

## 8. Linear Independence

1. When is a system of one, two or three vectors independent?
2. Check if the following vectors are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - a)  $(2, 3, -5)^T, (1, -1, 1)^T, (3, 2, -2)^T$ ,
  - b)  $(2, 0, 3)^T, (1, -1, 1)^T, (0, 2, 1)^T$ .
3. Let  $u, v, w$  be three linearly independent vectors in a space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Are the following sets linearly independent?
  - a)  $\{u, v, 0\}$ ,
  - b)  $\{w, u, v\}$ ,
  - c)  $\{u, u + v, u + w\}$ ,
  - d)  $\{u - v, u - w, v - w\}$ .
4. Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $X \subset Y \subset V$  be two sets of vectors. Decide whether the following are true theorems
  - a) If  $X$  is independent, then  $Y$  is independent,
  - b) If  $X$  is dependent, then  $Y$  is dependent,
  - c) If  $Y$  is independent, then  $X$  is independent,
  - d) If  $Y$  is dependent, then  $X$  is dependent.
5. Decide whether the vectors  $(0, 1, 1, 1)^T, (1, 0, 1, 1)^T, (1, 1, 0, 1)^T, (1, 1, 1, 0)^T$  are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and in  $\mathbb{Z}_3^4$ .
6. Let  $U, V$  be subspaces of  $W$ . Show that  $U \cap V = \{0\}$  if and only if each vector  $x \in U + V$  can be uniquely represented as  $x = u + v$ , where  $u \in U, v \in V$ .
7. Decide whether the following sets are independent in the space of all functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (over  $\mathbb{R}$ ):
  - a)  $\{2x - 1, x - 2, 3x\}$ ,
  - b)  $\{x^2 + 2x + 3, x + 1, x - 1\}$ ,
  - c)  $\{\sin x, \cos x\}$ .
8. Find 4 dependent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  so that
  - a) exactly one vector is a linear combination of the remaining three,
  - b) each vector is a linear combination of the remaining three,
  - c) exactly two vectors are a linear combination of the remaining three,
  - d) exactly three vectors are a linear combination of the remaining three.