

Math 615: October 14, 2015

The Table Function

Question: Are the functions $\{\sin(x), \sin(2x), \sin(3x)\}$ linearly independent in the vector space of real-valued functions?

To show they are linearly independent, we must show that the only solution (r_1, r_2, r_3) to the equation $r_1 \sin(x) + r_2 \sin(2x) + r_3 \sin(3x) = 0$ is $r_1=r_2=r_3=0$. Note that this equation is an equation of functions; it must hold for all values of x .

Therefore, we can try to evaluate at a few values of x to obtain a linear system. Evaluating at $x=1, x=2$ and $x=3$ gives us the following, we see that the three functions are linearly independent.

```
RowReduce[ $\begin{pmatrix} \sin[1] & \sin[2] & \sin[3] \\ \sin[2] & \sin[4] & \sin[6] \\ \sin[3] & \sin[6] & \sin[9] \end{pmatrix}$ ] // MatrixForm  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

Can we “automate” this process? Yes! Use the Table function. Here is the documentation.

? Table

```
Table[expr, n] generates a list of n copies of expr.  
Table[expr, {i, imax}] generates a list of the values of expr when i runs from 1 to imax.  
Table[expr, {i, imin, imax}] starts with i = imin.  
Table[expr, {i, imin, imax, di}] uses steps di.  
Table[expr, {i, {i1, i2, ...}}] uses the successive values i1, i2, ....  
Table[expr, {i, imin, imax}, {j, jmin, jmax}, ...] gives a nested list. The list associated with i is outermost. >>
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In the above example, we can perform our calculation by first using the Table to create our matrix.

```
(a = Table[ {Sin[x], Sin[2 x], Sin[3 x]}, {x, 1, 3}] ) // MatrixForm  
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm  
 $\begin{pmatrix} \sin[1] & \sin[2] & \sin[3] \\ \sin[2] & \sin[4] & \sin[6] \\ \sin[3] & \sin[6] & \sin[9] \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
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In fact, we could use the Table function *twice* to create our matrix. First note that...

```
Table[Sin[k x], {k, 1, 3}]
{Sin[x], Sin[2 x], Sin[3 x]}
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Therefore, we can use nested Table functions to create a list of lists.

```
a = Table[Table[Sin[k x], {k, 1, 3}], {x, 1, 3}]
MatrixForm[a]
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm
{{{Sin[1], Sin[2], Sin[3]}, {Sin[2], Sin[4], Sin[6]}, {Sin[3], Sin[6], Sin[9]}},
 {{Sin[1] Sin[2] Sin[3],
   Sin[2] Sin[4] Sin[6],
   Sin[3] Sin[6] Sin[9]}},
 {{1 0 0,
   0 1 0,
   0 0 1}}}
```

Question: Is $\{\sin(x), \sin(2x), \sin(3x), \dots, \sin(25x)\}$ linearly independent?

Solution: Use the same process as above. Note that we will need to evaluate the functions at at least 25 different values of x.

```

a = Table[Table[Sin[k x], {k, 1, 25}], {x, 1, 25}];
MatrixForm[a]
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm

Sin[1] Sin[2] Sin[3] Sin[4] Sin[5] Sin[6] Sin[7] Sin[8] Sin[9] Si
Sin[2] Sin[4] Sin[6] Sin[8] Sin[10] Sin[12] Sin[14] Sin[16] Sin[18] Si
Sin[3] Sin[6] Sin[9] Sin[12] Sin[15] Sin[18] Sin[21] Sin[24] Sin[27] Si
Sin[4] Sin[8] Sin[12] Sin[16] Sin[20] Sin[24] Sin[28] Sin[32] Sin[36] Si
Sin[5] Sin[10] Sin[15] Sin[20] Sin[25] Sin[30] Sin[35] Sin[40] Sin[45] Si
Sin[6] Sin[12] Sin[18] Sin[24] Sin[30] Sin[36] Sin[42] Sin[48] Sin[54] Si
Sin[7] Sin[14] Sin[21] Sin[28] Sin[35] Sin[42] Sin[49] Sin[56] Sin[63] Si
Sin[8] Sin[16] Sin[24] Sin[32] Sin[40] Sin[48] Sin[56] Sin[64] Sin[72] Si
Sin[9] Sin[18] Sin[27] Sin[36] Sin[45] Sin[54] Sin[63] Sin[72] Sin[81] Si
Sin[10] Sin[20] Sin[30] Sin[40] Sin[50] Sin[60] Sin[70] Sin[80] Sin[90] Si
Sin[11] Sin[22] Sin[33] Sin[44] Sin[55] Sin[66] Sin[77] Sin[88] Sin[99] Si
Sin[12] Sin[24] Sin[36] Sin[48] Sin[60] Sin[72] Sin[84] Sin[96] Sin[108] Si
Sin[13] Sin[26] Sin[39] Sin[52] Sin[65] Sin[78] Sin[91] Sin[104] Sin[117] Si
Sin[14] Sin[28] Sin[42] Sin[56] Sin[70] Sin[84] Sin[98] Sin[112] Sin[126] Si
Sin[15] Sin[30] Sin[45] Sin[60] Sin[75] Sin[90] Sin[105] Sin[120] Sin[135] Si
Sin[16] Sin[32] Sin[48] Sin[64] Sin[80] Sin[96] Sin[112] Sin[128] Sin[144] Si
Sin[17] Sin[34] Sin[51] Sin[68] Sin[85] Sin[102] Sin[119] Sin[136] Sin[153] Si
Sin[18] Sin[36] Sin[54] Sin[72] Sin[90] Sin[108] Sin[126] Sin[144] Sin[162] Si
Sin[19] Sin[38] Sin[57] Sin[76] Sin[95] Sin[114] Sin[133] Sin[152] Sin[171] Si
Sin[20] Sin[40] Sin[60] Sin[80] Sin[100] Sin[120] Sin[140] Sin[160] Sin[180] Si
Sin[21] Sin[42] Sin[63] Sin[84] Sin[105] Sin[126] Sin[147] Sin[168] Sin[189] Si
Sin[22] Sin[44] Sin[66] Sin[88] Sin[110] Sin[132] Sin[154] Sin[176] Sin[198] Si
Sin[23] Sin[46] Sin[69] Sin[92] Sin[115] Sin[138] Sin[161] Sin[184] Sin[207] Si
Sin[24] Sin[48] Sin[72] Sin[96] Sin[120] Sin[144] Sin[168] Sin[192] Sin[216] Si
Sin[25] Sin[50] Sin[75] Sin[100] Sin[125] Sin[150] Sin[175] Sin[200] Sin[225] Si

$Aborted

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As discussed in class, symbolic computations take much longer to perform. The above calculation may take a very long time to perform. In such a case, select the “Evaluation” menu and “Abort Evaluation.”

Let’s run the above again, but this time using numerical values.

```

a = N[Table[Table[Sin[k x], {k, 1, 25}], {x, 1, 25}]];
MatrixForm[a]
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm

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0.841471	0.909297	0.14112	-0.756802	-0.958924	-0.279415	0.656987	
0.909297	-0.756802	-0.279415	0.989358	-0.544021	-0.536573	0.990607	-
0.14112	-0.279415	0.412118	-0.536573	0.650288	-0.750987	0.836656	-
-0.756802	0.989358	-0.536573	-0.287903	0.912945	-0.905578	0.270906	
-0.958924	-0.544021	0.650288	0.912945	-0.132352	-0.988032	-0.428183	
-0.279415	-0.536573	-0.750987	-0.905578	-0.988032	-0.991779	-0.916522	-
0.656987	0.990607	0.836656	0.270906	-0.428183	-0.916522	-0.953753	-
0.989358	-0.287903	-0.905578	0.551427	0.745113	-0.768255	-0.521551	
0.412118	-0.750987	0.956376	-0.991779	0.850904	-0.558789	0.167356	
-0.544021	0.912945	-0.988032	0.745113	-0.262375	-0.304811	0.773891	-
-0.99999	-0.00885131	0.999912	0.0177019	-0.999755	-0.0265512	0.99952	€
-0.536573	-0.905578	-0.991779	-0.768255	-0.304811	0.253823	0.73319	
0.420167	0.762558	0.963795	0.986628	0.826829	0.513978	0.105988	-
0.990607	0.270906	-0.916522	-0.521551	0.773891	0.73319	-0.573382	-
0.650288	-0.988032	0.850904	-0.304811	-0.387782	0.893997	-0.970535	
-0.287903	0.551427	-0.768255	0.920026	-0.993889	0.983588	-0.889996	
-0.961397	0.529083	0.670229	-0.897928	-0.176076	0.994827	-0.371404	-
-0.750987	-0.991779	-0.558789	0.253823	0.893997	0.926819	0.329991	-
0.149877	0.296369	0.436165	0.566108	0.683262	0.78498	0.868966	
0.912945	0.745113	-0.304811	-0.993889	-0.506366	0.580611	0.98024	
0.836656	-0.916522	0.167356	0.73319	-0.970535	0.329991	0.609044	-
-0.00885131	0.0177019	-0.0265512	0.0353983	-0.0442427	0.0530836	-0.0619203	€
-0.84622	0.901788	-0.114785	-0.779466	0.945435	-0.228052	-0.702408	
-0.905578	-0.768255	0.253823	0.983588	0.580611	-0.491022	-0.997173	-
-0.132352	-0.262375	-0.387782	-0.506366	-0.61604	-0.714876	-0.801135	-

1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

If we had evaluated at even more test points, it would not have hurt. It would just give us redundant information.

```
a = N[Table[Table[Sin[k x], {k, 1, 25}], {x, 1, 35}]];
MatrixForm[a]
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm
```

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0.14112	-0.279415	0.412118	-0.536573	0.650288	-0.750987	0.836656	-
-0.756802	0.989358	-0.536573	-0.287903	0.912945	-0.905578	0.270906	
-0.958924	-0.544021	0.650288	0.912945	-0.132352	-0.988032	-0.428183	
-0.279415	-0.536573	-0.750987	-0.905578	-0.988032	-0.991779	-0.916522	-
0.656987	0.990607	0.836656	0.270906	-0.428183	-0.916522	-0.953753	-
0.989358	-0.287903	-0.905578	0.551427	0.745113	-0.768255	-0.521551	
0.412118	-0.750987	0.956376	-0.991779	0.850904	-0.558789	0.167356	
-0.544021	0.912945	-0.988032	0.745113	-0.262375	-0.304811	0.773891	-
-0.99999	-0.00885131	0.999912	0.0177019	-0.999755	-0.0265512	0.99952	€
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0.650288	-0.988032	0.850904	-0.304811	-0.387782	0.893997	-0.970535	
-0.287903	0.551427	-0.768255	0.920026	-0.993889	0.983588	-0.889996	
-0.961397	0.529083	0.670229	-0.897928	-0.176076	0.994827	-0.371404	-
-0.750987	-0.991779	-0.558789	0.253823	0.893997	0.926819	0.329991	-
0.149877	0.296369	0.436165	0.566108	0.683262	0.78498	0.868966	
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0.836656	-0.916522	0.167356	0.73319	-0.970535	0.329991	0.609044	-
-0.00885131	0.0177019	-0.0265512	0.0353983	-0.0442427	0.0530836	-0.0619203	€
-0.84622	0.901788	-0.114785	-0.779466	0.945435	-0.228052	-0.702408	
-0.905578	-0.768255	0.253823	0.983588	0.580611	-0.491022	-0.997173	-
-0.132352	-0.262375	-0.387782	-0.506366	-0.61604	-0.714876	-0.801135	-
0.762558	0.986628	0.513978	-0.321622	-0.930106	-0.881785	-0.210781	
0.956376	-0.558789	-0.629888	0.926819	0.0883687	-0.97845	0.483318	
0.270906	-0.521551	0.73319	-0.889996	0.98024	-0.997173	0.93953	-
-0.663634	0.992873	-0.821818	0.236661	0.467745	-0.936462	0.93331	-
-0.988032	-0.304811	0.893997	0.580611	-0.714876	-0.801153	0.467719	
-0.404038	-0.739181	-0.948282	-0.995687	-0.873312	-0.602024	-0.228082	
0.551427	0.920026	0.983588	0.721038	0.219425	-0.354938	-0.811621	-
0.999912	-0.0265512	-0.999207	0.0530836	0.997797	-0.0795786	-0.995684	
0.529083	-0.897928	0.994827	-0.790433	0.346649	0.20212	-0.689676	
-0.428183	0.773891	-0.970535	0.98024	-0.801135	0.467719	-0.0442126	-

