

Show *all* of your work and *explain* your answers fully. There is a total of 90 possible points. If you use a calculator or software package on a problem be sure to write down both the input and output.

1. Determine if the set  $R$  below is linearly independent. (15 points)

$$R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solution: According to Theorem LIVRN, we can answer this question quickly through an analysis of a matrix whose columns are the vectors of  $R$ . Specifically, we need the reduced row-echelon form of this matrix,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have  $n = 3$  vectors in  $R$  and from the matrix in reduced row-echelon form, we find  $r = 2$  nonzero rows. Since  $r < n$ , Theorem LIVRN implies that  $R$  is linearly dependent.

2. Either  $\mathbf{x}$  or  $\mathbf{y}$  is an element of  $\langle Q \rangle$  (but not both). Determine which vector is in  $\langle Q \rangle$  and provide convincing evidence for membership in  $\langle Q \rangle$ . (15 points)

$$Q = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: According to Definition SSCV we ask if there are scalars  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  so that

$$a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem SLCLC, such scalars will be a solution to the system whose augmented matrix row-reduces as follows,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem RCLS, this system is consistent, so we know there is a solution.  $a_3$  is a free variable, so we can set  $a_3 = 0$ , and determine that  $a_1 = 2, a_2 = -1$  is the remainder of a solution. So we can write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of the vectors in  $Q$ , and this *alone* would be enough evidence to conclude that  $\mathbf{x} \in \langle Q \rangle$ .

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (0) \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

A similar analysis for  $\mathbf{y}$  would lead to an inconsistent system, which would be evidence that  $\mathbf{y} \notin \langle Q \rangle$ .

3. Find a set  $S$  so that  $S$  is linearly independent and  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \langle S \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is the null space of the matrix  $A$  below. (15 points)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 & -8 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: A direct application of Theorem BNS will provide the desired set. We require the reduced row-echelon form of  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 & -8 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -6 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 5 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The non-pivot columns have indices  $F = \{3, 5\}$ . We build the desired set in two steps, first placing the requisite zeros and ones in locations based on  $F$ , then placing the negatives of the entries of columns 3 and 5 in the proper locations. This is all specified in Theorem BNS.

$$S = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\} = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$$

4. Given the set  $T$  of column vectors below, find a set  $S$  so that  $S$  is linearly independent and  $\langle S \rangle = \langle T \rangle$ . (15 points)

$$T = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$$

Solution: Theorem BS will provide the desired answer, and requires examination of the reduced row-echelon form of a matrix whose columns are the vectors of  $T$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -5 & 7 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since pivot columns reside in columns with indices  $D = \{1, 2\}$ , Theorem BS says we can form  $S$  with the first two vectors of  $T$ , so

$$S = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$$

5. Suppose that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Prove that  $\alpha(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{y}$ . (Note: this is Property DVAC of Theorem VSPCV, so you are being asked to do more than just quote this result from the book.) (15 points)

Solution: This result says that two vectors are equal, so we must appeal to Definition CVE and look at each entry of these vectors in general,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\alpha(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})]_i &= \alpha[\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}]_i && \text{Definition CVSM} \\
 &= \alpha([\mathbf{x}]_i + [\mathbf{y}]_i) && \text{Definition CVA} \\
 &= \alpha[\mathbf{x}]_i + \alpha[\mathbf{y}]_i && \text{Property DCN} \\
 &= [\alpha\mathbf{x}]_i + [\alpha\mathbf{y}]_i && \text{Definition CVSM} \\
 &= [\alpha\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{y}]_i && \text{Definition CVA}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the two vectors agree in every entry, by Definition CVE, we say  $\alpha(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{y}$ .

6. Suppose that  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal to  $\alpha\mathbf{v} + \beta\mathbf{w}$ . (15 points)

Solution: Vectors are orthogonal if their inner product is zero, so we compute,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \alpha\mathbf{v} + \beta\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} \rangle &= \langle \alpha\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \langle \beta\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} \rangle && \text{Theorem IPVA} \\
 &= \alpha \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} \rangle && \text{Theorem IPSM} \\
 &= \alpha(0) + \beta(0) && \text{Definition OV} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So by Definition OV,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\alpha\mathbf{v} + \beta\mathbf{w}$  are an orthogonal pair of vectors.