

§ 3.4

3 (a) Proof: $\det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 - 4 \cdot 1 = 2 \neq 0$$

Thus, \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 form a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 #

(b) Sol. \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 is a basis of \mathbb{R}^2

$\Rightarrow \{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2\}$ is a spanning set of \mathbb{R}^2

$3 > 2$
 \Rightarrow ~~not~~ \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 & \vec{x}_3 are LD. #

(c) Sol: $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

$\Rightarrow \dim \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\} \leq \dim \mathbb{R}^2 = 2$

\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\}$

$\Rightarrow \dim \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\} \geq 2$

Thus, $\dim \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\} = 2$

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4 Sol. Note that $\vec{x}_2 = -\vec{x}_1 \dots \textcircled{1}$

$$\vec{x}_3 = -2\vec{x}_1 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\} &= \{ \alpha\vec{x}_1 + \beta\vec{x}_2 + \gamma\vec{x}_3 \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &\stackrel{\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2}}{=} \{ (\alpha - \beta - 2\gamma)\vec{x}_1 \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &= \{ \lambda\vec{x}_1 \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &= \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1\} \end{aligned}$$

As a result, $\dim(\text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\}) = \dim(\text{span}\{\vec{x}_1\}) = 1$

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13. Sol. According to the double angle formula of $\cos x$

$$\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1$$

Thus, $\cos 2x$ is a linear combination of $\cos^2 x$ & 1.

Moreover, $W[\cos^2 x, 1](x) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos^2 x & 1 \\ -\sin 2x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \sin 2x$$

Note that $W[\cos^2 x, 1](\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1 \neq 0$

We conclude that $\cos^2 x$ & 1 are linearly independent

As a result, $\dim \text{Span}\{1, \cos^2 x, \cos 2x\} = 2$.

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