

choice of Free variables:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & : & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

, by convention, x_1 is pivot

x_2 is free variable.

Convert

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 & | & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

to reduced echelon form

Move (R1) to bottom (combination of interchange



echelon form ↓

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 & | & 25 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(R2)-(R1), (R3)-(R1) ↓

(R3)-3(R4), (R2)-3(R4),

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & 15 & | & 24 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ C1 clear.

(R2)-2(R3), (R1)-(R3) ↓

(R3)-3(R2) ↓

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ C2 clear.

$\frac{1}{2}(R3)$

(R1)-(R2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

§ 1.3 Vector Equations

Vector in \mathbb{R}^m is a column of m numbers
(an $m \times 1$ matrix)

e.g. vectors in \mathbb{R}^2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Operations:

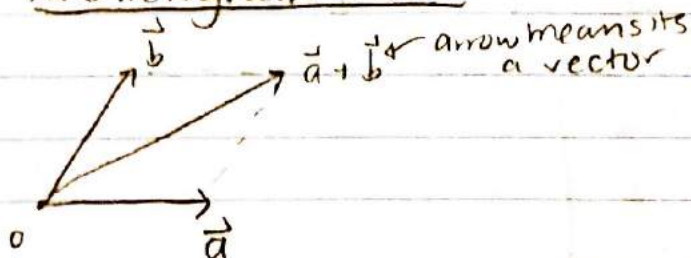
addition (component-wise)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m + b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

scalar multiplication

$$c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ca_1 \\ \vdots \\ ca_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Parallelogram rule



Linear combination (multiplication then addition)

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_r$ vectors in \mathbb{R}^r .

So $c_1 \vec{a}_1 + c_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + c_r \vec{a}_r$ is a linear combination
of $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$.

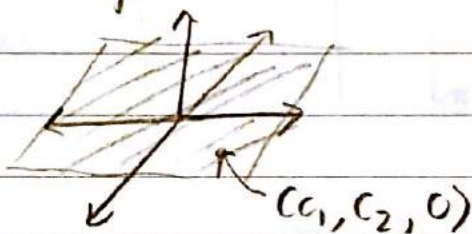
The span of $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$ is the set of all possible
linear combinations of $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$.

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

linear comb.: $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

span: c_1, c_2 are arbitrary.

And we get the plane $z=0$.



e.g. Is $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$ a vector in $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$ for $\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$?

linear comb.: $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + -3c_2 \\ 2c_1 - c_2 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 \end{bmatrix}$

So... solve $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & | & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & | & 11 \end{bmatrix}$

$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 11 & | & 11 \end{bmatrix}$

→ solution: $c_1 = 3 \therefore \text{Yes}$,
 $c_2 = 1$.