

## 2.2 Solving Systems Gnt'd

Ex: Consider  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  or  $\begin{cases} 1x + 2y = 0 \\ 3x + 4y = 0 \end{cases}$

It has solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

### Terminology

$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is called the trivial solution

$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \text{anything} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right]$  is called a homogeneous system

### Fact

A homogeneous system always has at least 1 solution: the trivial solution

Ex: How many solutions to the system?

$$m \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \right.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_n$

Given  $n > m$ .

At least 1 solution (because it's homogeneous)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \textcircled{1} & \\ \textcircled{1} & \\ \vdots & \\ \textcircled{1} & \end{array} \right] \text{ REF}$$

At least 1 parameter  $\Rightarrow$   $\infty$ -many solutions

## 2.3 Span and Linear Independence

Ex: Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Let 
$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_1 \\ 2c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2c_2 \\ -3c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -c_1 + 2c_2 = 8 \\ 2c_1 - 3c_2 = -10 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & -3 & -10 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{-1} \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & -2 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 & -10 \end{array}$$

$$R_2 - 2R_1 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -8 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 6 \end{array} \quad \text{REF}$$

$$R_1 + 2R_2 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \quad \text{RREF}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} c_1 = 4 \\ c_2 = 6 \end{array}$$

Yes

To check:  $4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

Ex: Is  $\bar{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination  
of  $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Let  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array}$$

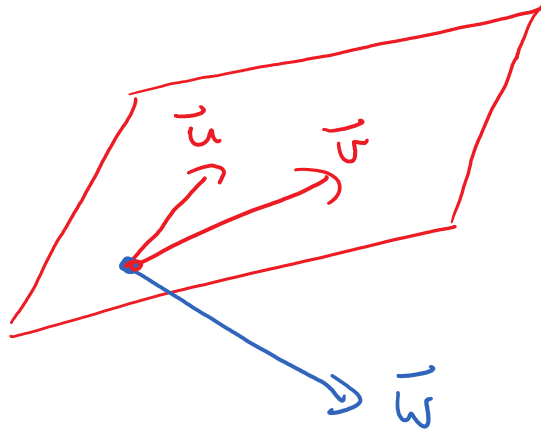
$$R_3 - R_1 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{3} \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$R_3 + R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

No solution

No



Recall: A consistent system has at least 1 solution (is solvable)

FACT

$\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  if and only if

$[A \mid \vec{b}]$  is consistent

Def

The span of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ .

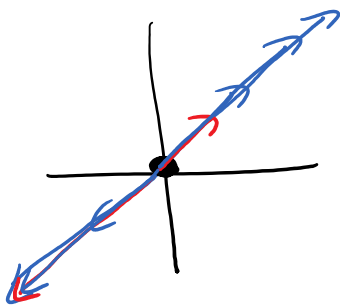
Ex: a)  $\text{span}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \{ \vec{0}, \vec{a}, 3\vec{a}, -4\vec{a}, 2\vec{b}, -7\vec{b}, \vec{a} + \vec{b}, -11\vec{a} + 8\vec{b}, \dots \}$

b)  $\text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n) = \{ c_1\vec{u}_1 + c_2\vec{u}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{u}_n \}$   
 $c_1, \dots, c_n$  : any real #

Fact  
 $\vec{0}$  is in every span

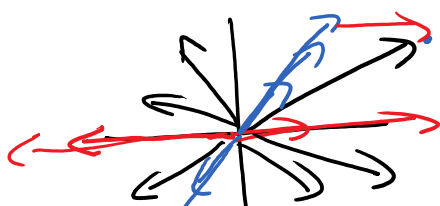
Ex: Describe the span geometrically

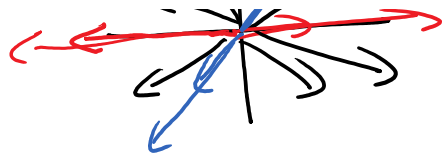
a)  $\text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$



Line through origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 with  $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $\text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$



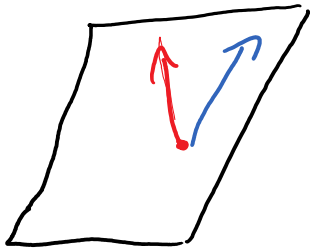


All of  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(whole xy-plane)

c)  $\text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

Line through origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
with  $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

d)  $\text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$



Plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  through  
origin  
with direction vectors  
 $\vec{d}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

e)  $\text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^3$