



**Definition**

The *affine hull* of a set in  $n$ -dimensional space is the intersection of the collection of affine sets which contain it.

**Notation**

We denote the affine hull of  $S$  by  $\text{aff } S$ .

**Proposition 1.** *The affine hull of  $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  consists of all vectors which can be expressed as*

$$\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 \cdots + \lambda_m x_m$$

*such that  $x_i \in S$  and  $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$ .*

Also, notice that if  $A \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  is affine, then  $\text{aff } A = A$ .