Question: are the functions $\{\sin(\pi x), \sin(2\pi x), \sin(3\pi x), \dots, \sin(10\pi x)\}$ linearly independent?

If we only evaluate at integers, we will not be able to determine the answer.

```
a = Table[Table[Sin[k π x], {k, 1, 10}], {x, 1, 10}];  
MatrixForm[a]  
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm  

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
  

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In this situation, we should try using a different step size.

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a = Table[Table[Sin[k π x], {k, 1, 10}], {x, 1, 2, .1}];
MatrixForm[a]
RowReduce[a] // MatrixForm

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1.22465 \times 10^{-16} & -2.44929 \times 10^{-16} & 3.67394 \times 10^{-16} & -4.89859 \times 10^{-16} & 6.12323 \times 10^{-16} & -7.34788 \times 10^{-16} & 0 \\ -0.309017 & 0.587785 & -0.809017 & 0.951057 & -1. & 0. & 0 \\ -0.587785 & 0.951057 & -0.951057 & 0.587785 & -7.34788 \times 10^{-16} & -0 & 0 \\ -0.809017 & 0.951057 & -0.309017 & -0.587785 & 1. & -0 & 0 \\ -0.951057 & 0.587785 & 0.587785 & -0.951057 & 8.57253 \times 10^{-16} & 0. & 0 \\ -1. & 3.67394 \times 10^{-16} & 1. & -7.34788 \times 10^{-16} & -1. & 1.10 & 0 \\ -0.951057 & -0.587785 & 0.587785 & 0.951057 & -9.79717 \times 10^{-16} & -0 & 0 \\ -0.809017 & -0.951057 & -0.309017 & 0.587785 & 1. & 0. & 0 \\ -0.587785 & -0.951057 & -0.951057 & -0.587785 & 1.10218 \times 10^{-15} & 0. & 0 \\ -0.309017 & -0.587785 & -0.809017 & -0.951057 & -1. & -0 & 0 \\ -2.44929 \times 10^{-16} & -4.89859 \times 10^{-16} & -7.34788 \times 10^{-16} & -9.79717 \times 10^{-16} & -1.22465 \times 10^{-15} & -1.46 & 0 \\ \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. & -5.81895 \times 10^{-17} \\ 0 & 1 & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. & -3.97912 \times 10^{-17} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. & -1.87197 \times 10^{-16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0. & 0. & 0. & -8.89758 \times 10^{-17} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0. & 0. & -3.92011 \times 10^{-15} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0. & -1.68558 \times 10^{-16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -7.21051 \times 10^{-16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3.76908 \times 10^{-16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2.31963 \times 10^{-15} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Whoops, the above does not yet show linear independence. Let's evaluate at a few more values of x. This will allow us to conclude the functions are linearly independent.

