

Plan:

Review of Lecture 2

- ① Vectors and span
- ② Linear independence of vectors
- ③ Rank and linear independence

Review of Lecture 2:

- matrix multiplication and the identity matrix I
- determinants and minors

- inverse matrices: A invertible $\Leftrightarrow |A| \neq 0$
(A^{-1} exists)

- rank, minors and linear systems: $\text{rk } A =$ maximal order of a non-zero minor.

Ex:

$$\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 1 & 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

(A|b) 1 2 3 4 5

$$M_{123, 23} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 - 2 \cdot 3 = -6 - 6 = -12 \neq 0$$

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 $\text{rk } A = 3$

Gauss:

x_1, x_2, x_3 : basic } infinitely many solutions
 x_4 : free

$$M_{123, 345} = 1 \cdot (-30) - 2 \cdot 15 + 4 \cdot 15 = -30 - 30 + 60 = 0$$

$$(A|b) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 9 & 1 & 7 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4$
basic free

$M_{123,123} \neq 0$
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 Ignore eqn's that does not go through the box.

Variables x_1, x_2, x_3 are basic, the others are free.

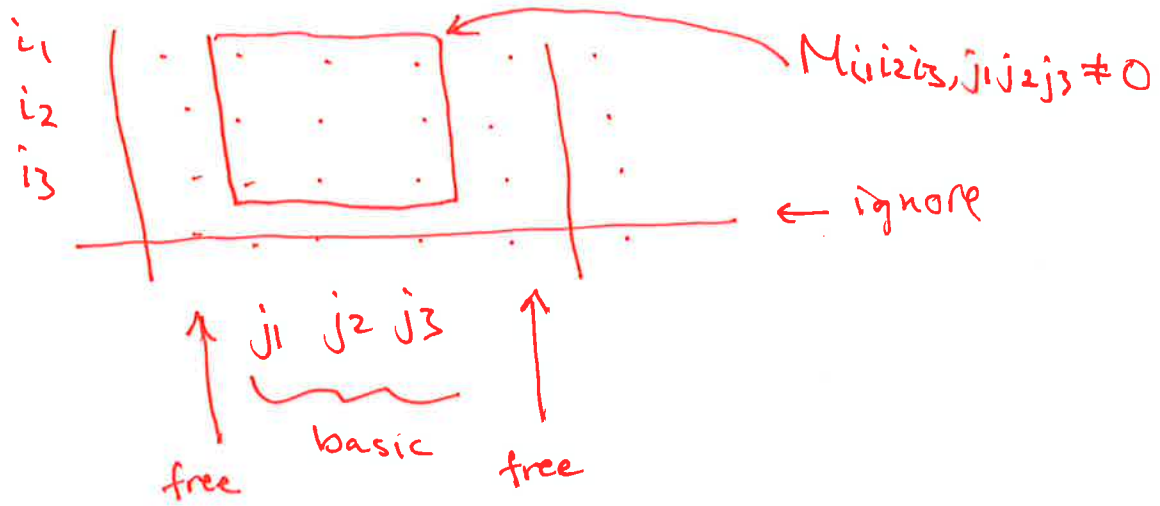
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2x_4 \\ 3 + x_4 \\ 9 - 7x_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2x_4 \\ 3 + x_4 \\ 9 - 7x_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general:

If $rk A = rk(A|b) = r$ and $M_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r, j_1 j_2 \dots j_r} \neq 0$, then:

- ignore all eqn's except i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r
- all variables except $x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_r}$ are free
- it is possible to solve for $x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_r}$ in terms of free variables (i.e. x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_r} are basic)



① Vectors and span

A vector (n-vector) is an $n \times 1$ -matrix, and it is sometimes called column vectors.

vectors
are \rightarrow
underlined

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex: $A \cdot \underline{x} = r \cdot \underline{x}$

$$\begin{cases} A: \text{matrix} \\ \underline{x}: \text{vectors} \\ r: \text{number} \end{cases}$$

