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Diff. Equations and Lin. Alg.
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1. Let $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Show directly from the definition of linearly independent and span (not just computing a determinant) that

(a) (1pts) S is a linearly independent set

Solve $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (*)

Equivalently, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, Row reduction: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{R2}-\text{R1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (row echelon form)

Backsolve: 2nd eqn is $0c_1 - 1c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$

1st eqn is $1c_1 + 2c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 1c_1 + 2 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$

Since the only solution to (*) is $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0$, then S is a linearly independent set. //

(b) (1pts) the span of S is all of \mathbb{R}^2 . Solve $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, where x, y are arbitrary real #'s.

Equivalently: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ Row reduction: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & x \\ 1 & 1 & y \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{R2}-\text{R1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & x \\ 0 & -1 & y-x \end{bmatrix}$ (row echelon form)

Backsolve: $0c_1 - 1c_2 = y - x \Rightarrow c_2 = x - y$

$1c_1 + 2c_2 = x \Rightarrow c_1 + 2(x - y) = x \Rightarrow c_1 = x - 2x + 2y = 2y - x$

Since we can solve for c_1 and c_2 for any x and y , $\text{span}(S) = \mathbb{R}^2$. //

2. (2 pts) Find a basis for the set of solutions to the following system. (Hint: first write down

the solution to this system and put in vector form.) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Augmented matrix: $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ Already in row echelon form, so read off answer.

Free variables: $x_3 = t, x_4 = s, x_5 = r$

Backsolve for leading variables: $0x_1 + 1x_2 + 4x_3 + 0x_4 + 1x_5 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x_2 = -4x_3 - x_5 = -4t - r$

$1x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 0x_4 + 5x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -2x_2 - 3x_3 - 5x_5 = -2(-4t - r) - 3t - 5r = 5t - 3r$

\Rightarrow Soln is $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (5t - 3r, -4t - r, t, s, r) = t(5, -4, 1, 0, 0) + s(0, 0, 0, 1, 0) + r(-3, -1, 0, 0, 1)$

So basis $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

3. (1 pt) Let $W = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : a + b + d = 1\}$. Define a matrix A , and a vector \vec{b} such that $W = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : A\vec{x} = \vec{b}\}$.

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$