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**Problem 1** (10 pts)

Consider the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 2, -1)^T$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (2, 1, 0)^T$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = (-1, 0, 1)^T$ .

a) are the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  linearly independent or dependent? If they are independent say why; if they are dependent find the linear dependence relation.

Use the definition:

Solve  $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$  for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Li}$$

b) Write the vector  $\vec{b} = (1, -7, 5)^T$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ .

$$\vec{b} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & | & -7 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & | & 5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 = -5 \\ c_2 = 3 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{b} = -5 \vec{v}_1 + 3 \vec{v}_2}$$