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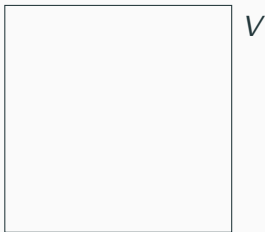
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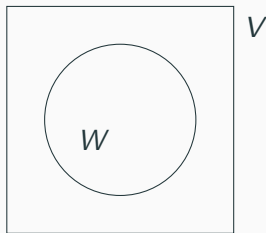
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# Assignment

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## Problem

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Find a finite set of vectors which spans  $W$ .

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