

## Announcements Sep 8

- Please turn on your camera if you are able and comfortable doing so
- Current plan: Class on Monday in Howey L1/Teams (email forthcoming)
  - ▶ attendance optional
  - ▶ masks + distance from me expected
  - ▶ testing encouraged
- Quiz on 1.2 & 1.3 **Friday**. Open 6:30a–8p on Canvas/Assignments, 15 mins
- WeBWorK 1.2 & 1.3 due **Thursday nite**
- WeBWorK 2.1 & 2.2 due **Tuesday nite**
- Use Piazza for general questions
- Office hrs: Tue 4-5 Teams + Thu 1-2 Skiles courtyard/Teams + Pop-ups
- Many, many TA office hours listed on Canvas
- **Studio this Friday online**; Studio for M02 will be recorded/streamed
- Section M web site: Google “Dan Margalit math”, click on 1553
  - ▶ future blank slides, past lecture slides, old quizzes/exams
- Tutoring: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/tutoring>
- PLUS sessions: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/plus-sessions>
- Math Lab: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/drop-tutoring-help-desks>
- Counseling center: <https://counseling.gatech.edu>
- You can do it!

# Chapter 2

## System of Linear Equations: Geometry

## Where are we?

In Chapter 1 we learned to solve any system of linear equations in any number of variables. The answer is row reduction, which gives an algebraic solution. In Chapter 2 we put some geometry behind the algebra. It is the geometry that gives us intuition and deeper meaning. There are three main points:

Sec 2.3:  $Ax = b$  is consistent  $\Leftrightarrow b$  is in the span of the columns of  $A$ .

Sec 2.4: The solutions to  $Ax = b$  are parallel to the solutions to  $Ax = 0$ .

Sec 2.9: The dim's of  $\{b : Ax = b \text{ is consistent}\}$  and  $\{\text{solutions to } Ax = b\}$  add up to the number of columns of  $A$ .

# Section 2.1

## Vectors

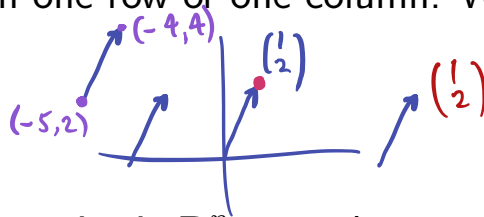
# Outline

- 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

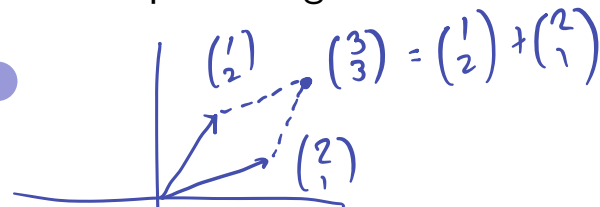
A **vector** is a matrix with one row or one column. We can think of a vector with  $n$  rows as:

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



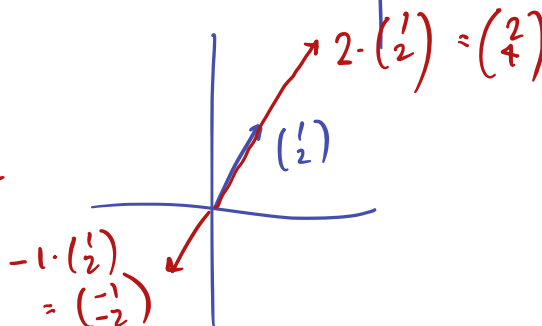
To go from an arrow to a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we subtract the tip of the arrow from the starting point. Note that there are many arrows representing the same vector.

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



Scaling vectors [▶ Demo](#)

↳ multiply  
by real number



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

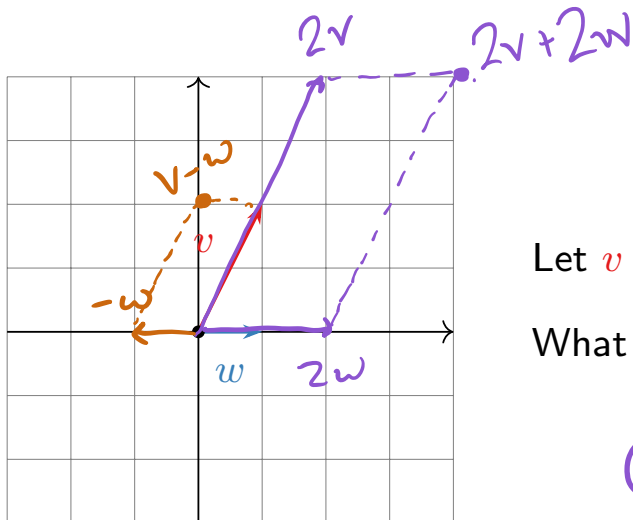
# Linear Combinations

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.

*then  
scale & add  
the vectors  $v_i$*



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

What are some linear combinations of  $v$  and  $w$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 2v + 2w &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad v - w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 2v - w = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ etc.}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 1 \cdot v + (-1) \cdot w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Poll

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

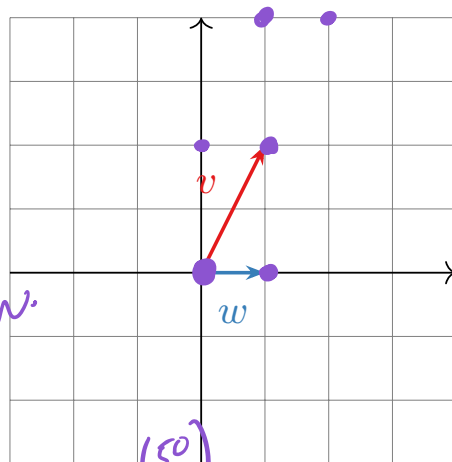
• yes

• **no**

Every pt in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a lin combo of  $v, w$ .

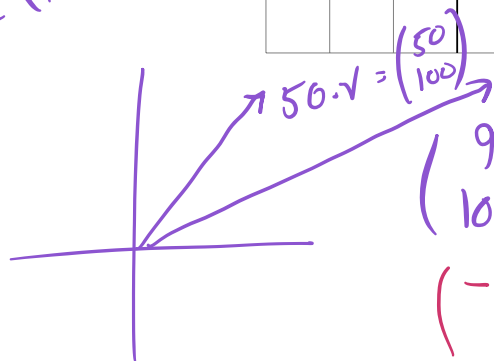
In language of Sec 2.2: the span of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Secretly: solving a linear system.



$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 98 \\ 100 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{50} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{48} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{0} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

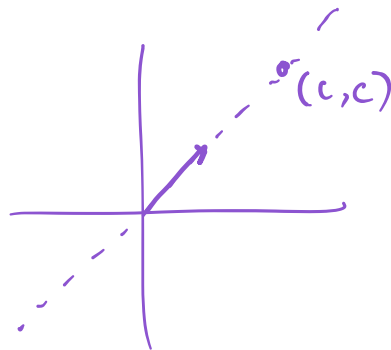


# Linear Combinations

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

$$\text{line } y = x$$

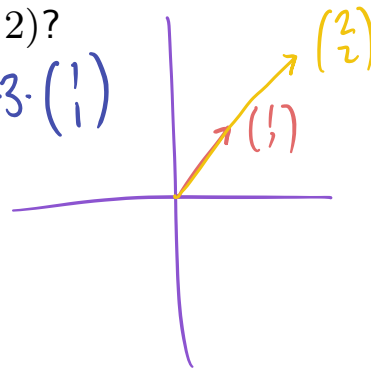
$$c \cdot (1, 1) = (c, c)$$



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

$$15 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{matrix} -9 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ -18 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = -3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

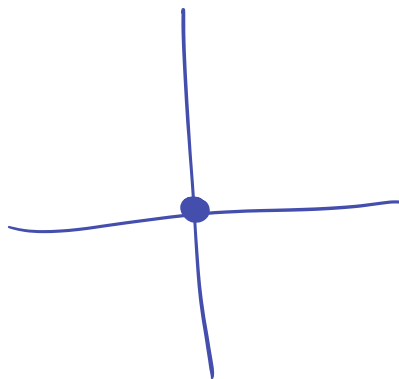
$$\text{line } y = x$$



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

$$c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

just  
the  
origin.

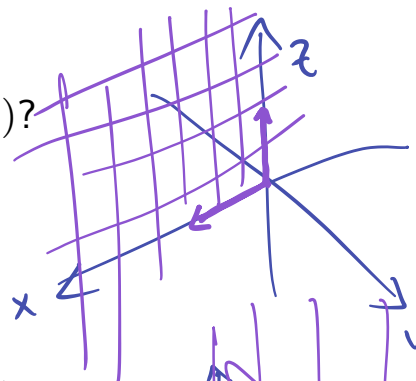


# Linear Combinations

What are all linear combinations of  $(1, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$ ?

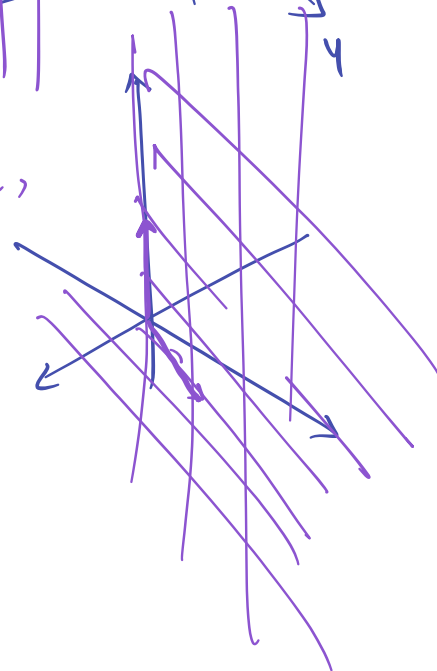
$xz$ -plane

$$\begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 0 \\ -19 \end{pmatrix} = 17 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-19) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times$$



What are all linear combinations of  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$ ?

Take plane from last example,  
rotate by...  $45^\circ$   
about...  $z$ -axis



What are all linear combinations of  $(3, 2, 4)$  and  $(-4, 2, 1)$ ?

It's a plane  
in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

## 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.

## Typical exam questions

True/False: For any collection of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_k$ .

True/False: The vector  $(1, 1)$  can be written as a linear combination of  $(2, 2)$  and  $(-2, -2)$  in infinitely many ways.

Describe geometrically the set of linear combinations of the vectors  $(1, 0, 0)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

Suppose that  $v$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and consider the set of all linear combinations of  $v$ . What geometric shape is this?

# Section 2.2

## Vector Equations and Spans

## Outline of Section 2.2

- 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  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

in the span of

Super important!

yes  $\iff$  system below is consistent.

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

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

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

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

$$\iff \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & 16 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

Now answer by row reduction. Is there a pivot on RHS? You check!!

# 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

$$x_1 v_1 + \dots + x_k v_k = b$$

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

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

is consistent.

*Repeat of last  
slide in  
general  
language.*

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!

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} = \{x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 + \dots + x_kv_k \mid x_i \text{ in } \mathbb{R}\} \leftarrow \text{(set builder notation)}$   
= 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  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? [1]  $(0,0)$  (both vectors are zero)  
or [2] line if one is a multiple of other

or [3] all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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

(0,0,0), line, plane, all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  3rd vector is in plane spanned by first 2 e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
↳ all three vectors are multiples of each other

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

Essential vocabulary word!

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & 16 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -49 \end{array} \right) \quad \text{CONSISTENT!}$$

$\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} = \{x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 + \dots + x_kv_k \mid x_i \text{ in } \mathbb{R}\}$   
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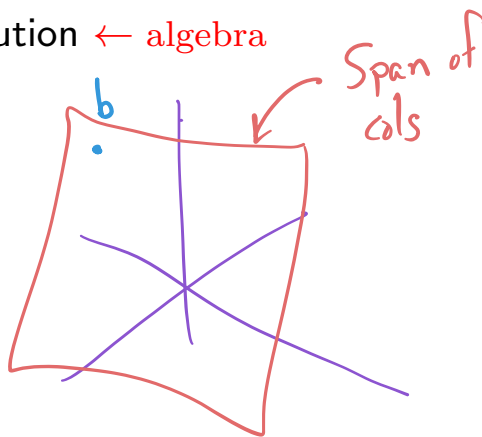
Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  in Span of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

Four ways of saying the same thing:

- $b$  is in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  ← geometry
- $b$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_k$
- the vector equation  $x_1v_1 + \dots + x_kv_k = b$  has a solution ← algebra
- the system of linear equations corresponding to

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

is consistent.



▶ Demo

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## Application: Additive Color Theory

Consider now the two colors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 180 \\ 50 \\ 200 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 100 \\ 150 \\ 100 \end{pmatrix}$$



For which  $h$  is  $(116, 130, h)$  in the span of those two colors?



## Summary of Section 2.2

- 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.

## Typical exam questions

Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in the span of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

Write down the vector equation for the previous problem.

True/False: The vector equation  $x_1v_1 + \cdots + x_kv_k = 0$  is always consistent.

True/False: It is possible for the span of 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to be a line.

True/False: the plane  $z = 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a span.