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Maple Problem 1

Let $v_0 = (2, -1, 1)$ and let $L = \text{Span of } (2, -1, 1) = \{t(2, -1, 1) \text{ where } t \text{ is real}\}$. Notice L is a line through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 and we can graph it in Maple as follows:

```
> a := spacecurve( {[2 * t, -1 * t, 1 * t, t = 0 .. 1]}, color = red) :  
> display(a);
```



Part 1: Find a vector w_0 so that $\{v_0, w_0\}$ is a basis for some plane P_0 through the origin containing L .

We wish to choose something that is off the original line, ie anything that is not a multiple of $(2, -1, 1)$. So let's choose $(1, 0, 0)$

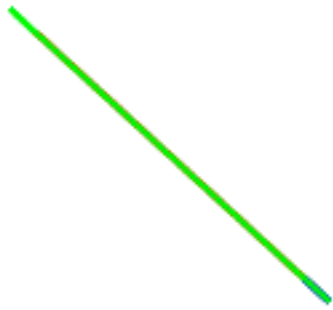
Part 2: Find a vector w_1 not equal to w_0 so that $\{v_0, w_1\}$ is also a basis for the same plane P_0

We could choose a multiple of $(1, 0, 0)$, like $(2, 0, 0)$, or any linear combination of $(2, -1, 1)$ and $(1, 0, 0)$ that does not lie on the $(2, -1, 1)$ line. Let's choose the sum of the two vectors, ie $(3, -1, 1)$, which is the diagonal of the parallelogram formed by them.

Part 3: In Maple, use commands similar to the spacecurve and display commands above to show that all three vectors lie in the same plane [use different colors like black, blue, green..., and one display command like `display(a,b,c);`]

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> b := spacecurve( {[1 * t, 0 * t, 0 * t, t = 0 .. 1]}, color = blue) :  
> c := spacecurve( {[3 * t, -1 * t, 1 * t, t = 0 .. 1]}, color = green) :  
> display(a, b, c);
```





Notice that I have turned the plane to view it head-on to see that they all lie there.

Part 4: Describe all the vectors w for which $\{v_0, w\}$ is a basis for the same plane P_0 [Hint - think about what linear combinations you can use].

We can choose any linear combination of $(2,-1,1)$ and $(1,0,0)$ that does not lie on the $(2,-1,1)$ line, ie $t(2,-1,1) + s(1,0,0)$, where s and t are any real numbers except that s cannot equal 0.

Part 5: Find a vector u_0 so that $\{v_0, u_0\}$ is a basis for a different plane P_1 through the origin.

Here we must choose something outside the plane, ie something that is not a linear combination of $(2,-1,1)$ and $(1,0,0)$. I'll take $(10,5,1)$.

Part 6: Add u_0 to your graph from Part 3 to show it lies outside the plane.

I will graph the plane, and turn it head on to show that $(10,5,1)$ sticks out.

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> d := spacecurve( {[10*t, 5*t, 1*t, t=0..1]}, color = black) :
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> display(a, b, c, d);
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Maple Problem 2

Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by the vectors $u_1 := (1, 2, 3, 4)$, $u_2 := (4, 2, 1, 5)$, and $u_3 := (3, 5, 1, 7)$. Determine if the vectors $v := (8, 9, 5, 16)$ and $w := (7, 2, 1, 3)$ are in W by setting up the augmented matrices and solving.

We put the vectors as columns and augment with v and then w .

```
> A := Matrix([ [1, 4, 3, 8], [2, 2, 5, 9], [3, 1, 1, 5], [4, 5, 7, 16] ]);
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

> *ReducedRowEchelonForm*(A);

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

Notice that v can be written as a linear combination of the 3 vectors - just add them together (ie $c_1=1$, $c_2=1$, and $c_3=1$). We can tell that u_1, u_2, u_3, v is not linearly independent from here already.

> $B := \text{Matrix}([[1, 4, 3, 7], [2, 2, 5, 2], [3, 1, 1, 1], [4, 5, 7, 3]])$;

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.3)$$

> *ReducedRowEchelonForm*(B);

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.4)$$

Here we get an inconsistent system so w is not a linear combination of the 3 vectors. We cannot tell whether u_1, u_2, u_3, w is linearly independent, since u_1 could still be a combination of u_2, u_3 , and w .

Next, determine whether $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, v\}$ and $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, w\}$ are linearly independent sets by setting up the homogeneous equations and solving.

> $AH := \text{Matrix}([[1, 4, 3, 8, 0], [2, 2, 5, 9, 0], [3, 1, 1, 5, 0], [4, 5, 7, 16, 0]])$;

$$AH := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 8 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 9 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.5)$$

> *ReducedRowEchelonForm*(AH);

(2.6)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

> `BH := Matrix([[1, 4, 3, 7, 0], [2, 2, 5, 2, 0], [3, 1, 1, 1, 0], [4, 5, 7, 3, 0]]);`

$$BH := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.7)$$

> `ReducedRowEchelonForm(BH);`

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.8)$$

We see there are infinitely many solutions with v , so the system is not linearly independent, but there is only the trivial solution with w so, in fact, it is linearly independent.

