

v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m linearly independent

$5v_1 - 4v_2, v_2, \dots, v_m$ linearly independent

Let $a_1 \dots a_m \in F$:

$$a_1(5v_1 - 4v_2) + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

$$5a_1 v_1 - 4a_1 v_2 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

$$5a_1 v_1 + (-4a_1 + a_2) v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

$$v_1, \dots, v_m \text{ lin. independent} \Rightarrow a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_i = 0 \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5a_1 = 0 \\ -4a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ a_{3..m} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m = 0.$$

\Rightarrow if v_1, \dots, v_m lin. independent $\Rightarrow 5v_1 - 4v_2, v_2, \dots, v_m$
is lin. independent