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Find a basis for the span of

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and express the remaining vectors in this set as linear combinations of the basis vectors you have found.

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} * & * & * & * \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{+4R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} * & * & * & * \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{-R_1} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \xrightarrow{-R_2} \end{array}$$

Basis = $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (pivot columns)

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} \right] = 2 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{array} \right] = -3 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + \left[\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Kernel:

$$r_1 + 2r_2 - 3r_4 = 0$$

$$r_3 + r_4 = 0$$

so

$$r_1 = -2r_2 + 3r_4$$

$$r_2 = r_2$$

$$r_3 = -r_4$$

$$r_4 = r_4$$

to solve

$$r_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + r_2 \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} \right] + r_3 \left[\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right] + r_4 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{array} \right] = 0$$