

2.6.1 Exercise: Linear dependence and linear independence from the point of view of homogeneous systems of linear equations.

1. For each part below, consider the column/row vectors denoted by $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \dots$ here.

- Determine whether $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \dots$ are linearly dependent, and
- when it is, write down a non-trivial linear relation relating $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \dots$.

(a) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(d) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(e) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(f) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 2 \ -3], \mathbf{u}_2 = [1 \ -3 \ 2], \mathbf{u}_3 = [2 \ -1 \ 5]$.

(g) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(h) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 1], \mathbf{u}_2 = [3 \ -1 \ 2 \ 2], \mathbf{u}_3 = [1 \ -5 \ -4 \ 0]$.

(i) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 4 \ 2 \ 2 \ 6], \mathbf{u}_2 = [1 \ 5 \ 3 \ 3 \ 8], \mathbf{u}_3 = [2 \ 6 \ 6 \ 5 \ 11]$.

(j) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(k) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(l) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(m) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(n) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -14 \\ -16 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ -12 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$.

2. (a) Let α be a number, and $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha - 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

For which value(s) of α are $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3(\alpha)$ linearly dependent? Justify your answer.

For each such value of α , write down a non-trivial linear relation amongst $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3(\alpha)$.

(b) Let α be a number, and $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \alpha \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2\alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}$.

For which value(s) of α are $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2(\alpha), \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha)$ linearly dependent? Justify your answer.

For each such value of α , write down a non-trivial linear relation amongst $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2(\alpha), \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha)$.

(c) Let α, β be numbers, and $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 0 \ -2 \ 1 \ -1]$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = [2 \ 1 \ -2 \ -9 \ 0]$, $\mathbf{u}_3 = [5 \ 8 \ -6 \ 5 \ -1]$, $\mathbf{u}_4(\alpha, \beta) = [3 \ 5 \ \alpha \ -2\beta^2 \ 1]$.

For which value(s) of α, β are $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha, \beta)$ are linearly dependent? Justify your answer.

For each such pair of values of α, β , write down a non-trivial linear relation amongst $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha, \beta)$.

(d) Let α, β be numbers, and $\mathbf{u}_1(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -\alpha \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_2(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 + \beta \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_3(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 9 \\ -3 \\ -9 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_4(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}$.

For which value(s) of α are $\mathbf{u}_1(\alpha), \mathbf{u}_2(\beta), \mathbf{u}_3(\beta), \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha)$ are linearly dependent? Justify your answer.

For each such pair of values of α, β , write down a non-trivial linear relation amongst $\mathbf{u}_1(\alpha), \mathbf{u}_2(\beta), \mathbf{u}_3(\beta), \mathbf{u}_4(\alpha)$.

3. Let $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \mathbf{t}_3, \mathbf{t}_4, \mathbf{t}_5$ be column vectors with 9 entries.

Let A be a (5×3) -square matrix, whose (i, j) -th entry is a_{ij} .

For each $j = 1, 2, 3$, define $\mathbf{u}_j = a_{1j}\mathbf{t}_1 + a_{2j}\mathbf{t}_2 + a_{3j}\mathbf{t}_3 + a_{4j}\mathbf{t}_4 + a_{5j}\mathbf{t}_5$.

Suppose $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \mathbf{t}_3, \mathbf{t}_4, \mathbf{t}_5$ are linearly independent.

Prove that the statements below are logically equivalent:

(1) *The column vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$ are linearly independent.*

(2) *$\mathcal{LS}(A, \mathbf{0}_3)$ has no non-trivial solution.*