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Vector Equations

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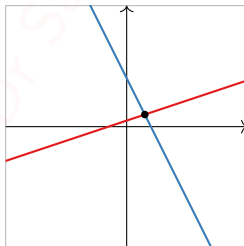
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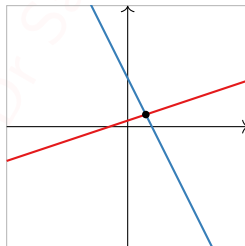
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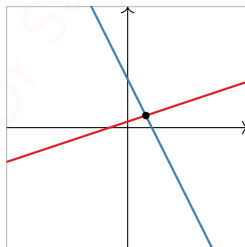


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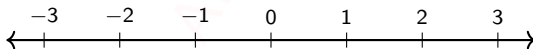
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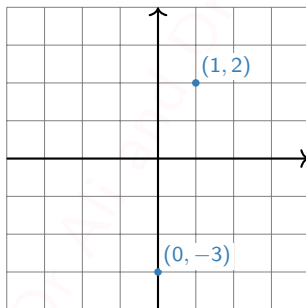


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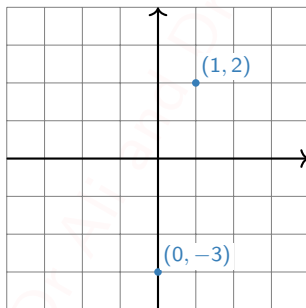


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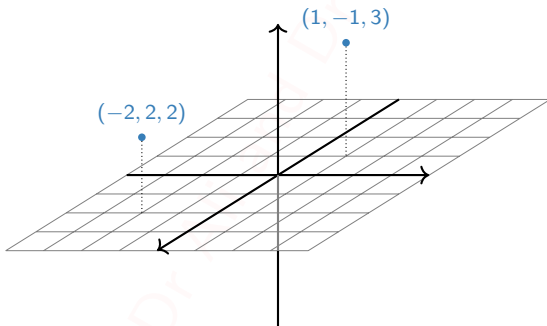
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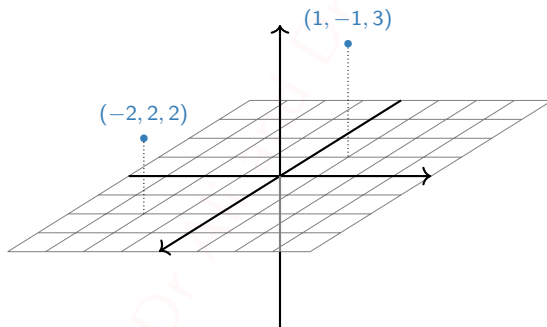


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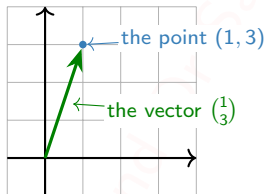
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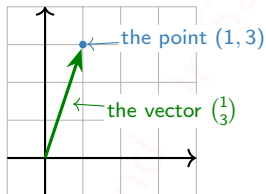
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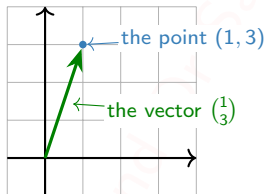


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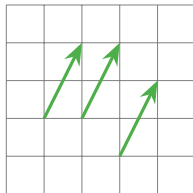
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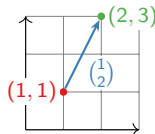
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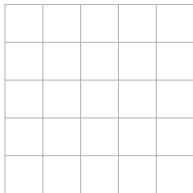
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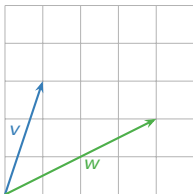
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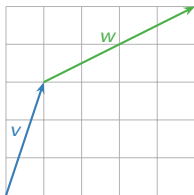


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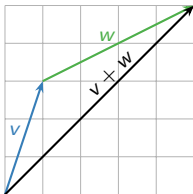
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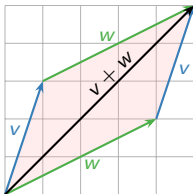
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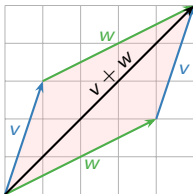
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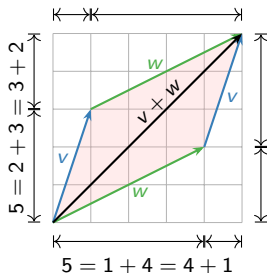


