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**Quiz for June 21, 2005**

Express  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

You might want to notice that  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  is an orthogonal set of vectors.

**ANSWER:** Multiply  $v = c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + c_3u_3$  by  $u_1^T$  to see  $2 = 3c_1$ , by  $u_2^T$  to see  $-1 = 2c_2$ , and by  $u_3^T$  to see  $1 = 6c_3$ . We check that

$$\frac{2}{3}u_1 - \frac{1}{2}u_2 + \frac{1}{6}u_3 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = v \checkmark$$