

Quiz 12

This quiz is graded out of 10 marks. No books, calculators, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

Question 1. §4.2 #11a (3 marks) Determine whether the given vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 . $\vec{v}_1 = (2, 2, 2)$, $\vec{v}_2 = (0, 0, 3)$, $\vec{v}_3 = (0, 1, 1)$.

Let $\vec{x} = (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Is $\vec{x} \in \text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\})$? That is, does there $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3$ s.t.

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3$$

$$(a, b, c) = c_1 (2, 2, 2) + c_2 (0, 0, 3) + c_3 (0, 1, 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

There exists c_i iff $|A| \neq 0$ by the equivalence theorem

$$|A| = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ spans \mathbb{R}^3

Question 2. §4.3 #10 (5 marks) Prove: The space spanned by two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 is a line through the origin, a plane through the origin, or the origin itself.

Let $V = \text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\})$ and $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 \in V \quad \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

Possible cases:

- ① $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$ then $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$, the space is the origin.
- ② $\exists i$ s.t. $\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$ and $\exists j$ s.t. $\vec{v}_j \neq \vec{0}$ then $\vec{v} = c_j \vec{v}_j$, the space is a line through the origin.
- ③ $\vec{v}_1 = k \vec{v}_2$ then $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = c_1 k \vec{v}_2 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = (c_1 k + c_2) \vec{v}_2$, the space is a line through the origin.
- ④ $\vec{v}_1 \neq k \vec{v}_2$ then $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2$, the space is a plane that passes through the origin.

Question 3. §4.3 #TF (2 marks) Determine whether the statement is true or false, and justify your answer.

Every linearly dependent set contains the zero vector.

False, the set $\{(1, 1), (-1, -1)\}$ is linearly dependent since $\vec{0} = c_1(1, 1) + c_2(-1, -1)$ when $c_1 = c_2 = 1$