

**Question 1.**<sup>1</sup> (1 mark each) Complete the following sentences with the word **must**, **might** or, **cannot**, as appropriate.

- Given the identity:  $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w}$ . If  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is linearly independent then  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})\}$  \_\_\_\_\_ be linearly independent.
- Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be distinct nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$  \_\_\_\_\_ be equal to  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{v})$ .
- If  $Ax = b$  has two distinct solutions then the columns of  $A$  \_\_\_\_\_ be linearly dependent.
- If  $\{\vec{a}, 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}, \vec{a} - 3\vec{c}\}$  is linearly independent in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}\}$  \_\_\_\_\_ be linearly independent.
- If  $B$  has no column of zeros, but  $AB$  does, then the columns of  $A$  \_\_\_\_\_ be linearly independent.

**Question 2.**<sup>1</sup> (1 mark) Fill in the correct numerical value. Suppose that  $\{(3, -2, 7), (-2, a, b)\}$  is linearly dependent then  $a =$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $b =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3.**<sup>1</sup> (2 marks) Write the definition of *linearly independent*. Be precise!

**Question 4.**<sup>1</sup> (3 marks each) Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

- If  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\}$  and  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  are both linearly dependent sets, then either  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{u}\}$  or  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{v}\}$  must be linearly dependent.

- Suppose that  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\}$  and  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  are both linearly independent sets. Then that either  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{u}\}$  or  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{v}\}$  must be linearly independent.

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<sup>1</sup>From or modified from John Abbott College.