

### 2.6.1 Answers to Exercise.

1. (a) Linearly independent.
  - (b) Linearly independent.
  - (c) Linearly independent.
  - (d) Linearly independent.
  - (e) Linearly dependent.  
 $-3\mathbf{u}_1 - 2\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}_3$ .  
 (There are infinitely many non-trivial linear relations.)
  - (f) Linearly independent.
  - (g) Linearly independent.
  - (h) Linearly dependent.  
 $2\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}_4^t$ .  
 (There are infinitely many non-trivial linear relations.)
  - (i) Linearly independent.
  - (j) Linearly independent.
  - (k) Linearly independent.
  - (l) Linearly dependent.  
 $\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 + \mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{0}_4$ .  
 (There are infinitely many non-trivial linear relations.)
  - (m) Linearly independent.
  - (n) Linearly dependent.  
 $-2\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}_6$ .  
 (There are infinitely many non-trivial linear relations.)
2. (a)  $\alpha = -6$ .  
 $-3\mathbf{u}_1 + 2\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}_5$ .
  - (b)  $\alpha = 2$ .  
 $\mathbf{u}_1 - 3\mathbf{u}_2 + 2\mathbf{u}_3 + \mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{0}_4$ .
  - (c)  $\alpha = -2$  and ( $\beta = 2$  or  $\beta = -2$ ).  
 In each case,  $\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}_3 + \mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{0}_5^t$ .
  - (d)  $\alpha = -2$  and ( $\beta = 2$  or  $\beta = -2$ ).  
 In each case,  $3\mathbf{u}_1 - 2\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_3 + 2\mathbf{u}_4(\alpha, \beta) = \mathbf{0}_5^t$ .

### 3. Comment.

The key is to make use the ‘dictionary’ between linear combinations and matrix-vector product to translate the assumption

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_1 &= a_{11}\mathbf{t}_1 + a_{21}\mathbf{t}_2 + a_{31}\mathbf{t}_3 + a_{41}\mathbf{t}_4 + a_{51}\mathbf{t}_5 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= a_{12}\mathbf{t}_1 + a_{22}\mathbf{t}_2 + a_{32}\mathbf{t}_3 + a_{42}\mathbf{t}_4 + a_{52}\mathbf{t}_5 \\ \mathbf{u}_3 &= a_{13}\mathbf{t}_1 + a_{23}\mathbf{t}_2 + a_{33}\mathbf{t}_3 + a_{43}\mathbf{t}_4 + a_{53}\mathbf{t}_5 \end{cases}$$

as

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_1 &= T\mathbf{a}_1, \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= T\mathbf{a}_2, \\ \mathbf{u}_3 &= T\mathbf{a}_3 \end{cases}$$

and further as

$$U = TA,$$

in which  $U = [ \mathbf{u}_1 \mid \mathbf{u}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_3 ]$ ,  $T = [ \mathbf{t}_1 \mid \mathbf{t}_2 \mid \mathbf{t}_3 \mid \mathbf{t}_4 \mid \mathbf{t}_5 ]$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$  are the three columns of  $A$  from left to right.