

Announcements Jan 22

- Midterm 1 on Feb 7
- WeBWork due Thursday
- Quiz in studio on Friday
- My office hours Monday 3-4 and Wed 2-3 in Skiles 234
- TA office hours in Skiles 230 (you can go to any of these!)
 - ▶ Isabella Thu 2-3
 - ▶ Kyle Thu 1-3
 - ▶ Kalen Mon/Wed 1-1:50
 - ▶ Sidhanth Tue 10:45-11:45
- PLUS sessions Mon/Wed 6-7 LLC West with Miguel

1.3 Parametric Form

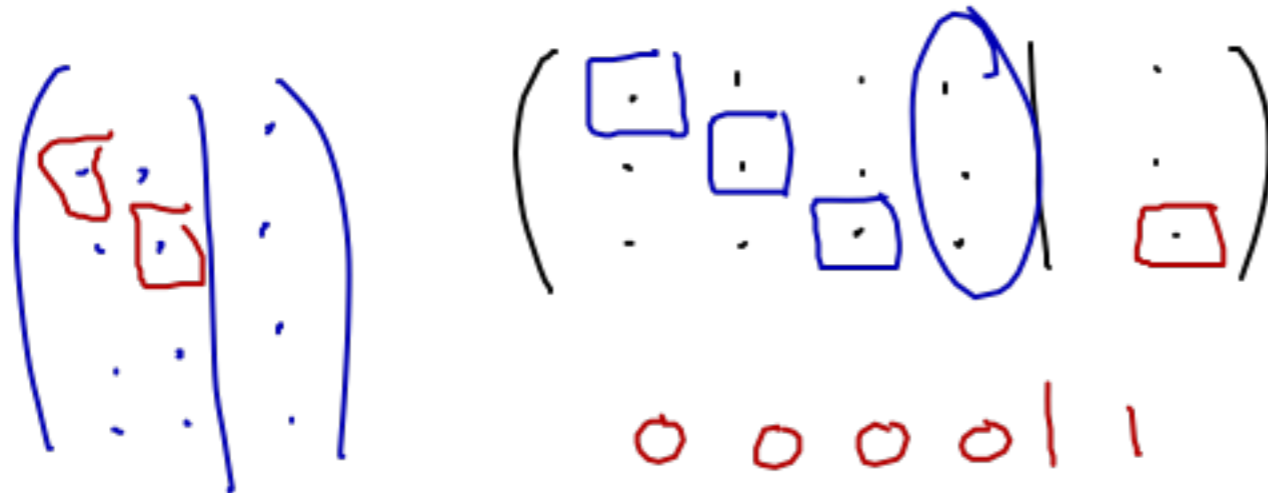
Poll

A linear system has 4 variables and 3 equations. What are the possible solution sets?

- 1. nothing
- 2. point *0-dim plane*
- 3. two points
- 4. line
- 5. plane
- 6. 3-dimensional plane
- 7. 4-dimensional plane

3 3-dim planes in \mathbb{R}^4 intersect them

4 free vars \leftrightarrow 0 pivots \leftrightarrow zero matrix



pivots = 0, 1, 2, or 3
 # free vars = 4, 3, 2, 1

Implicit versus parametric equations of planes

Find a parametric description of the plane

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$\left(\boxed{1} \ 1 \ 1 \mid 1 \right)$$

RREF

$$x = 1 - y - z$$

$$y = y$$

$$z = z$$

→ $(1 - y - z, y, z)$

example

$$y = 5 \quad z = 7$$
$$(-11, 5, 7) \text{ etc.}$$

The original version is the **implicit equation** for the plane. The answer to this problem is the **parametric description**.

Summary

There are *three possibilities* for the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix of system of linear equations.

1. **The last column is a pivot column.**

↪ the system is *inconsistent*.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

2. **Every column except the last column is a pivot column.**

↪ the system has a *unique solution*.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * \end{array} \right)$$

3. **The last column is not a pivot column, and some other column isn't either.**

↪ the system has *infinitely many* solutions; free variables correspond to columns without pivots.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & * & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * \end{array} \right)$$

plane in \mathbb{R}^4

Chapter 2

System of Linear Equations: Geometry

Section 2.1

Vectors

Outline

- Think of points in \mathbb{R}^n as vectors.
- Learn how to add vectors and multiply them by a scalar
- Understand the geometry of adding vectors and multiplying them by a scalar
- Understand linear combinations algebraically and geometrically

Vectors

A **vector** is a matrix with one row or one column. We can think of a vector with n rows as:

- a point in \mathbb{R}^n
- an arrow in \mathbb{R}^n



To go from an arrow to a point in \mathbb{R}^n , we subtract the tip of the arrow from the starting point. Note that there are many arrows representing the same vector.

Adding vectors / parallelogram rule [▶ Demo](#)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$
A 2D Cartesian coordinate system with blue axes. A green arrow starts at the origin (0,0) and ends at the point (4,7), which is labeled in orange as $(7,14)$. This represents the sum of two vectors.

Scaling vectors [▶ Demo](#)

$$7 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$
A 2D Cartesian coordinate system with blue axes. A purple arrow starts at the origin (0,0) and ends at the point (1,2), labeled in purple as $(1,2)$. A longer orange arrow starts at the origin and ends at the point (7,14), representing the scaled vector.

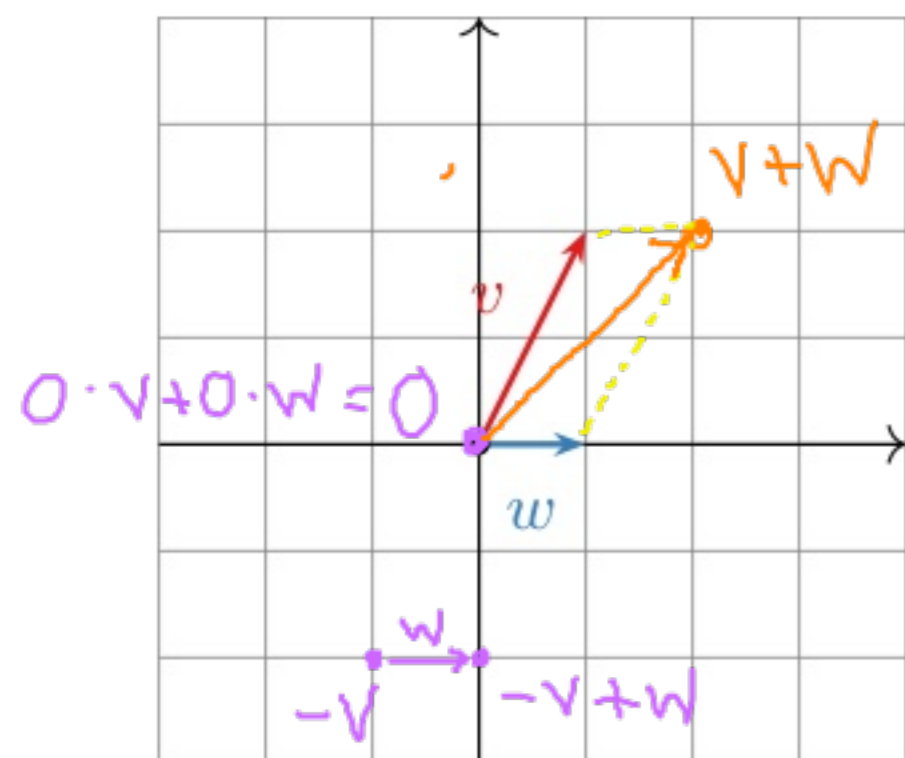
A **scalar** is just a real number. We use this term to indicate that we are scaling a vector by this number.

Linear Combinations

A **linear combination** of the vectors v_1, \dots, v_k is any vector

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

where c_1, \dots, c_k are real numbers.



$2v+3w$

identify $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$
with (a, b)
in \mathbb{R}^2

Let $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

What are some linear combinations of v and w ?

$$v + w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = 1 \quad c_2 = 1$$

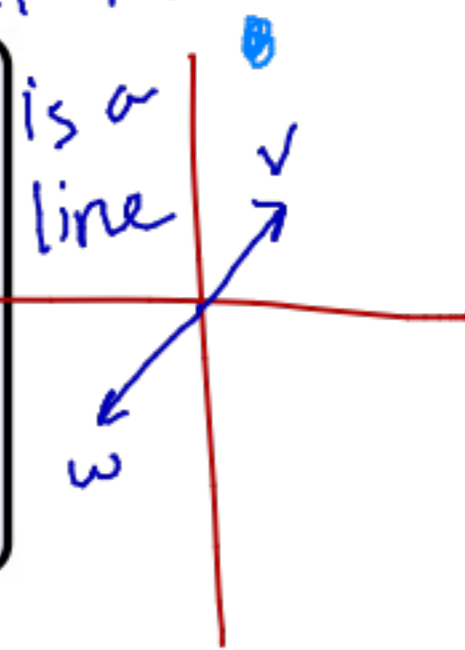
$$1 \cdot v + 1 \cdot w$$

Poll

Is there a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 that is not a linear combination of v and w ?

