

## 2.3 Span and Linear Independence Cont'd

Ex: Are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
linearly independent?

$$\text{Let } c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} c_1 \quad c_2 \quad c_3 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$R_2 - R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_2}{-1} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_1 - R_2 \quad \begin{array}{c} c_1 \quad c_2 \quad c_3 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$R_3 + R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{REF}$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$2c_3 = 0 \rightarrow c_3 = 0$$

Yes

Recall

Vectors are lin. ind. if

$c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$  is the only solution.

Fact

A set of  $>n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
is linearly dependent

Ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  are lin. dependent

Why? Let  $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_m \vec{v}_m = \vec{0}$

$$n \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \dots & c_m \end{bmatrix}}_{>n} \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

System has  $\infty$ -many solutions (Section 2.2)

$\Rightarrow$  Vectors are lin. dependent

Ex: Find a linear dependence relationship  
(linear dependency) among

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

Method I

Let  $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 30 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$R_2 - 6R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_2}{-6} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_1 - 2R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{RREF}$$

$$\uparrow$$
$$\boxed{c_3 = t}$$

$$c_1 + 6c_3 = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = -6t}$$
$$\boxed{c_2 = t}$$

Choose any nonzero  $t$ -value :  $t = 1$

$$c_1 = -6$$

$$c_2 = 1 = c_3$$

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$\boxed{-6\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}}$$

## Method II

Vectors  $\rightarrow$  rows

$$\begin{array}{l} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 30 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 - 2\vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_3 - 4\vec{v}_1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{(\vec{v}_3 - 4\vec{v}_1) + (\vec{v}_2 - 2\vec{v}_1)}_{-6\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\boxed{-6\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}}$$

Any zero row gives a linear dependency.

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Method I gives the general dependency  
Method II gives 1 specific dependency

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## Preview of Section 3.5

The smallest set of vectors that describe a geometric object?

Need

1)  $\text{span}(\text{vectors}) = \text{object}$

2) vectors to be  $\text{linearly independent}$   
(no redundancy)

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## 2.4 Applications

Ex: Find the parabola through  
 $(1, -2)$ ,  $(-1, 8)$  and  $(2, -1)$

Parabola  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$   
Find  $a, b, c$

$x=1$  :  
 $y=-2$

$$-2 = a + b + c \quad (1)$$

$$8 = a - b + c \quad (2)$$

$$-1 = 4a + 2b + c \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} a & b & c & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & -1 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} a & b & c & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \quad \text{RREF}$$

$$a=2 \quad b=-5 \quad c=1$$

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$y = 2x^2 - 5x + 1$$