4.4 number 11

Determine whether $S = \{(4, 7, 3), (-1, 2, 6), (2, -3, 5)\}$ spans \mathbb{R}^3 . We want to know whether any vector (u_1, u_2, u_3) in \mathbb{R}^3 can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in S . So, we can set up the system

$M \cdot \text{column vector}(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \text{column vector}(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ to see if we always get a solution, where M is

> `M:=Matrix([[4, -1, 2],[7, 2, -3],[3, 6, 5]]);`

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

> `Determinant(M);`

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Since the determinant is 228 which is not 0, then we know that the system has a unique solution $\text{column vector}(c_1, c_2, c_3) = (\text{inverse of } M) \cdot \text{column vector}(u_1, u_2, u_3)$

Thus every column vector (u_1, u_2, u_3) can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in S , and so the set S spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

Augmented Matrix Method: Note that setting up the augmented matrix for the system is problematic because the constants are unknown. We can use Gaussian though, as usual for k , or a, b, c problems:

> `M:=Matrix([[4, -1, 2, u1],[7, 2, -3, u2],[3, 6, 5, u3]]);`

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & u1 \\ 7 & 2 & -3 & u2 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 & u3 \end{bmatrix}$$

> **GaussianElimination(M);**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & u1 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{4} & -\frac{13}{2} & u2 - \frac{7}{4}u1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{76}{5} & u3 + \frac{12}{5}u1 - \frac{9}{5}u2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can explain that $z = (u3 + 12/5*u1 - 9/5*u2)/(76/5)$, and that backsub will work to give a unique solution ($c1, c2, c3$ coefficients) for each ($u1, u2, u3$).

Visualization We cannot graph the complete rows of the augmented matrix as equations of planes, as in Chapter 1, because $u1, u2,$ and $u3$ are unknown. But we can visualize the column vectors of the coefficient matrix M as vectors in R^3 , as in Chapter 4.

> **a1:=spacecurve({[4*t,7*t,3*t,t=0..1]},color=red, thickness=2):**

a2:=textplot3d([4,7,3, `vector 1`],color=black):

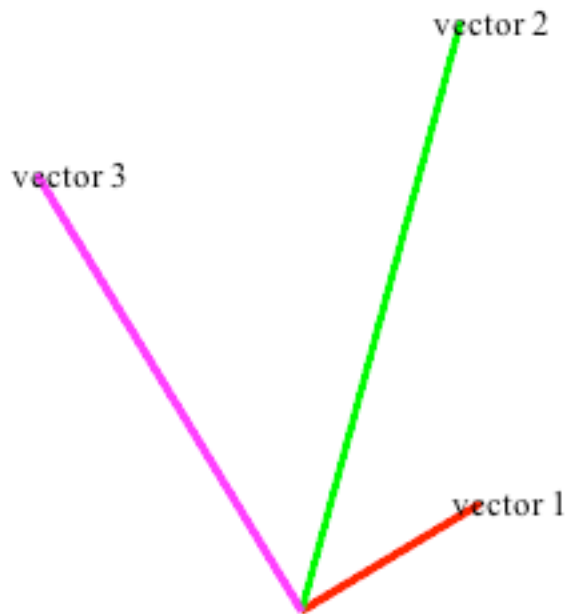
b1:=spacecurve({[-1*t,2*t,6*t,t=0..1]},color=green, thickness=2):

b2:=textplot3d([-1,2,6, `vector 2`],color=black):

c1:=spacecurve({[2*t,-3*t,5*t,t=0..1]},color=magenta, thickness=2):

c2:=textplot3d([2,-3,5, `vector 3`],color=black):

display(a1,a2, b1,b2,c1,c2);



It takes some dynamic turning in Maple in order to convince yourself that the vectors do not all lie in the same plane. Hence they must span all of \mathbb{R}^3 .

4.4 number 26

To determine whether the set $S = \{(1,0,0), (0,4,0), (0,0,-6), (1,5,-3)\}$ is linearly independent or dependent, we want to form the equation $M \cdot \text{column vector}(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) = (0,0,0)$, and see if we have any non-trivial solutions. We can't use the inverse method on this since M is a 3×4 matrix, so we will form the augmented matrix

```
> M:=Matrix([[1,0,0,1,0],[0,4,0,5,0],[0,0,-6,-3,0]]);
```

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(M);
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since we have 4 unknowns (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) and 3 consistent equations, we have an infinite number of solutions.

Hence the set is linearly dependent. For example, we could take $c_4 = -1$, $c_3 = 1/2$, $c_2 = 5/4$ and $c_1 = 1$. Then $(1, 5, -3) = (1, 0, 0) + 5/4(0, 4, 0) + 1/2(0, 0, -6)$.