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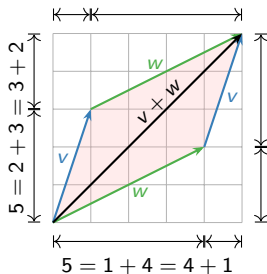
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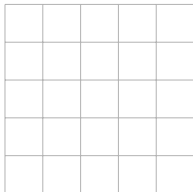
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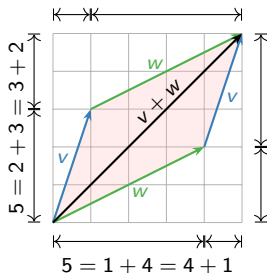
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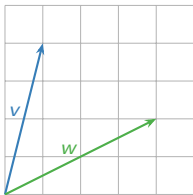
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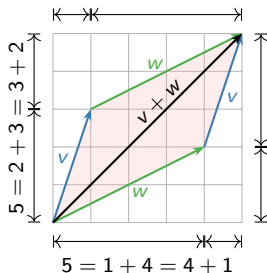
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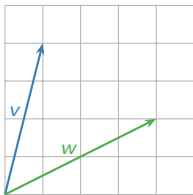
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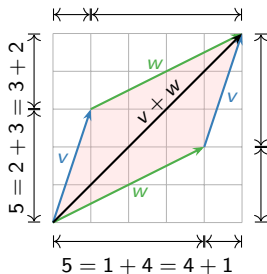
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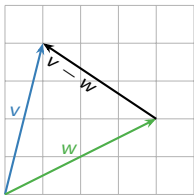
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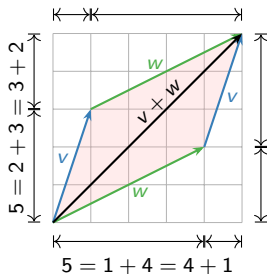
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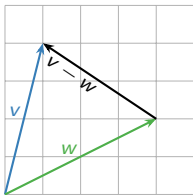
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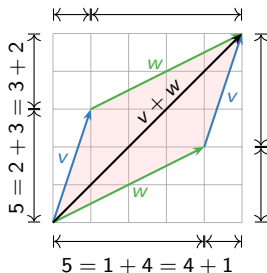
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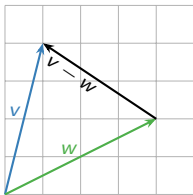
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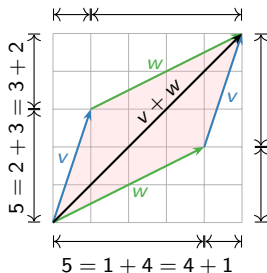
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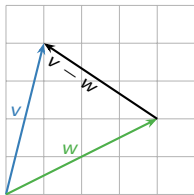
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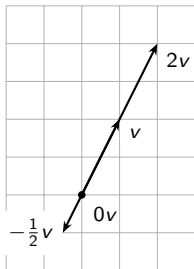


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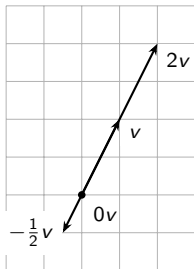
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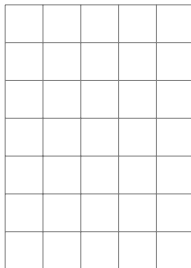
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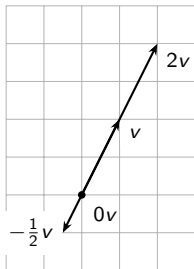


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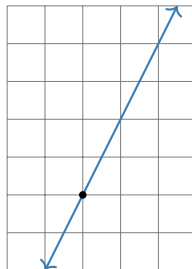
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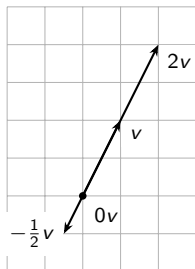


