3.16). Find a basis for the space spanned by the given vectors, v_1, \dots, v_5 .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3 (4.3.26). (T/F) A basis is a linearly independent set that is as large as possible.

Problem 4 (4.3.30). (T/F) If B is an echelon form of a matrix A , then the pivot columns of B form a basis for $\text{Col } A$.

Problem 5 (4.3.32). (T/F) If A and B are row equivalent, then their row spaces are the same.

2. Additional Problems

Problem 6 (4.4.3). Find the vector x determined by the given coordinate vector $[x]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and the given basis \mathcal{B} .

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad [x]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 7 (4.4.5). Find the coordinate vector $[x]_{\mathcal{B}}$ of x relative to the basis \mathcal{B} where

$$b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 1.

a) The matrix whose column vectors are given in the problem is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix has pivots in every row and every column. Therefore, this set is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b) The matrix whose column vectors are given in the problem is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-5} \\ \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{-4} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-5} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-5} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-5} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix does not have pivots every row, so the set is not a basis.

c) The set contains four vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . This means that the set is linearly dependent, and this means that the set is not a basis.

d) The matrix whose column vectors are given in the problem is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-4} \\ \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-5} \\ \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{6} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-4} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-6} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-4} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since every row does not have a pivot, the set is not a basis.

Problem 2. We reduce the following matrix to echelon form to find the pivot columns.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-1} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-4} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{-7} & \mathbf{-9} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-4} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-8} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

The pivot columns are column 1, 2, and 3. Therefore, $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ form a basis for the space.

Problem 3. This is **True**. Read page 228 of the textbook.

Problem 4. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then B is an echelon form of A and $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$ is the pivot column of B . However,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin \text{Col } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a} \end{bmatrix} \mid \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So this is **False**.

Problem 5. This is **True**. See Theorem 7 of Chapter 4.

Problem 6.

$$[x]_{\mathcal{B}} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{-4} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{5} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{-2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{-7} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{-1} \\ \mathbf{-5} \\ \mathbf{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 7. We need to solve a linear system whose augmented matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore $x_2 = -5$ and $x_1 = 8$. We thus have

$$[x]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$