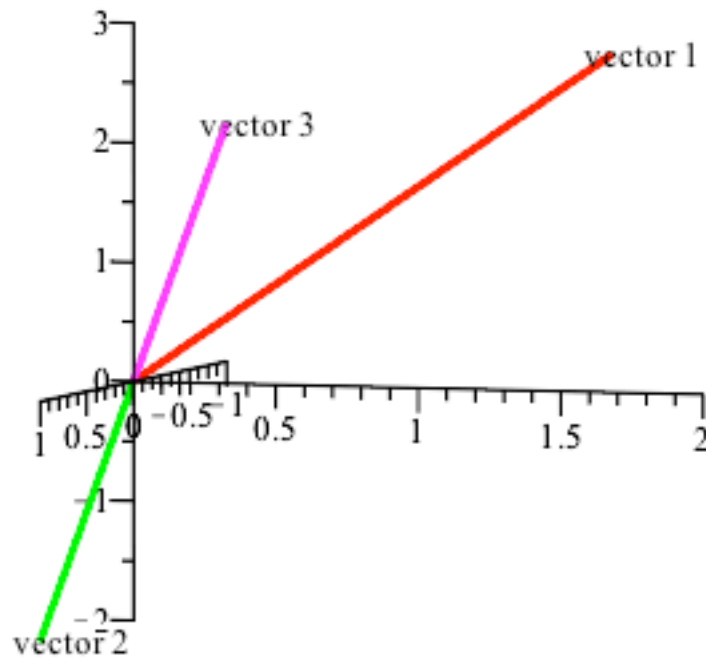
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The set $\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 0, -2), (-1, 0, 2)\}$ is linearly dependent but $(1, 2, 3)$ cannot be written as a linear combination of $(1, 0, -2)$ and $(-1, 0, 2)$. Why does this statement not contradict Theorem 4.8?

Theorem 4.8 requires that only one of the vectors be a linear combination of the others. In this case, $(-1, 0, 2) = 0 \cdot (1, 2, 3) - 1 \cdot (1, 0, -2)$ and so one of the vectors is a linear combination of the others.

Below I've graphed the vectors in 3-space. It is clear that $(1, 0, -2)$ and $(-1, 0, 2)$ lie on the same line through the origin because they are multiples of each other. Hence using them both is not an efficient way of representing a space. The set of three vectors spans a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 , but it is more efficient to just take 2 of them that are linearly independent to span that plane: $\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 0, -2)\}$.

```
> a1:=spacecurve({[t,2*t,3*t,t=0..1]},color=red, thickness=2):
a2:=textplot3d([1,2,3, `vector 1`],color=black):
b1:=spacecurve({[1*t,0,-2*t,t=0..1]},color=green, thickness=2):
b2:=textplot3d([1,0,-2, `vector 2`],color=black):
c1:=spacecurve({[-1*t,0,2*t,t=0..1]},color=magenta, thickness=2):
c2:=textplot3d([-1,0,2, `vector 3`],color=black):
display(a1,a2, b1,b2,c1,c2);
```



4.5 number 22

We know that \mathbb{R}^2 has dimension 2, and so any set of 2 linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 . Notice that the two vectors are linearly independent since one is not a scalar multiple of the other. Hence this is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

4.6 number 22

First we need to solve the system $Ax=0$. We will look at the augmented matrix for the system and use Gauss-Jordan:

```
> M:=Matrix([[4,-1,2,0],[2,3,-1,0],[3,1,1,0]]);
```

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(M);
```


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

Notice that this system has only one solution $x=y=z=0$. Thus, the solution space is $\{(0,0,0)\}$ whose dimension is 0.

4.6 number 31

First we need to solve the system $Ax=b$. We will look at the augmented matrix for this system and use Gauss-Jordan:

```
> M:=Matrix([[1,2,1,1,5,0],[-5,-10,3,3,55,-8],[1,2,2,-3,-5,14],[-1,-2,1,1,15,-2]]);
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$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ -5 & -10 & 3 & 3 & 55 & -8 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -3 & -5 & 14 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 15 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(M);
```

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

This gives us infinitely many solutions $x_5=t$, $x_4=-3+4t$, $x_3=2-6t$, $x_2=s$, $x_1=1+5t-2s$.

Part B: Now we rewrite the infinitely many solutions $x = (1,0,2,-3,0) + s(-2, 1, 0,0,0) + t(5, 0,-6,4,1)$. The homogeneous solution is $s(-2, 1, 0,0,0) + t(5, 0,-6,4,1)$ and these two vectors form a basis for the two dimensional homogeneous solution space. The particular solution is $(1,0,2,-3,0)$.

4.6 number 29

Part A: The system $Ax=b$ is inconsistent since the augmented matrix

```
> M:=Matrix([[3,-2,16,-2,-7],[-1,5,-14,18,29],[3,-1,14,2,1]]);
```

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 16 & -2 & -7 \\ -1 & 5 & -14 & 18 & 29 \\ 3 & -1 & 14 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

reduces to

```
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(M);
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

└ which gives us no solutions since the last row gives us $0w+0x+0y+0z=1$, which is not possible.