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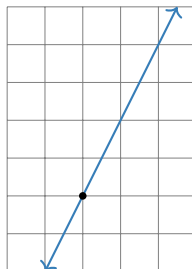
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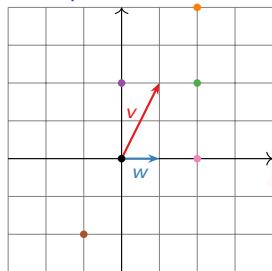
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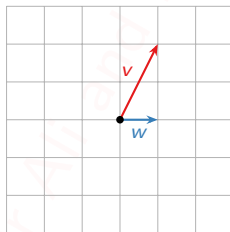
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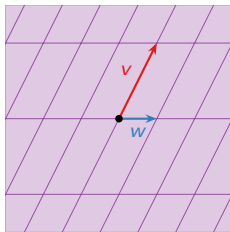
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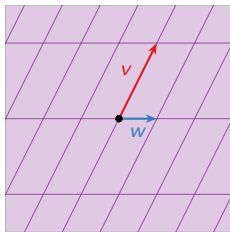
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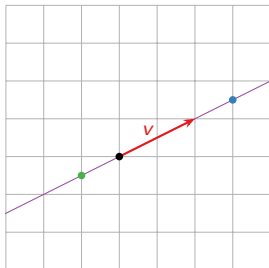
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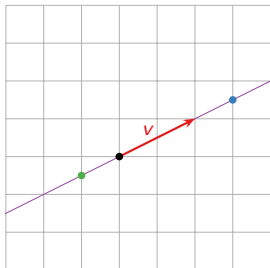
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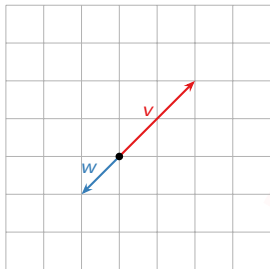
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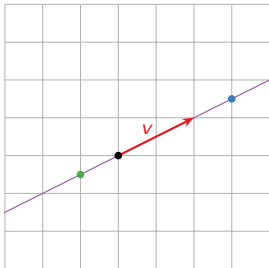


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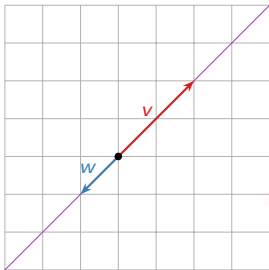
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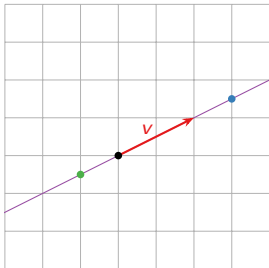
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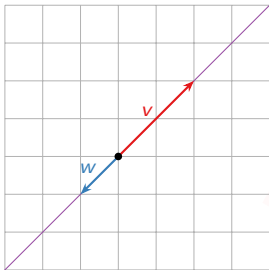
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This is just a system of linear equations:

