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**Question 1**

You are given :

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (2,0), \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (0,2)$$

a) Determine whether  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

We must determine whether an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$

$$\mathbf{b} = k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2$$

$$(b_1, b_2) = k_1(2,0) + k_2(0,2)$$

$$(b_1, b_2) = (2k_1, 0) + (0, 2k_2)$$

$$b_1 = 2k_1$$

$$b_2 = 2k_2$$

The system is consistent if and only if its coefficient matrix has a nonzero determinant.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 4 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \text{ span } \mathbb{R}^2$$

b) Determine whether  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly independent.

The following vector equation must be satisfied with coefficients that are all zero for vectors to be Linearly Independent

$$\mathbf{0} = k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2$$

$$(0,0) = k_1(2,0) + k_2(0,2)$$

$$(0,0) = (2k_1, 0) + (0, 2k_2)$$

$$0 = 2k_1$$

$$0 = 2k_2$$

The homogenous system has only the trivial solution if and only if its coefficient matrix has a nonzero determinant.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 4 \neq 0$$

$$k_1 = 0, \quad k_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \text{ are Linearly Independent}$$

c) Determine whether  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Since  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  are Linearly Independent and Span  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .