

**Q1:** Wedn. 1Sep Write  $\text{Gcd}(266, 209)$  as a lin-combination, using

$n$	$r_n$	$q_n$	$s_n$	$t_n$
0	266	—	1	0
1	209		0	1
2				
3				
4				
5				

So  $\text{Gcd}(266, 209) = \dots \cdot 266 + \dots \cdot 209$ .

**Q2:** Fri. 3Sep Since  $M := 211$  is prime, ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{211}$  is a field. So the mod- $M$  reciprocal of 9 is  $R := \dots \in [0..M)$ .  
[IOWords,  $9 \cdot R \equiv_{211} 1$  and  $R \in [0..M)$ .]

**Q3:** Fri. 17Sep Fix a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . A map  $g: (\mathbb{H}, +, \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{H}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{E}, +, \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{E}})$  between two  $\mathbb{F}$ -VSeS is  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear if [Remember quantification]:

[Imagine 3 blank lines].

Using set-builder notation, the **kernel** of  $g$  is:

$\text{Ker}(g) = \dots$

**Q4:** Tue. 21Sep Let  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 & 5 & -1 & -32 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Working

over field  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , matrix  $RREF(M)$  equals [write entries in  $[-2..2]$  please]


**Q5:** Fri. 24Sep

**a** The  $3 \times 3$  elem-matrix whose lefthand action adds 2 times row-1 to row-3 is  $\begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$ .

**b** Fix a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . A map  $f: (\mathbb{E}, +, \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{E}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{H}, +, \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{H}})$  between two  $\mathbb{F}$ -VSeS is  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear if [Remember Qfn!]:

[Imagine 3 blank lines].

**Q6:** Mond. 27Sep Over field  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ , polynomials  $\mathbf{f}_1(x) := [x + 1]^3$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_2(x) := x^3 + x + 1$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_3(x) := [x - 1] \cdot [x + 2]$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_4(x) := x^2$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_5(x) := x^3 + 2$ . satisfy  $\mathbf{f}_5 = \sum_{j=1}^4 \alpha_j \mathbf{f}_j$ , where coeffs  $\alpha_1 = \dots$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \dots$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \dots$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \dots$ , lie in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

**Q7:** Wed. 29Sep Poly  $f(x) := \sum_{n=0}^3 \alpha_n x^n$  satisfies  $f(7) = f(9) = f(-3) = 0$  and  $f(4) = 5$ . Then  $\alpha_3 = \dots$  and  $\alpha_0 = \dots$ .

[Write each  $\alpha$  as  $\frac{a \cdot b \dots}{p \cdot q \dots}$ , a ratio of integer-products.]

**Q8:** Fri. 8Oct Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} 3x - y \\ 2x + 6y \end{bmatrix}$ . W.r.t ordered-basis  $\mathcal{B} := \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , let  $M := [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Then  $M = RTR^{-1}$ ,

where  $R = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \hline | & | \\ \hline | & | \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \hline | & | \\ \hline | & | \end{bmatrix}$ .

*What I had intended was:*

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} -x + 15y \\ -2x + 10y \end{bmatrix}$ . W.r.t ordered-basis  $\mathcal{B} := \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , let  $M := [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Then  $M = RTR^{-1}$ ,

where  $R = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \hline | & | \\ \hline | & | \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \hline | & | \\ \hline | & | \end{bmatrix}$ .

**EC:** Mon. 18Oct Let  $R_{\theta}$  be the std. rotation [by  $\theta$ ] matrix. With

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B := \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix},$$

the product  $[CB]^{35} = \alpha \cdot R_{\theta}$ , with  $\alpha = \dots \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\theta = \dots \in (-180^\circ, 180^\circ)$ . [Hint: Don't multiply matrices. Geometrically, C and B represent what linear-trns?]

**Q9:** Mon. 25Oct Perm  $\pi := [6, 7, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$  has  $\text{Sgn}(\pi) = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1}$ .

$$\text{Let } M(x) := \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 7x^4 - 8 & 3x - 2 \\ 2x - 8 & 9x - 2 & 5 \\ x^3 + 2 & x^5 - 2 & 8x \end{bmatrix}.$$

The high-order term of polynomial  $\text{Det}(M(x))$  is  $Cx^N$ , where  $C = \dots$  and  $N = \dots$ .

**Q10:** <sup>Tues.</sup><sub>26Oct</sub> Apply Cramer's Rule to give a formula for  $x_2 =$  .....  
 ITOF  $B, C, D, E, z, y$ , where  $\begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ D & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ 1+y \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Q11:** <sup>Mond.</sup><sub>08Nov</sub>  
 $\mu =$  .....  $\leq \nu =$  .....  
 are the eigenvals of  $G := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $D := \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & \nu \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $D = U^{-1}GU$  where the  $2 \times 2$  integer matrix  $U$  is  

$$U = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline & \end{array} \right]$$
.

**ED:** <sup>Wedn.</sup><sub>17Nov</sub> The point  $P := (-3, 1)$ , in the plane, has orthogonal projection  $Q := ($  .....  $,$  .....  $)$  on  $\mathbb{L}$ , the line  $y = -5 + 2x$ . [Check that  $Q \in \mathbb{L}$  and  $[P-Q] \perp \mathbb{L}$ ]

**E12:** <sup>Tue.</sup><sub>23Nov</sub> On  $\mathbf{V}$ , the VS of 2-topped real polynomials, put  $\mathbb{P} \langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^1 [f \cdot g]$ . The two polys 1 and  $x$  form a basis for  $\mathbf{V}$ . Define a linear-fnc'l  $L: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $L(1) := 3$  and  $L(x) := 5$ . The general theory tells us there is a (unique) poly  $h \in \mathbf{V}$  st.  $\langle h, \cdot \rangle = L(\cdot)$ . So  $h(x) = S + Tx$  for numbers  $S =$  ..... and  $T =$  ......

**E13:** <sup>Mon.</sup><sub>29Nov</sub> Line  $y =$  .....  $x$  + ..... is the least-squares best-fit to data pts  $\{(-2, 0), (-1, 0), (1, 0), (2, 1)\}$ .

### §A Potential quiz problems

Some of these may someday appear on quizzes/exams; naturally, with different data. *Please write DNE in a blank if the described object does not exist or if the indicated operation cannot be performed.*

**Note:** *A few ask about material we have not yet covered.*

**L1** In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the point  $P := (2, -1, 3)$  has orthogonal projection  $\text{Proj}(P) = ($  .....  $,$  .....  $,$  .....  $)$  on the line passing through  $(2, 2, 4)$  and the origin.

**L2** Let  $\mathbf{u} := (1 + 2i, 3 - i, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{w} := (1, 1 + i, 2 - 3i)$ . Then

$\|\mathbf{u}\| =$  ..... and  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle =$  ...... Thus  $\mathbf{p} := \text{Proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{w}) =$  ..... and  $\mathbf{r} := \text{Orth}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{w}) =$  ......  
 [Hint:  $\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{p})$  should equal  $\mathbf{p}$ . DYCheck  $\mathbf{r} \perp \mathbf{p}$  ?]

**L3** The point  $P := (5, -1)$ , in the plane, has orthogonal proj.  $\text{Proj}(P) = ($  .....  $,$  .....  $)$  on the line  $y = 1 + 3x$ .

**e1**  $\mu =$  .....  $\leq \nu =$  .....  
 are the eigenvals of  $G := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $D := \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & \nu \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $D = U^{-1}GU$  where the  $2 \times 2$  integer matrix  $U$  is  

$$U = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline & \end{array} \right]$$
.

**e2**  $M := \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & 18 \\ -2 & 0 & 12 \\ -4 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  has three real eigenvalues,  $\alpha =$  .....  $\leq \beta =$  .....  $\leq \gamma =$  ...... Hence  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} = U^{-1}MU$ , where

$$U = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right]$$

**CB1** With  $C$  the change-of-basis matrix from  $\mathcal{E} := (1, x, x^2)$  to  $\mathcal{B} := (3x + 5x^2, x + 2x^2, 1)$ , then  $C^{-1}$  equals

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right], C = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right]$$

**CR** Matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $A$  and  $D$  are  $5 \times 5$  and  $7 \times 7$ , resp. Suppose  $C$  is the  $7 \times 5$  zero-matrix. Prove that  $\text{Det}(M) = \text{Det}(A) \cdot \text{Det}(D)$ . [Hint: A good picture helps.]

**VS1** Below,  $\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{E}$  are real vectorspaces.

**a** A map  $f: \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{W} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$  is **bilinear** if...

**b** A map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  from  $\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an **inner product** if...

**RO** Let  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -6 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Viewing  $M$  as a **rational** matrix, compute:

A basis  $\mathcal{R}$  for  $\text{RowNullspace}(M)$ .

A basis  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $\text{ColSpan}(M)$ . Now write each  $M$ -col as an **explicit** linear-comb. of vectors in your  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Finally, interpret  $M$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ -matrix, and answer the same three questions.

**p0** OYOP, write out the following sentences, and complete them to give the correct definitions. Be **specific** with phrases “each”, “every”, “all”, “there exists”, etc.. *Avoid* the word “any”. Use “**there exists**” in preference to “some”.

A (possibly infinite) set  $S \subset \mathbf{V}$  of vectors is **linearly dependent** IFF ...

Vector  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the **span** of  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_K\}$  IFF ...

A  $K \times N$  matrix  $U$  is in **reduced row echelon form** IFF ...

The **nullspace** of  $T: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$  is the set of all ...

**l** Poly  $h(x) := \sum_{n=0}^2 V_n x^n$  satisfies  $h(1)=4, h(2)=9, h(-1)=6$ . Then  $V_0 = \dots, V_1 = \dots, V_2 = \dots$

**s** A system of 3 linear equations in unknowns  $x_1, \dots, x_5$  reduces to the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -8 & 34 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -56 \end{array} \right], \text{ which is in RREF. Please circle each pivot entry.}$$

OYOP, describe the **general solution** in this form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} + \gamma \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

where each  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \dots$  is a free variable (either  $x_1$  or... or  $x_5$ ), and each column vector has specific numbers in it.  $\text{Dim}(\text{SolnFlat}) = \dots$

**m1** Matrix-product  $\begin{bmatrix} b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} = \dots$

**m2** The matrix-product  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  equals

**m3** Find  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $E$  and  $G$  with  $E^2 = G^2$  **unequal** to  $[E - G] \cdot [E + G]$ :  $E := \dots, G := \dots$ .  
 $E^2 - G^2 = \dots, [E - G][E + G] = \dots$

**m4** A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $E$  has  $E^2 = \mathbf{0}$  (the zero-matrix). Then  $E$  itself must be  $\mathbf{0}$ . Circle:  $T \quad F$

**m5**  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 70 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $M^{-1}$  over these three fields. [Write your  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  answers using symmetric residues.]

Over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ :  $M^{-1} = \dots$ . Over  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ :  $M^{-1} = \dots$

Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :  $M^{-1} = \dots$

**m6** Mats  $U = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $V = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

are  $\mathbb{R}$ -matrices such that  $U^2 \neq V^2$ , yet  $U^3 = V^3$ .

**m7** Consider these two matrices:

$$R := \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A := \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Product matrix

$$[RA]^{40} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

[Hint: You don't need multiply matrices. Geometrically, what motion do these matrices represent?]

**m8** Consider these two matrices:

$$C := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the matrix  $[CB]^{44} = \dots$

[Hint: You don't need multiply matrices. Geometrically, what motion do these matrices represent.]

**m9** Consider a linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Suppose that  $T(e_1) = 17v_1 - 2v_2$  and  $T(e_2) = 6v_2$  and  $T(e_3) = -4v_1 - 3v_2$ .

Then the matrix of  $T$  is:   
 [.....]

**m10** Shear the plane *vertically*, sending  $e_1$  to  $e_1 + 3e_2$ , followed by the *horizontal* shear which sends  $e_2$  to  $-2e_1 + e_2$ . Let  $S$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose effect is the preceding composition of shears.

Then  $S = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline & \end{array} \right]$ .

**R1** Let  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Working over field  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , matrix  $RREF(M)$  equals [write entries in [-6..6] please]

[.....]

**R2** Let  $v_1 := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 := \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 := \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ Y \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Our  $v_3$  is in  $\text{Spn}(v_1, v_2)$  when number  $Y =$  ..... And then,  $v_3 = \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2$ , where  $\alpha =$  ..... and  $\beta =$  .....

**R3** Let  $v_1 := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 := \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 := \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ W \\ 3 \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ , So  $v_3 \in \text{Spn}(v_1, v_2)$  when  $W =$  ..... &  $Y =$  ..... And  $v_3 = \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2$ , where  $\alpha =$  ..... and  $\beta =$  .....

**V1** Inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -7 \\ & -3 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is   
 [.....]

**V2** Inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -7 & -7 \\ 3 & -4 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is   
 [.....]

**V3** Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the inverse of  $E := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ & 1 & y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is   
 [.....]

**E** The  $3 \times 3$  elem-matrix whose lefthand action adds 8 times row-2 to row-1 is   
 [.....]

**d1** Suppose  $C$  and  $A$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices s.t  $\text{Det}(C) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\text{Det}(A) = 5$ . Then  $\text{Det}(C^{-1}AC^t A^t AC^t) =$  .....

**Definitions, and their application**

Use  $\mathbb{F}$  for a general field, and  $V$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -VS.

**p1** A collection  $\{u_1, \dots, u_{17}\} \subset V$  is *linearly independent (over  $\mathbb{F}$ )* if: (Qfn!)   
 [.....]   
 [Imagine 3 blank lines].   
 [.....]

**p2** For a subset  $S \subset V$  write  $\text{Spn}(S)$  using set-builder notation. [Note:  $S$  can be infinite.]   
 [.....]

**p3** Let  $c_1, \dots, c_5$  be the columns of  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 27 & -108 & 5 & 2 & 177 \\ 5 & -20 & 29 & 17 & 14 \\ 2 & -8 & 17 & 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now  $RREF(M)$  equals  $R := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using the *minimum* of columns, write  $\begin{bmatrix} 177 \\ 14 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} =$  .....  $c_1 +$  .....  $c_2 +$  .....  $c_3 +$  .....  $c_4$ .

**p4** For  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{35} \in \mathbf{V}$ , saying that  $\mathbf{w}$  is an **affine combination** (over  $\mathbb{F}$ ) of  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{35}$  means (Qfn!) [Imagine 3 blank lines].

**Aff** Glued to a massless plate is a 10 lb weight at the origin, a 15 lb weight at the point  $(3, -1)$ , and 5 lb at point  $(\quad, \quad)$ , thus putting the center-of-mass of the weighted-plate at  $(2, 1)$ .

**p5** A subset  $S \subset \mathbf{V}$  is “a **flat**” if: [Imagine 3 blank lines].

**LI:** Here, let **AT** mean “Always True”, **AF** mean “Always False” and **Nei** mean “Neither always true nor always false”. Below,  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}$  repr. *distinct, non-zero* vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , a  $\mathbb{R}$ -VS. Please circle the correct response:

**y1** If  $\mathbf{x} \notin \text{Spn}\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  then  $\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}\}$  is linearly independent. AT AF  
**Nei**

**y2** Collection  $\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}\}$  is linearly-independent. AT AF Nei

**y3**  $\text{Spn}\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w} + 3\mathbf{x}\}$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . AT AF Nei

**y4** If none of  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}$  is a multiple of the other vectors, then  $\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}\}$  is linearly independent. AT AF Nei