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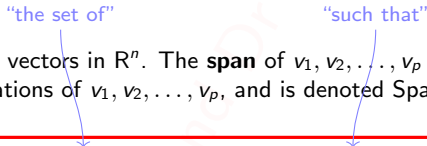
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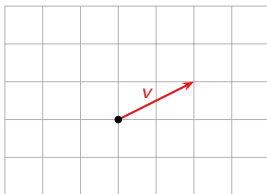
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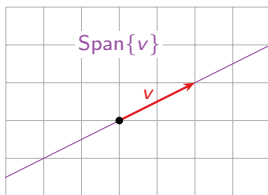
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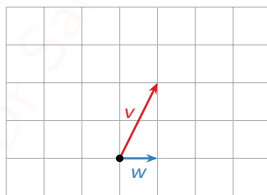
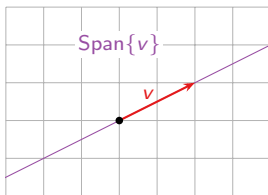
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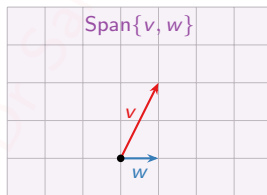
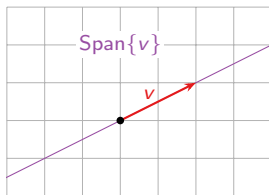
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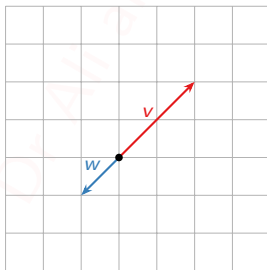
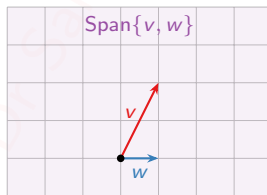
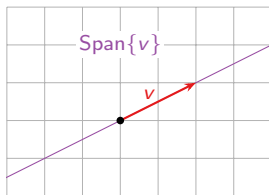
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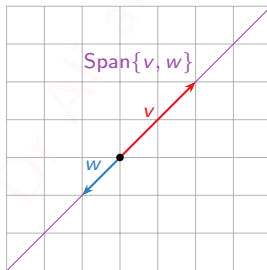
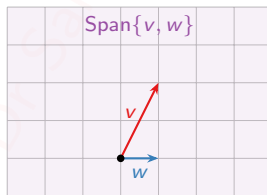
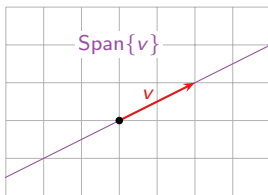
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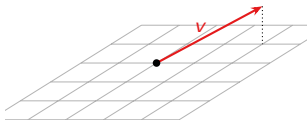
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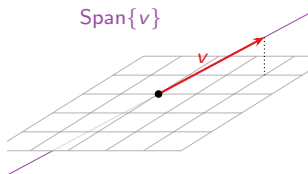
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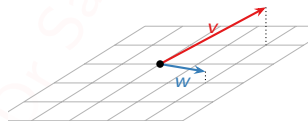
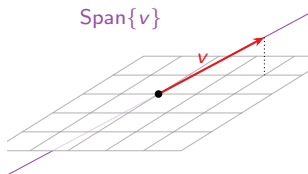
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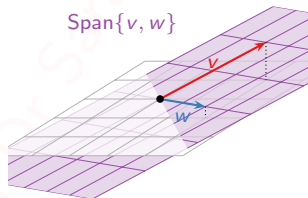
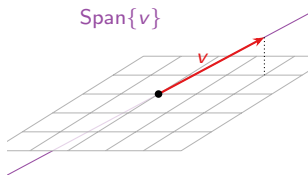
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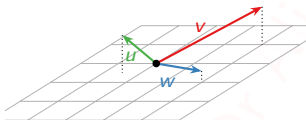
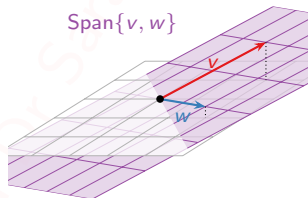
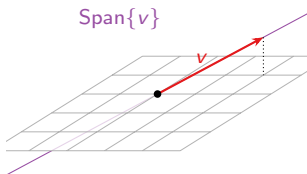
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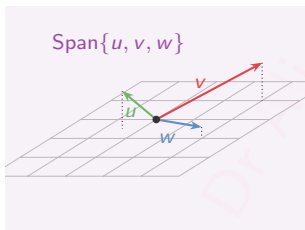
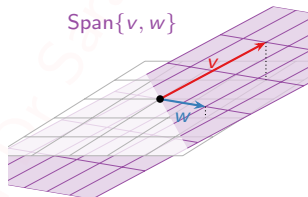
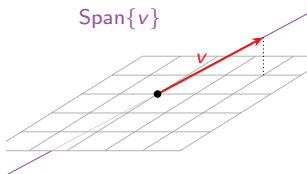
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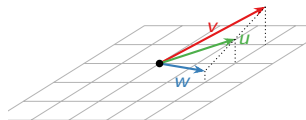
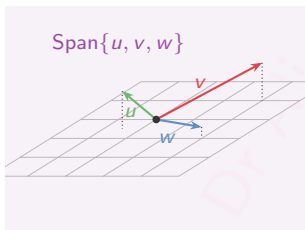
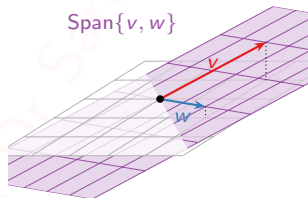
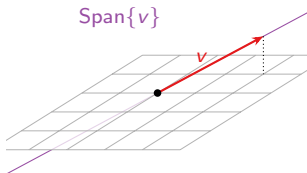
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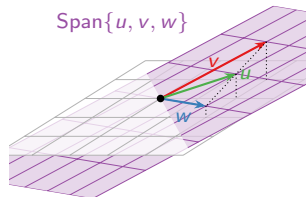
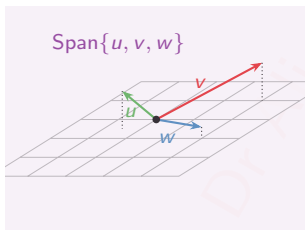
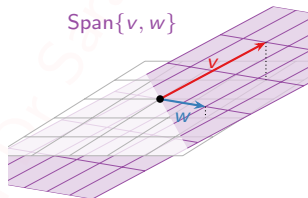
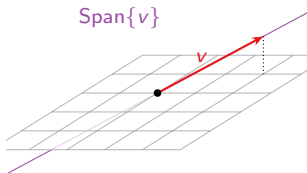
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We will make this precise later.

## 1.3 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1 and 2, compute  $u + v$  and  $u - 2v$ .

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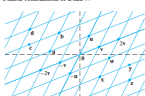
In Exercises 3 and 4, display the following vectors using arrows on an  $xy$ -plane:  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $u - 2v$ ,  $u + v$ ,  $u - v$ , and  $u - 2v$ . Notice that  $u - v$  is the vertex of a parallelogram whose other vertices are  $u$ ,  $0$ , and  $-v$ .

$$3. u \text{ and } v \text{ as in Exercise 1} \quad 4. u \text{ and } v \text{ as in Exercise 2}$$

In Exercises 5 and 6, write a system of equations that is equivalent to the given vector equation.

$$5. x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Use the accompanying figure to write each vector listed in Exercises 7 and 8 as a linear combination of  $u$  and  $v$ . Is every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a linear combination of  $u$  and  $v$ ?7. Vectors  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ 8. Vectors  $w, x, y$ , and  $z$ 

In Exercises 9 and 10, write a vector equation that is equivalent to the given system of equations.

$$9. \begin{aligned} x_1 + 5x_2 &= 0 & 10. \quad 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 &= 3 \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 &= 0 & -2x_1 - 7x_2 + 5x_3 &= 1 \\ 5x_1 + 3x_2 - 8x_3 &= 0 & 5x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

In Exercises 11 and 12, determine if  $b$  is a linear combination of  $a_1, a_2$ , and  $a_3$ .

$$11. a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$13. A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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15. Let  $a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . For what value(s) of  $t$  is  $b$  in the plane spanned by  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ ?16. Let  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $y = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \\ l \end{bmatrix}$ . For what value(s) of  $h$  is  $y$  in the plane generated by  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ?In Exercises 17 and 18, list five vectors in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ . For each vector, show the weights on  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  used to generate the vector and list the three entries of the vector. Do not make a sketch.

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In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

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c. [M] Solve the equation in (b).

28. A steam plant burns two types of coal: anthracite (A) and bituminous (B). For each ton of A burned, the plant produces 27.6 million Btu of heat, 3100 grams (g) of sulfur dioxide, and 230 g of particulate matter (solid-particle pollutants). For

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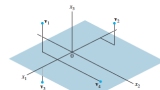
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The center of gravity (or center of mass) of the system is

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{m} [m_1v_1 + \dots + m_kv_k]$$

Compute the center of gravity of the system consisting of the following point masses (see the figure).

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| $v_2 = (-4, 2, 3)$ | 2 g  |
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| $v_4 = (1, -6, 0)$ | 5 g  |

30. Let  $\bar{v}$  be the center of mass of a system of point masses located at  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  as in Exercise 29. Is  $\bar{v}$  in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ ? Explain.

