Introduction to the Theory of Computing 1.

## Exercise-set 5.

- 1. Let  $V = \{\underline{u} = (u_1, u_2)^T \in \mathbf{R}^2 : u_1 \ge 0\}$  (the right halfplane). Is V a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ?
- 2. Determine whether the following subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  form a subspace or not: a) those vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  all of whose coordinates are between 0 and 1; b) those vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  in which the first coordinate equals the second.
- 3. Determine whether the following subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^6$  form a subspace or not: a) those vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^6$  in which the coordinates are increasing (from the top down), b) those vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^6$  in which the sum of the upper three coordinates is the same as the sum of the lower three.
- 4. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Are  $W_1 \cup W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2$  (as sets of vectors) subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  as well?
- 5. a) Do all the arithmetic sequences of length n form a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ? b) And the geometric sequences?
- 6. (MT'12) Let's call a vector in  $\mathbf{R}^5$  Fibonacci-type if all of its coordinates, starting form the third one, are sums of the previous two coordinates. (E.g. the vector  $(3, -1, 2, 1, 3)^T$  is Fibonacci-type.) Do the Fibonacci-type vectors form a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ?
- 7. (MT+'15) Let the set W consist of the vectors  $v \in \mathbf{R}^5$  for which it holds that the difference of any two coordinates of  $\underline{v}$  is an integer. (E.g. the vector  $(3.6, 1.6, 4.6, 8.6, 0.6)^T$  is like that.) Decide whether W forms a subspace in  $\mathbf{R}^5$  or not.
- 8. (MT+'16) Do the vectors  $(x, y)^T$  for which  $x^2 = y^2$  holds form a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ?
- 9. (MT++'16) Do the vectors  $(x, y, z)^T$  for which xy = yz holds form a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

10. In  $\mathbf{R}^4$  let  $\underline{u} = (1, 2, 0, 0)^T$ ,  $\underline{v} = (0, 1, 2, 0)^T$ ,  $\underline{w} = (0, 0, 1, 2)^T$ ,  $\underline{a} = (1, 1, 0, 4)^T$  and  $\underline{b} = (1, 1, 1, 4)^T$ . a) Can <u>a</u> be written as a linear combination of  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$ ?

- b) Can <u>b</u> be written as a linear combination of  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$ ?
- c) Determine  $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle$ , the subspace generated by  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$ .
- d) Determine  $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}, \underline{a} \rangle$ , the subspace generated by  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$  and  $\underline{a}$ .
- e) Determine  $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}, \underline{b} \rangle$ , the subspace generated by  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .
- 11. Determine the subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  spanned by  $\underline{u} = (1, 1, 0, 0)^T$ ,  $\underline{v} = (0, 1, 1, 0)^T$  and  $w = (0, 0, 1, 1)^T$ .
- 12. We know of the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$  that  $\underline{v}_1$  is in the subspace generated by the other n-1 vectors, but none of the vectors  $\underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3, \ldots, \underline{v}_n$  is in the subspace generated by the other n-1 vectors. Prove that  $\underline{v}_1 = \underline{0}$ .
- 13. Determine the subspace generated by the vectors below. If that subspace is a line or a plane, determine its (system of) equation(s).

  - a)  $(1,0,4)^T$ ,  $(0,1,-1)^T$ , b)  $(2,-5,1)^T$ ,  $(-6,15,-3)^T$ ,

c) 
$$(3, 1, -4)^T$$
,  $(4, 2, -3)^T$ 

- d)  $(3, 1, -4)^T$ ,  $(4, 2, -3)^T$ ,  $(5, 3, -2)^T$ .
- 14. (MT'08) Two vectors are given in 3-space,  $\underline{a} = (2,5,1)^T$  and  $\underline{b} = (1,-1,3)^T$ . Decide whether the subspace spanned by them is a line or plane and determine the equation of the geometric object obtained.
- 15. (MT++'15) Determine the subspace spanned by the following sets of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If the subspace is a line or plane, then determine its (system of) equation(s). a)  $(2, -6, 8)^T$ ,  $(3, -9, 12)^T$ , b)  $(2, -6, 8)^T$ ,  $(3, -9, 11)^T$ .
- 16. (MT'17) Determine the subspace generated by the vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  below. If that subspace is a line or a plane, determine its (system of) equation(s).

$$\underline{a} = (3, 1, 0)^T, \ \underline{b} = (5, 2, 1)^T, \ \underline{c} = (3, 2, 3)^T$$

