

Math 54, Section 214
Quiz 1, September 29, 2009

Your name: Key

Please write your name on each sheet. Show your work clearly and in order, including intermediate steps in the solutions and the final answer.

1. (6 pt) Find the general solution of the system whose augmented matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show the intermediate steps of row reduction. Indicate which variables are basic and which are free.

Row reduction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{System is consistent} \\ \text{Basic variables: } x_1, x_2 \\ \text{Free variable: } x_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 = -2 \\ 2x_2 + x_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 = -2 \\ x_2 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_3 \end{cases} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_3 \\ x_2 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

2. (6 pt) Does v lie in $\text{Span}\{u_1, u_2\}$, where

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}?$$

Explain.

\vec{v} lies in $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\} \Leftrightarrow$

\Leftrightarrow the system with the augmented matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{v} \end{bmatrix}$ is consistent.

Row reduction: $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 & \vec{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{consistent}$

Answer: \vec{v} lies in $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\}$.

3. (7 pt) Do the vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

span \mathbb{R}^2 ? Explain.

$$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_3 \text{ span } \mathbb{R}^2 \stackrel{\text{Th. 4}}{\iff} A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a pivot position in every row.~~Change~~ Swap rows 1 and 2:

$$A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{2} & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} \text{ has a pivot in every row}$$

Answer: the vectors \vec{v}_1 , and \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 span \mathbb{R}^2 .