

## Problem Set 17: Due Friday, April 19

**Problem 1:** Determine whether

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

is a linearly independent sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Problem 2:** By setting up a system and using Gaussian Eliminations, find one specific example of nontrivial linear combination of

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

giving  $\vec{0}$ .

**Problem 3:** Consider the following three functions in the vector space  $\mathcal{P}_2$ :

- $f_1(x) = 9x^2 - x + 3$ .
- $f_2(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 5$ .
- $f_3(x) = -5x^2 + x + 1$ .

Is  $(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  linearly independent? Explain.

**Problem 4:** Consider the following three functions in the vector space  $\mathcal{F}$ :

- $f_1(x) = 2^x$ .
- $f_2(x) = x^2$ .
- $f_3(x) = x - 2$ .

Is  $(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  linearly independent? Explain.

**Problem 5:** Find a sequence  $(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3, \vec{u}_4)$  of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that whenever we omit a vector, the resulting 3 are linearly independent. You should justify why your sequence has this property.

**Problem 6:** In Problem 4 on Problem Set 14, you showed that

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0 \right\}$$

was a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that

$$W = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

by giving a double containment proof.

*Aside:* Using this result, we can instead apply Proposition 4.1.16 to conclude that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .