

# Lec 5.

## Warm up

Which of the following vectors is **first** to be in the span of **previous** vectors?

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 \vec{V}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{V}_n = \vec{0}$     what is the smallest  $n$   
 s.t. eq. has a nontrivial  
 sol?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

REF  
 ex.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

free variable

$$\rightarrow x_1 \vec{V}_1 + x_2 \vec{V}_2 + x_3 \vec{V}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$(x_3 \neq 0)$

$$\rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \left(-\frac{x_1}{x_3}\right)\vec{v}_1 + \left(-\frac{x_2}{x_3}\right)\vec{v}_2 \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}.$$

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Thm A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is  
lin. dep.

$\Leftrightarrow$  at least one of the vectors is  
a lin. Comb. of the rest of the vectors.

Caution      not any vector

Ex.  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  lin. indep.

Consider  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \underbrace{2\vec{v}_2}_{\vec{v}_3}\}$ .

lin. dep.      0.  $\vec{v}_1 + (-2)\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = 0$ .

If try  $\vec{v}_1 = x_1 \vec{v}_2 + x_2 \vec{v}_3 = (x_1 + 2x_2) \vec{v}_2$

$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 + (-x_1 - 2x_2)\vec{v}_2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{contradiction.}$

Pf:  $\Leftarrow$  say  $1 \leq p \leq k$

$$\vec{v}_p = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq p}}^k c_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + (-1) \vec{v}_p + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$$

$\rightarrow$  nontrivial sol to hom. eq.  $\Rightarrow$  lin. dep.

$\Rightarrow$  there exists  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{0}$  s.t.

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}.$$

Say  $c_p \neq 0$  ( $1 \leq p \leq k$ )

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_p = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq p}}^k \left( -\frac{c_i}{c_p} \right) \vec{v}_i \quad \square$$

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Ex.  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

①  $\vec{v}_3$  in  $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$ ?

②  $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \} = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

① whether exists  $x_1, x_2$  s.t.

$$\vec{v}_3 = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 \quad ?$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0 \quad \text{only trivial sol.}$$

$\rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  lin. indep.

answer is NO.

② Whether for any  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

$\left[ \vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3 \mid \vec{b} \right]$  has a sol?

Yes  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \subseteq \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$

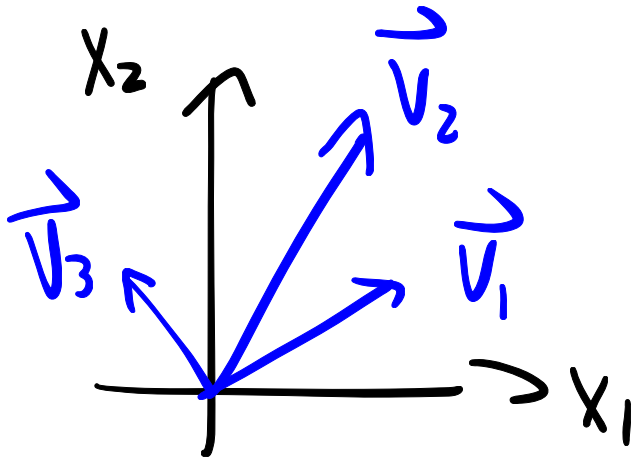
$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ .

Thm.  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ,  $\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k > n$

is lin. dep.



Geometrically. ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ )



Pf: Aug. matrix

$$n \left[ \vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \vec{v}_n \mid \vec{v}_{n+1} \cdots \vec{v}_k \right]$$

at most  $n$  pivoting columns

$\Rightarrow$  at least  $k-n$  free var.

$\Rightarrow$  lin. dep.

