- 17. (MT+'17) Let  $\underline{u} = (0, 0, 1, 2)^T$ ,  $\underline{v} = (0, 1, 2, 5)^T$  and  $\underline{w} = (1, 2, 4, 11)^T$  be vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Determine  $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle$ , the subspace generated by them. (That is, give a (system of) equation(s), satisfied by the vectors in  $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle$ .)
- 18. Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Prove that in this case the vectors  $\underline{a} \underline{b}, \underline{a} \underline{c}, \underline{b} + \underline{c}$  are linearly independent as well.
- 19. MT+'09 Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Is it true that the vectors  $\underline{a} + \underline{b}, \underline{b} + \underline{c}, \underline{c} + \underline{a}$  are linearly independent as well?
- 20. MT'16 Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Is it true that in this case the vectors  $\underline{a} + \underline{b} + \underline{c}, \ \underline{a} + \underline{b} + 3\underline{c}, \ 3\underline{a} + \underline{b} + \underline{c}$  are linearly independent as well?
- 21. Let <u>a</u>, <u>b</u>, <u>c</u> be arbitrary vectors in R<sup>n</sup> (for some n), and let <u>u</u> = <u>a</u> + <u>b</u>, <u>v</u> = <u>b</u> <u>c</u>, <u>w</u> = <u>c</u> + 2<u>a</u>. Determine whether the following statements are true or not:
  a) If <u>a</u>, <u>b</u>, <u>c</u> are linearly independent then <u>u</u>, <u>v</u>, <u>w</u> are linearly independent as well.
  b) If <u>u</u>, <u>v</u>, <u>w</u> are linearly independent then <u>a</u>, <u>b</u>, <u>c</u> are linearly independent as well.
- 22. Show that every set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  containing the zero vector is linearly dependent.
- 23. Show that every set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  containing a vector twice is linearly dependent.
- 24. Prove that a subset of a linearly independent set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is also linearly independent.
- 25. Let  $\underline{a}_1, ..., \underline{a}_k$  be a linearly independent subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and let  $\underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \underline{a}_i$ . Prove that  $\underline{a}_1 \in \langle \underline{x}, \underline{a}_2, ..., \underline{a}_k \rangle$  holds if and only if  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ .
- 26. MT'15 Let  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k, \underline{w} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  be arbitrary vectors. Suppose that  $\underline{w} \neq \underline{0}$  and the set of vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_{i-1}, \underline{v}_i + \lambda \cdot \underline{w}, \underline{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \underline{v}_k$  is linearly independent for all the choices of the scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$  and the index  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Is it true then that the set  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k, \underline{w}$  is also linearly independent?
- 27. MT++'15 Let  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}$ , and  $\underline{c}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Suppose that for any *integers* k, l and m not all of whose are 0, the linear combination  $k \cdot \underline{a} + l \cdot \underline{b} + m \cdot \underline{c}$  is not the zero vector. Does it follow that  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  is a linearly independent set?
- 28. (MT'17) Suppose that the vectors  $\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, ..., \underline{u}_{10}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly dependent, but any 9 of them are linearly independent. Show that any linear combination of  $\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, ..., \underline{u}_{10}$  giving the  $\underline{0}$  either all the coefficients are 0 or none of the coefficients are 0.(That is, show that if  $c_1\underline{u}_1 + c_2\underline{u}_2 + ... + c_{10}\underline{u}_{10} = \underline{0}$  holds then either  $c_1 = c_2 = \cdots = c_{10} = 0$  or  $c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot ... \cdot c_{10} \neq 0$ .)
- 29. (MT+'17) Suppose that for the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, ..., \underline{v}_{10}, \underline{w}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  it holds that  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, ..., \underline{v}_{10}$  are linearly independent, but  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, ..., \underline{v}_{10}, \underline{w}$  are linearly dependent, and  $\underline{w} \neq \underline{0}$ . Show that there is an index  $1 \leq i \leq 10$  and a scalar  $\alpha \neq 0$ , such that the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, ..., \underline{v}_{i-1}, \underline{v}_i + \alpha \cdot \underline{w}, \underline{v}_{i+1}, ..., \underline{v}_{10}$  are linearly dependent.
- 30. (MT++'17) Determine whether the vectors  $\underline{u} = (4,3,8,1)^T$ ,  $\underline{v} = (2,0,4,0)^T$  and  $\underline{w} = (3,5,6,2)^T$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly independent or not.