- yes
- no

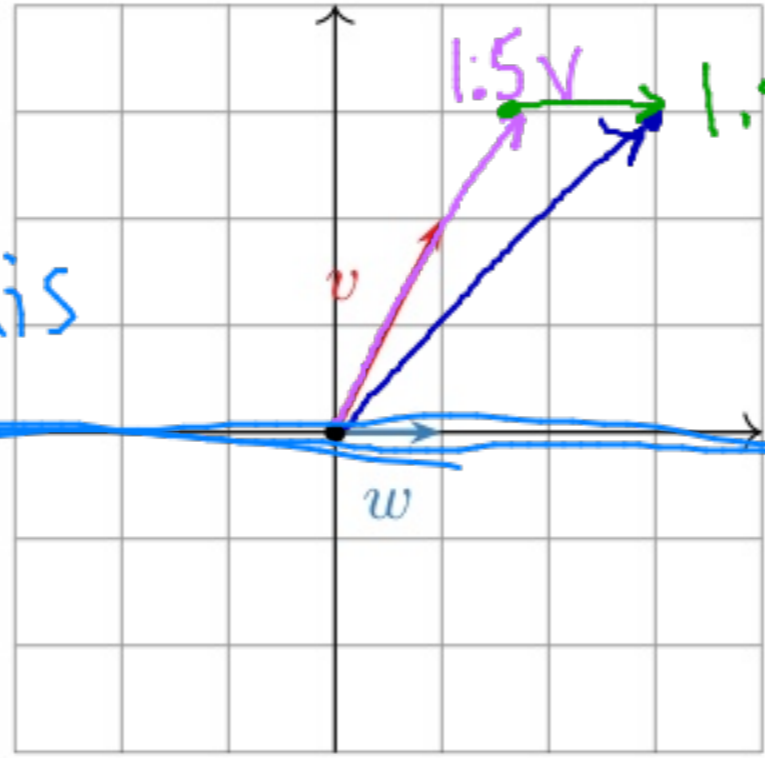
Set of lin. combos



Span

Set of lin. combos

of $w = x$ -axis



$$1.5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 1.5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Set of lin combos is \mathbb{R}^2

Set of linear combos of v & w is \mathbb{R}^2

Linear Combinations

What are some linear combinations of $(1, 1)$?

$$(a, a)$$

line $y = x$

What are some linear combinations of $(1, 1)$ and $(2, 2)$?



Same answer

What are some linear combinations of $(0, 0)$?

origin

$$(0, 0)$$

Summary of Section 2.1

- A vector is a point/arrow in \mathbb{R}^n
- We can add/scale vectors algebraically & geometrically (parallelogram rule)
- A linear combination of vectors v_1, \dots, v_k is a vector

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

where c_1, \dots, c_k are real numbers.

- Asking the question of whether a certain vector is a linear combination of certain other vectors gives us a vector equation.
- Vector equations are the same as linear systems.

Section 2.2

Vector Equations and Spans

Outline of Section 3.2

- Learn the equivalences:

vector equations \leftrightarrow augmented matrices \leftrightarrow linear systems

- Learn the definition of **span**
- Learn the relationship between spans and consistency

Linear Combinations

Is $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ a linear combination of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$?

vector eqn.

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

sys of line eqns

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 8 \\ 2x - 2y &= 16 \\ 6x - y &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

row reduce!

Write down an equation in order to solve this problem. This is called a **vector equation**.

Notice that the vector equation can be rewritten as a system of linear equations. Solve it!

matrix eqn

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 8 \\ \del{2} & \del{-2} & \del{16} \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & -1 & 8 \\ 0 & \boxed{5} & -45 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Linear combinations, vector equations, and linear systems

In general, asking:

Is b a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k ?

is the same as asking if the vector equation

$$c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_k v_k = b$$

is consistent, which is the same as asking if the system of linear equations corresponding to the augmented matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} | & | & & | & | & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_k & & b \\ | & | & & | & | & | \end{array} \right),$$

is consistent.

Compare with the previous slide! Make sure you are comfortable going back and forth between the specific case (last slide) and the general case (this slide).

Span

Essential vocabulary word!

$\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} = \{c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k \mid c_i \text{ in } \mathbb{R}\} \leftarrow \text{(set builder notation)}$
= the set of all linear combinations of vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k
= plane through the origin and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k .

What are the possibilities for the span of two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 ?

▶ Demo

What are the possibilities for the span of three vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

▶ Demo

Conclusion: Spans are planes (of some dimension) through the origin, and the dimension of the plane is **at most** the number of vectors you started with and is **at most** the dimension of the space they're in.

Span

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Four ways of saying the same thing:

- b is in $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$
- b is a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k
- the vector equation $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k = b$ has a solution
- the system of linear equations corresponding to

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} | & | & & | & | & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_k & & b \\ | & | & & | & | & | \end{array} \right),$$

is consistent.

▶ Demo

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Summary of Section 3.2

- vector equations \leftrightarrow augmented matrices \leftrightarrow linear systems
- Checking if a linear system is consistent is the same as asking if the column vector on the end of an augmented matrix is in the span of the other column vectors.
- Spans are planes, and the dimension of the plane is **at most** the number of vectors you started with.