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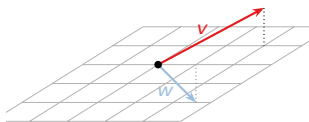
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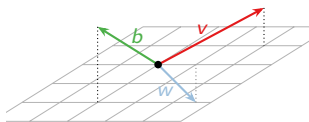
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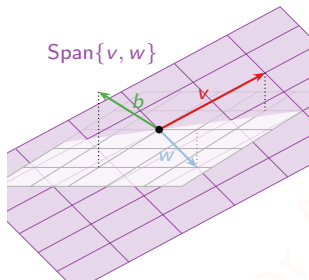
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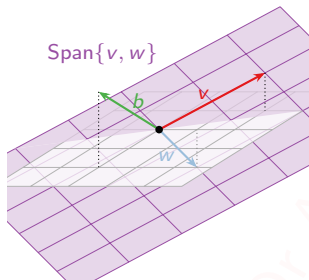
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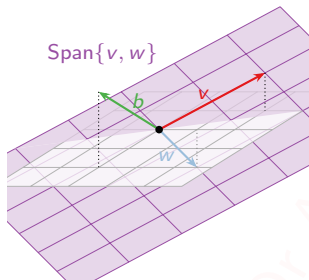
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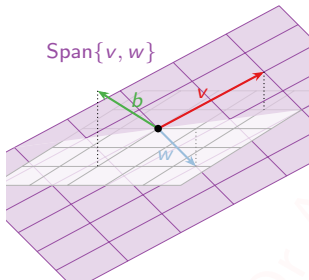
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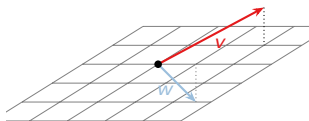
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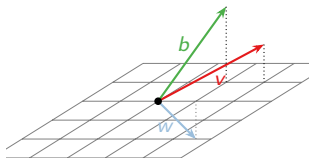
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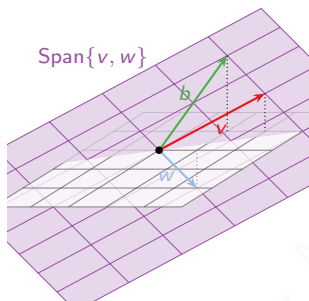


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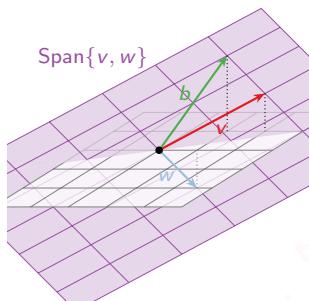
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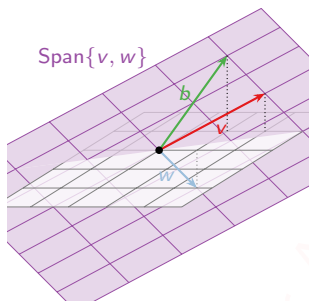
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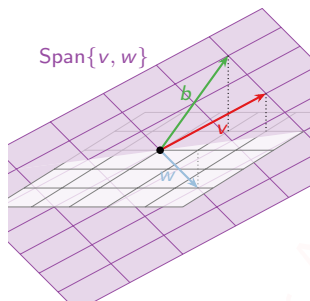
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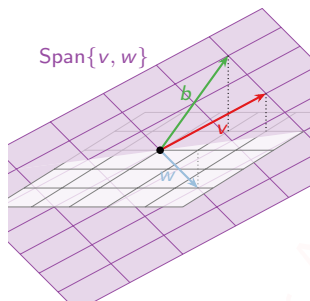
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## Poll

Which of the following true statements can be checked by eyeballing them, *without* row reduction?

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## 1.4 EXERCISES

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$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} & 2. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ 3. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} & 4. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

In Exercises 5–8, use the definition of  $A\mathbf{x}$  to write the matrix equation as a vector equation, or vice versa.

$$\begin{array}{l} 5. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ 6. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 8 & -5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -21 \\ 1 \\ -49 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \\ 7. x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \\ 8. z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + z_3 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + z_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

In Exercises 9 and 10, write the system first as a vector equation and then as a matrix equation.

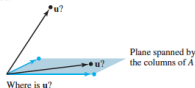
$$\begin{array}{ll} 9. 5x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 8 & 10. 4x_1 - x_2 = 8 \\ 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 & 5x_1 + 3x_2 = 2 \\ & 3x_1 - x_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

Given  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in Exercises 11 and 12, write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then solve the system and write the solution as a vector.

$$11. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -3 & -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$13. \text{ Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Is } \mathbf{u} \text{ in the plane in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ spanned by the columns of } A? \text{ (See the figure.) Why or why not?}$$



$$14. \text{ Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Is } \mathbf{u} \text{ in the subset of } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ spanned by the columns of } A? \text{ Why or why not?}$$

15. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does not have a solution for all possible  $\mathbf{b}$ , and describe the set of all  $\mathbf{b}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does have a solution.

