

SECTION TWO.I.2: LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

1. Below are several *subsets* of $V = \mathbb{R}^3$. Which ones span \mathbb{R}^3 ? Are some more efficient than others?

(a) $A = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}$

(b) $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$

(c) $C = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$

(d) $D = \{(0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$

2. **Definition:** Let S be a subset of the vectors in the vector space V . We say S is **linearly independent** if

3. Determine if the set $T = \{\vec{u} = (1, 2, 0), \vec{v} = (1, 1, 1), \vec{w} = (1, 3, -1)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 are linearly independent.

4. Determine if the set $S = \{\vec{s}_1 = (1, 2, 1, 1), \vec{s}_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), \vec{s}_3 = (3, 4, 0, -1), \vec{s}_4 = (0, 8, -1, 4)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 are linearly independent.

Lemma 1.5 $S = \{\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3, \dots, \vec{s}_n\}$ is a subset of the vector space V .

S is linearly independent

5. V is a vector space and $S \subseteq V, \vec{v} \in V$. What can you conclude if $[S \cup \{\vec{v}\}] = [S]$? Can you reverse this implication?
6. V is a vector space and $S \subseteq V, \vec{s} \in S$. What can you conclude if $[S - \{\vec{s}\}] = [S]$? Can you reverse this implication?
7. Let S be a subset of the vector space V . If, for every $\vec{v} \in S, [S - \vec{v}] \neq [S]$ (that is, the subspace $[S - \vec{v}]$ is smaller than the space $[S]$), what can you conclude about S ? Does the reverse implication still hold?