

Mathematics 189-133B, Winter 2003

Vectors, Matrices and Geometry

Written Assignment 3, due in class, Friday, February 14 (♥), 2003

1. Let $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ be a set of vectors in $\mathcal{R}^n$, and $\vec{w}$ any vector in $\mathcal{R}^n$. Show that $\vec{w} \in \text{span}(S)$ if and only if $\text{span}(S \cup \{\vec{w}\}) = \text{span}(S)$.
2. Suppose that $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in $\mathcal{R}^n$, $\vec{w} \in \text{span}(S)$, but $\vec{w} \notin \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k-1}\}$. Show that $\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k-1}, \vec{w}\}$.