

1 \Rightarrow 2

$\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ - linearly independent. Let we have $\exists u_{i+1} = au_1 + bu_2 + \dots + cu_i \neq 0$

Then $au_1 + bu_2 + \dots + cu_i + (-1)u_{i+1} = 0$, so there is nonzero scalar combination that subsystem of U is linearly dependent. Then U itself is linearly dependent. – contradiction. So, 2) holds.

2) \Rightarrow 3)

Let we have $\exists u_i = au_1 + bu_2 + \dots + cu_{i-1} + du_{i+1} + \dots + eu_n \neq 0$.

Then if $e \neq 0$ then $\exists u_n = (-e^{-1})(au_1 + bu_2 + \dots + cu_{i-1} - u_i + du_{i+1} + \dots + fu_{n-1}) \neq 0$ - so u_n is linear combination of elements $\{u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$. – contradiction to 2).

Thus similar observation leads us to fact that all coefficients near u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n are zeros, and thus

$u_i = au_1 + bu_2 + \dots + cu_{i-1} \neq 0$.

Last fact contradicts 2) again, and so 3) holds.

3) \Rightarrow 1)

If system $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ is linearly dependent then one of the vectors is a linear combination of other ones, but this is impossible since 3) holds, so U is linearly independent.