

MATH 2270: QUIZ 2

1. (2 points) Describe the solution set of $x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$ by writing it as the span of a set of vectors.

2. (4 points) Consider matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -8 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Are the columns of A linearly independent? Are the columns of B linearly independent? Explain your reasoning (Hint: Don't do row or column operations unless you have to - this problem is designed so that the computation is really minimal.)

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3. (1 point each) Short answer (no justification needed).

Let A be a 3×6 matrix and \mathbf{b} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 . Answer True or False to the following:

A) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ always has at least one solution.

B) If A is a 3×6 matrix then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ always has infinitely many solutions.

C) If \mathbf{p} is one particular solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ then there are infinitely many solutions to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

D) The columns of A are linearly dependent.