

$\vec{m}_1 \quad \vec{m}_2 \quad \vec{m}_3 \quad \vec{m}_4$ 

1. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 & 21 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 7 & 3 & 3 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$ ; then its RREF is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Label the columns of  $M$  as  $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{m}_3,$  and  $\mathbf{m}_4$ .

1A.) Use the RREF of  $M$  to express  $\mathbf{m}_4$  as a linear combination of the other columns and verify your LC "adds up" to  $\mathbf{m}_4$ , or explain correctly why no such LC can be found.

We're given that the solutions of  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

one  $\begin{cases} x_1 = -3x_4 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -2x_4 \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$

so choose  $x_4 = 1$  (say)

then  $-3\vec{m}_1 + 0\vec{m}_2 - 2\vec{m}_3 + 1\vec{m}_4 = \vec{0}$ ,

or,  $\vec{m}_4 = 3\vec{m}_1 + 2\vec{m}_3$

Let's CHECK:  $\begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 6 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} 3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 6 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 6 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

NOTE WELL: It's WRONG to label the columns of the RREF as  $\vec{m}_1, \dots, \vec{m}_4$ ; these columns are NO LONGER the original vectors  $\vec{m}_1, \dots, \vec{m}_4$  of  $M$ .

1B.) Use the RREF of  $M$  to express  $\mathbf{m}_2$  as a linear combination of the other columns and verify your LC "adds up" to  $\mathbf{m}_2$ , or explain correctly why no such LC can be found.

$\vec{m}_2$  can NOT be expressed as such a L.C. For suppose it is, i.e.

Suppose  $\vec{m}_2 = x_1\vec{m}_1 + x_3\vec{m}_3 + x_4\vec{m}_4$  for some scalars  $x_1, x_3, x_4$ .

then  $\vec{0} = x_1\vec{m}_1 + (-1)\vec{m}_2 + x_3\vec{m}_3 + x_4\vec{m}_4$ , so we have a soln of  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  in which the weight of  $\vec{m}_2$  is not 0, a contradiction, since in 1A, we showed that  $x_2 = 0$  in EVERY soln of  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

2. Suppose that  $T$  is a transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . There are two conditions that  $T$  must satisfy in order to be a linear transformation. They are:

2a. the equation  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  is true for every pair of vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and

2b. the equation  $T(\alpha\vec{w}) = \alpha T(\vec{w})$  is true for any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and vector  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

2c. Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 10 \\ x_1x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $T$  fails to satisfy the equation in (2a) using the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

First we find  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 21 + 28 + 10 \\ 49 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 59 \\ 49 \end{bmatrix}$

next,  $T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 8 + 10 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 18 + 20 + 10 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 69 \\ 32 \end{bmatrix}$

Since these are unequal,  
 $T$  fails to be a LINEAR transformation.