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1. For each statement below, determine whether the given statement is TRUE (*i.e.* always true) or FALSE (*i.e.* not always true). Provide a short justification for your response.

[2 marks] (a) Let  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $\vec{w} \in \text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$ , then  $\vec{w} = \vec{u} + \vec{v}$ .

False  $\vec{w} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$  is in the  $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  but  $\vec{w} \neq \vec{u} + \vec{v}$   
as long as  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$   
so  $\vec{w}$  does not have to be  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$

[2 marks] (b) Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be solutions to the homogeneous system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 0 \\ 2y - 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

If  $\vec{w}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ , then  $\vec{w}$  is also a solution of the system.

True

Solving the system:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

so all solutions to the system have the form  $t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

If  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  are solutions,  $\vec{u} = t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = t_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

Since  $\vec{w}$  is a linear combo of  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w} &= a \left( t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + b \left( t_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= (at_1 + bt_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\vec{w}$  is a solution.

- [3 marks] 2. Compute the rank of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 6 & 19 \\ 0 & 2 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 6 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } A = 3$$

- [3 marks] 3. Let  $\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine whether the lines  $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + t\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{x} = \vec{q} + s\vec{v}$  intersect and, if so, find the point of intersection.

If they intersect,  $\vec{p} + t\vec{u} = \vec{q} + s\vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{p} - \vec{q} = s\vec{v} - t\vec{u}$

$$\text{so } \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow t=2, s=2$$

$$\text{Sub back into } \vec{x} = \vec{p} + t\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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