

Math 20580 L.A. and D.E. Tutorial
Quiz 3

CALCULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

1. True or False: Given three **linearly independent** vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, and \mathbf{v}_3 , then any vector in $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$ is in the $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$.

Solution: 2 points. This is false. Since we assumed the vectors are linearly independent then \mathbf{v}_3 cannot be in $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$.

2. Consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.
- (b) Is the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{Col}(A)$?
- (c) Is the vector $[1 \ 3 \ 4]$ in $\text{Row}(A)$?
- (d) Is the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{Null}(A)$?

Solution: 8 points total, 2 points for each part. Putting A in row echelon form gives:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$ come from the first 2 columns for A , i.e the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

For (b) we wish to figure out if there are a, b in \mathbb{R} such that

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives rise to a system of linear equations, and the corresponding augmented matrix can be put in REF as follows:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{array} \right].$$

Thus we see this has a unique solution and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the column space.

Similarly for (c) we wish to know if

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

. This gives us a system of equations

$$\begin{cases} a + 2b = 1 \\ -a + 3b = 3 \\ b = 4 \end{cases}$$

whose corresponding augmented matrix can be put in REF as follows:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

So the system is inconsistent and the vector is not in the row space.

For (d) we have

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 1 + 0 \\ 2 + 3 - 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus the vector is in the null space.