16. Repeat the requests from Exercise 15 with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercises 17–20 refer to the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  below. Make appropriate calculations that justify your answers and mention an appropriate theorem.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & -8 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 9 & 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

17. How many rows of  $A$  contain a pivot position? Does the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?
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In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

23. a. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a *vector equation*.  
 b. A vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of a matrix  $A$  if and only if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution.  
 c. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent if the augmented matrix  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$  has a pivot position in every row.  
 d. The first entry in the product  $A\mathbf{x}$  is a sum of products.  
 e. If the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  
 f. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $A$  cannot have a pivot position in every row.

24. a. Every matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  corresponds to a vector equation with the same solution set.  
 b. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then  $\mathbf{b}$  is in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$ .  
 c. Any linear combination of vectors can always be written in the form  $A\mathbf{x}$  for a suitable matrix  $A$  and vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .  
 d. If the coefficient matrix  $A$  has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent.  
 e. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3 \ \mathbf{b}]$  is the same as the solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , if  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$ .  
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25. Note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 & 5 \\ -6 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use this fact (and no row operations) to find scalars  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
26. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . It can be shown that  $2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ . Use this fact (and no row operations) to find  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  that satisfy the equation  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
27. Rewrite the (numerical) matrix equation below in symbolic form as a vector equation, using symbols  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots$  for the vectors and  $c_1, c_2, \dots$  for scalars. Define what each symbol represents, using the data given in the matrix equation.
- $$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & -4 & 9 & 7 \\ 5 & 8 & 1 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}$$
28. Let  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{v}$  represent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $x_1, x_2$ , and  $x_3$  denote scalars. Write the following vector equation as a matrix equation. Identify any symbols you choose to use.  
 $x_1\mathbf{q}_1 + x_2\mathbf{q}_2 + x_3\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{v}$
29. Construct a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, not in echelon form, whose columns span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that the matrix you construct has the desired property.
30. Construct a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, not in echelon form, whose columns do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that the matrix you construct has the desired property.
31. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 2$  matrix. Explain why the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  cannot be consistent for all  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Generalize your argument to the case of an arbitrary  $A$  with more rows than columns.

32. Could a set of three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain. What about  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n$  is less than  $m$ ?
33. Suppose  $A$  is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the property that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution. What can you say about the reduced echelon form of  $A$ ? Justify your answer.
34. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 4$  matrix, let  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1 = A\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = A\mathbf{u}_2$  for some vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . What fact allows you to conclude that the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}$  is consistent? (Note:  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  denote vectors, not scalar entries in vectors.)
35. Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 3$  matrix, let  $\mathbf{y}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $\mathbf{z}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Suppose  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}$ . What fact allows you to conclude that the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$  is consistent?
36. Suppose  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the property that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution. Explain why the columns of  $A$  must span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

[M] In Exercises 37–40, determine if the columns of the matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$37. \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -5 & 8 \\ -5 & -3 & 4 & -9 \\ 6 & 10 & -2 & 7 \\ -7 & 9 & 2 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \quad 38. \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 & -4 & 2 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 & 4 \\ 9 & 1 & 10 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$39. \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ -8 & 4 & -6 & -10 & -3 \\ -7 & 11 & -5 & -1 & -8 \\ 3 & -1 & 10 & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$40. \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 11 & -6 & -7 & 12 \\ -7 & -3 & -4 & 6 & -9 \\ 11 & 5 & 6 & -9 & -3 \\ -3 & 4 & -7 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

41. [M] Find a column of the matrix in Exercise 39 that can be deleted and yet have the remaining matrix columns still span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
42. [M] Find a column of the matrix in Exercise 40 that can be deleted and yet have the remaining matrix columns still span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Can you delete more than one column?

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With this knowledge you should be able to solve

Exercise 1.1 (1–32)

Exercise 1.2 (1–32)

Exercise 1.3 (1–28)

Exercise 1.4 (1–36)