Linear combinations:

using addition and
scalar multiplication

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$: vectors of the same size

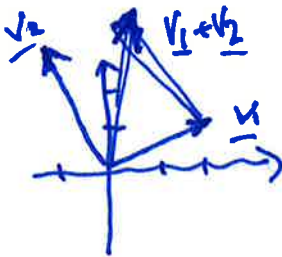
r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n : numbers

$r_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 + \dots + r_n \cdot \underline{v}_n$: linear combination of $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$, a new vector of the same size

Ex: $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} : r_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 = r_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 \\ r_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -r_2 \\ 3r_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

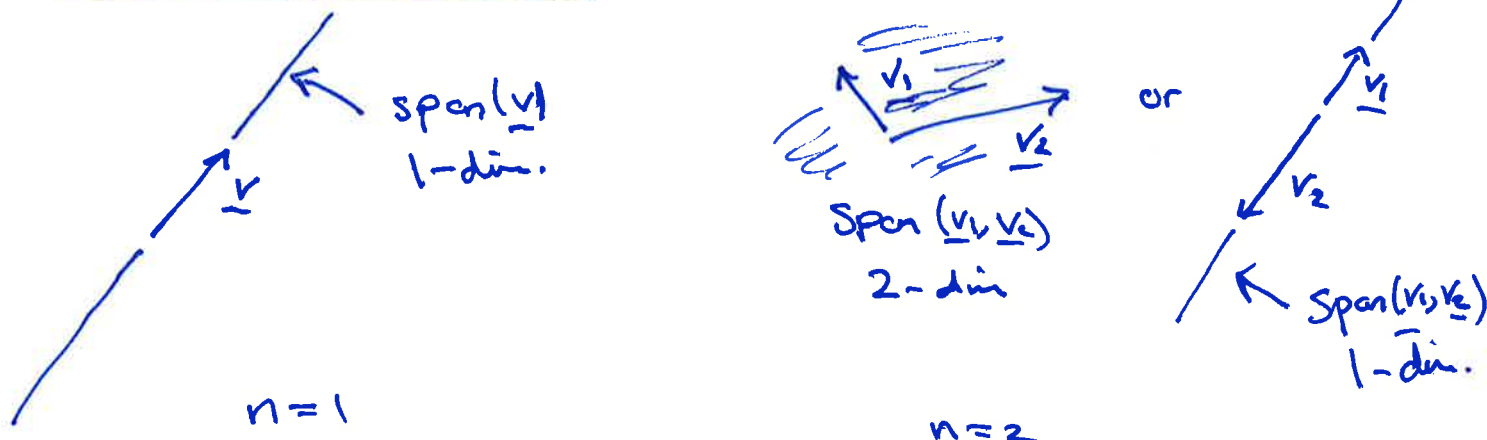
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 - r_2 \\ r_1 + 3r_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Ex: $2 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + 3 \cdot \underline{v}_2 = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$

Defn: $\text{Span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n) = \{r_1 \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + r_n \underline{v}_n : r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$
 = set of all linear combinations of $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$

Geometric interpretation



Ex: $\underline{v}_2 = -2\underline{v}_1$

\underline{v} is in $\text{Span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2)$:

$$\underline{v} = r_1 \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \underline{v}_2$$

$$= r_1 \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \cdot (-2\underline{v}_1)$$

$$= (r_1 - 2r_2) \underline{v}_1 \quad \underline{v}_1 \text{ is in } \text{Span}(\underline{v}_1)$$

$$\text{Span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2) = \text{Span}(\underline{v}_1)$$

Ex1 $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ span $(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2) = ?$

Is $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ in $\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2)$? Yes.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = r_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 = r_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 + 3r_2 \\ 2r_1 - r_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} r_1 + 3r_2 = 5 \\ 2r_1 - r_2 = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -7 & -8 \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} r_1 + 3r_2 = 5 \\ -7r_2 = -8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{11}{7} \cdot \underline{v}_1 + \frac{8}{7} \cdot \underline{v}_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} r_1 = 5 - 3 \cdot (8/7) = 11/7 \\ r_2 = 8/7 \end{array}$$

In general: $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$

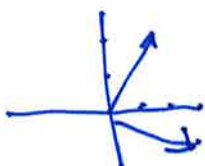
$$\begin{array}{l} r_1 + 3r_2 = v_1 \\ 2r_1 - r_2 = v_2 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 3 & v_1 \\ 2 & -1 & v_2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & v_1 \\ 0 & -7 & v_2 - 2v_1 \end{array} \right)$$

one solution

For any $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$, we have that $\underline{v} = r_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + r_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2$

Conclusion: $\text{span} \left(\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2 =$ set of all 2-vectors
2-dim



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex: $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$V = \text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3)$ (V is called a vector space)
compute V.

$$r_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{v}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \\ r_1 + 2r_2 + 4r_3 \\ r_1 - 2r_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & v_1 \\ & 2 & 4 & v_2 \\ & 0 & -2 & v_3 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow -1 \\ \leftarrow -1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & v_1 \\ & \textcircled{1} & 3 & v_2 - v_1 \\ & 0 & -1 & v_3 - v_1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow -1 \\ \leftarrow -1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & v_1 \\ & \textcircled{1} & 3 & v_2 - v_1 \\ & 0 & 0 & v_2 + v_3 - 2v_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$v_2 + v_3 - 2v_1 \neq 0$: no solutions, i.e. \underline{v} is not in $\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3)$

$v_2 + v_3 - 2v_1 = 0$: inf. many solutions - i.e. \underline{u} is in $\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3)$

$$v_3 = 2v_1 - v_2$$

Conclusion: $\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} : v_2 + v_3 - 2v_1 = 0 \right\} = \text{span}(\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2)$
2-dim.

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ 2v_1 - v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ 2v_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \\ -v_2 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\underline{u}_1 \underline{u}_2

Homogeneous linear systems:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow A \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is called the trivial solution.

- one solution: $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ (no non-trivial solutions)
- infinitely many solutions: at least one free variable (many non-trivial solutions)

Ex: $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 9 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \downarrow 2 \\ \leftarrow -4 \end{array}$

there will be free variables (at least one)

$M_{123,123} = -2 \cdot (-6) - 2 \cdot 3 = 6 \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ rk = 3
one free variable x_4

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 3 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \downarrow 2 \\ \downarrow 2 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$-3x_2 = x_4 + 3x_3$$

$$-2x_3 = -x_4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{x_3 = \frac{1}{2}x_4}$$

$$-x_1 = -3x_2 - x_3 - 2x_4$$

$$= -3 \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{6}x_4\right) - \frac{1}{2}x_4 - 2x_4$$

$$= \frac{5}{2}x_4 - \frac{1}{2}x_4 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$\underline{x_1 = 0}$$

$$-3x_2 = x_4 + 3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}x_4\right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2}x_4$$

$$\underline{x_2 = -\frac{5}{6}x_4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5/6 x_4 \\ 1/2 x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_4 \text{ free}$$

$$= x_4 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5/6 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusion:

The solution of the linear system is the span

$$\text{span}(\underline{w}), \quad \underline{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general:

$\text{Null}(A)$ = the set of all solutions of $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$
 (null space of A) homogeneous
linear system

$$= \text{span}(\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \dots, \underline{w}_r)$$

where $r = \# \text{ free variables}$

$$= n - \text{rk}(A)$$

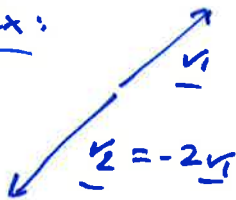
② Linear independence of vectors

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$: vectors of the same size

Defn:

The set $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$ of vectors is linearly dependent if at least one of the vectors is a linear combination of the others, and otherwise they are linearly independent.

Ex:



$$\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2) = \text{span}(\underline{v}_1)$$

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2$ are linearly dependent

$$\underline{0} = -2\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}_2$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\underline{v}_2 = -2\underline{v}_1$$

linear dependency relation



$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2\}$ are linearly independent

Note:

Any linear dependency relation can be written

$$c_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_r \underline{v}_r = \underline{0}$$

with at least one $c_i \neq 0$

Method to determine if $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_n\}$ are linearly independent:

Consider the eqn: $\underline{c}_1 \underline{u}_1 + \underline{c}_2 \underline{u}_2 + \dots + \underline{c}_n \underline{u}_n = \underline{0}$

$\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$ linearly independent
 One solution: $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$
 (only trivial solution)
 (no lin. dependency relation)

$\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$ linearly dependent
 Infinitely many solutions
 (non-trivial solution)

$$c_1 \underline{u}_1 + c_2 \underline{u}_2 + \dots + c_n \underline{u}_n = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \underline{v}_1 & \underline{v}_2 & \dots & \underline{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}}_A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

Method:

$$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n\} \rightsquigarrow A = (\underline{v}_1 | \underline{v}_2 | \dots | \underline{v}_n) : A \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

i) Gauss: $(\underline{v}_1 | \underline{v}_2 | \dots | \underline{v}_n) \rightarrow$ find pivots

(pivot in all col's)

$\text{rk}(A) = n \Leftrightarrow$ linearly independent

$\text{rk}(A) < n \Leftrightarrow$ linearly dependent

ii) Minors: compute $\text{rk} A$
using minors

Special case: A is a square matrix

$|A| \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rk} A = n \Leftrightarrow$ linearly independent

$|A| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rk} A < n \Leftrightarrow$ linearly dependent

The case $\text{rk}(A) < n$:

There are typically pivot positions in some columns, but not all.

The vectors that correspond to pivot columns are linearly independent, and form a maximal set of linearly independent vectors among $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$

Ex: $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1, R_3 - R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\text{rk} A = 2 < n = 3$: $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent

Dependency relation:

$$3c_3 - c_3 = 2c_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 - c_3$$

$$c_2 + 3c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -3c_3$$

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c_1, c_2 : basic
 c_3 : free

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2c_3 \\ -3c_3 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = c_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

infinitely many solutions,

$$\underline{c_3} = 1 \text{ gives one: } c_1 = 2 \quad c_2 = -3 \quad c_3 = 1$$

\downarrow

Since c_3 is free,
can express \underline{v}_3
as a linear comb.
of $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2$

$$2\underline{v}_1 - 3\underline{v}_2 + 1 \cdot \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{v}_3 = -2\underline{v}_1 + 3\underline{v}_2}$$
 linear dependency relation

\Downarrow

$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2\}$ linearly independent

$$\text{Span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3) = \text{Span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2)$$

③ Rank and linear independence

$$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n\} \longleftrightarrow A = (\underline{v}_1 | \underline{v}_2 | \dots | \underline{v}_n)$$

$\text{Rk}(A)$ = the maximal number of linearly independent vectors among $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$

Ex: $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3, \underline{v}_4\}$ lin. dependent

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 & \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \downarrow -1 \\ \downarrow -1 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & \\ 0 & \textcircled{-3} & 2 & -2 & \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & -1 & \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \cdot 2/3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & \\ 0 & \textcircled{-3} & 2 & -2 & \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-2/3} & -7/3 & \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Rk}(A) = \underline{3}$$

$\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$ linearly independent

$$\text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3, \underline{v}_4) = \text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3)$$

$$\underline{v}_4 = c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2 + c_3 \underline{v}_3$$

Note: $\text{Rk}(A) = \dim \text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n)$