

8. Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 which is spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for W .

W is the column space of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & +4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$
 $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 2R_2$

$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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basis for W

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

9. True or False. If the statement is true, then PROVE the statement. If the statement is false, then give a COUNTEREXAMPLE. If U and V are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n , then the union of U and V is also a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

False Let $U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ and $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

We see that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in U \cup V$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in U \cup V$ but

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin U \cup V$$