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9. Let v_1, \dots, v_m be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . For each of the following questions, give one of the following answers: "definitely yes", "definitely no", or "sometimes". Explain your answer.

- (a) (3 points) Suppose $m = n$ and the vectors are linearly independent. Do the vectors span \mathbb{R}^n ?

Yes. The dimension theorem tells us that n linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n are a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

- (b) (3 points) Suppose $m = n + 1$. Are the vectors linearly independent?

No. The "short fat" theorem tells us that $n+1$ vectors in \mathbb{R}^n must be linearly dependent.

- (c) (3 points) Suppose $m = n + 1$. Do the vectors span \mathbb{R}^n ?

Sometimes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ span \mathbb{R}^2
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ do not span \mathbb{R}^2

- (d) (3 points) Suppose $m = n - 1$ and the vectors are linearly independent. Do the vectors span \mathbb{R}^n ?

No. If the vectors spanned \mathbb{R}^n then they would be a basis for \mathbb{R}^n . But the dimension theorem tells us that every basis for \mathbb{R}^n has n vectors.

- (e) (3 points) Suppose $m = n - 1$. Are the vectors linearly independent?

Sometimes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are linearly independent
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are not linearly independent.

- (f) (3 points) Suppose $m = n - 1$. Do the vectors span \mathbb{R}^n ?

No. Every spanning set can be reduced to a basis. But every basis for \mathbb{R}^n has n vectors.