

Math 2250-1  
Friday Oct 3

↳ 4.1-4.3 cont'd.

Recall

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Chapter 3}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix form

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Chapter 4}} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \cdots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

linear combination form

the language we will use:

If  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a collection of vectors (say in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

then  $\vec{w}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  means

$\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \cdots + c_k \vec{v}_k$  for some choice of the scalar numbers  
 $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ . These numbers are called the  
linear combination coefficients

the span of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is the collection of all  $\vec{w}$ 's which are linear combinations  
of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ .

Example On Wednesday we showed that

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Exercise 1 : Is every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ?

- What is the span of  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  ?
- If  $s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , are the linear combination coefficients unique?

HW for Friday Oct 10

- 4.1 1, (7) 9 (10) 15, (16, 19, 22), 25, (26, 31, 33)  
4.2 5, (6, 9, 15, 18) 24, (27) 29  
4.3 (1, 3, 6, 9, 10) (16) 17 (18) 23 (25)

Please feel free to use technology  
to compute rref in any  
of this week's problems.

Exam 1 on Monday!

Problem session tomorrow (Saturday)

10:30 am - noon

LCB 219

(practice test is posted.)

Notation:  $\vec{i} = \vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{j} = \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{e}_3$ .

these 3 vectors are often called the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Exercise 2 a) Express  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$ .

b) Can every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be expressed as a linear combo of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$ ?  
Are the linear combo coeff's unique?

c) What is the span of  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$

d) What is the span of  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$ ?

e) What is the span of  $\{\vec{e}_1\}$ ?

(3)

Exercise 3 Let  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$

3a) Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ ?

You might make use of the following Maple output:

i.e. find  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  so that

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> with(linalg);
> A:=matrix(3,3,[2,-1,4,1,1,-1,1,-5,11]);
b:=vector([6,3,3]);
Aaugb:=augment(A,b);
rref(Aaugb);
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$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 & 11 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

3b) Are the linear combo coeff's in 3a) unique?

3c) Explain why  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ . What geometric object is this span?

Hint:

2	-1	4	:	x	reduce	1	1	-1	y
1	1	-1	:	y	(not rref)	0	3	-6	-x+2y
1	-5	11	:	z		0	0	0	-2x+3y+z

Exercise 4 If you have 3 vectors,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , what matrix condition is equivalent to:  
 $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ , and that the linear combo coeff's are unique?  
(If this is the case, we call  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .)