

9. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be n linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Prove that v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

Let A be the matrix whose columns are v_1, \dots, v_n . The columns of A are linearly independent; hence, A is invertible by the IMT; hence, the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n again by the IMT.

10. Let A and B be 2×2 matrices with A invertible. Does the column space of AB have to equal the column space of B ? If the answer is yes, prove it. If the answer is no, give a counterexample.

No The column space of AB has nothing to do with the column space of B .

Ex Take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Notice that the column space of B is the set of all multiples of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

The product $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. The column space of AB is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. These two vector spaces have only the zero vector in common.

