

LECTURE 4

9/9/16

LAST TIME

- Matrices
- Inverse
- Independence, Dependence

TODAY

Linear Equations (# 2.1 in text)

Linear Equations

An example: $y = -x + 7$
 $y = 2x + 4$

What is the solution?

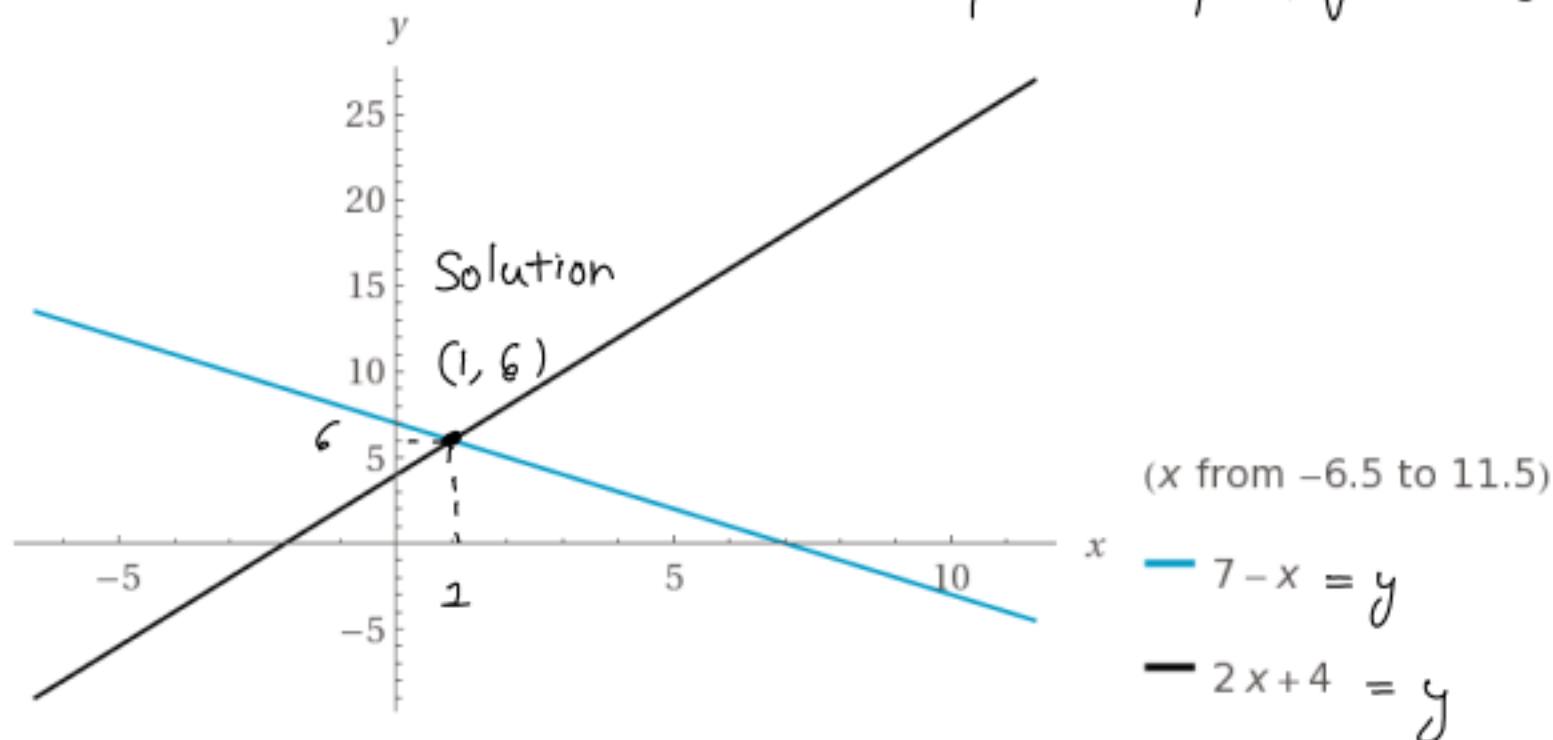
$$x = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 6$$

Why is this a
linear equation?

- coefficients of x, y are scalars (real numbers)
- the equations do not have terms of the form x^2 or xy

The Row Picture

Consider each row of
the system of equations



Computed by Wolfram|Alpha

$(1, 6)$ lies on both lines

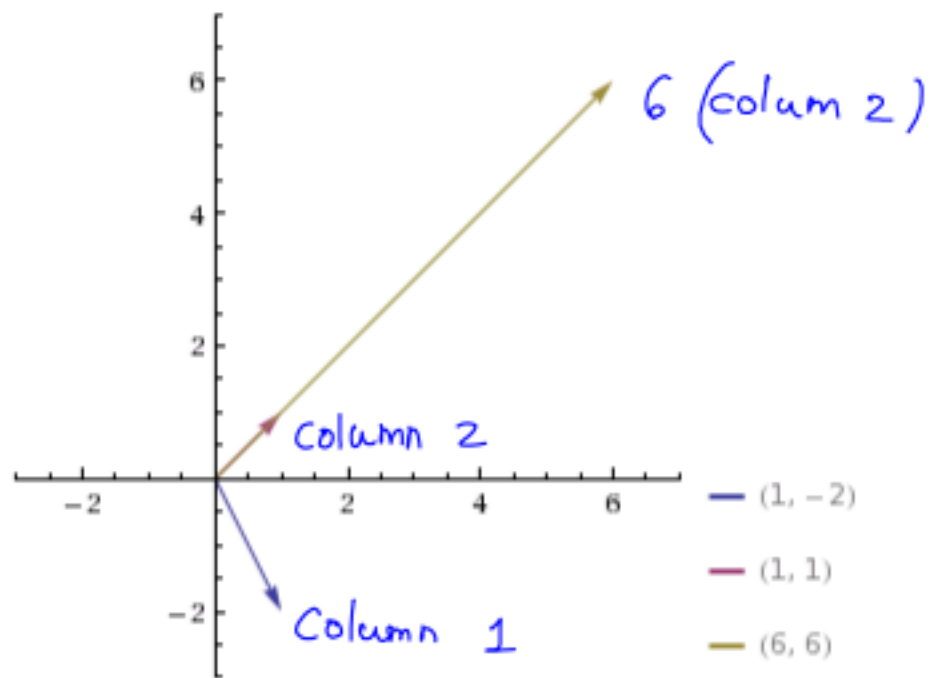
Question: Is there always a solution? What if the lines are parallel?

The Column Picture

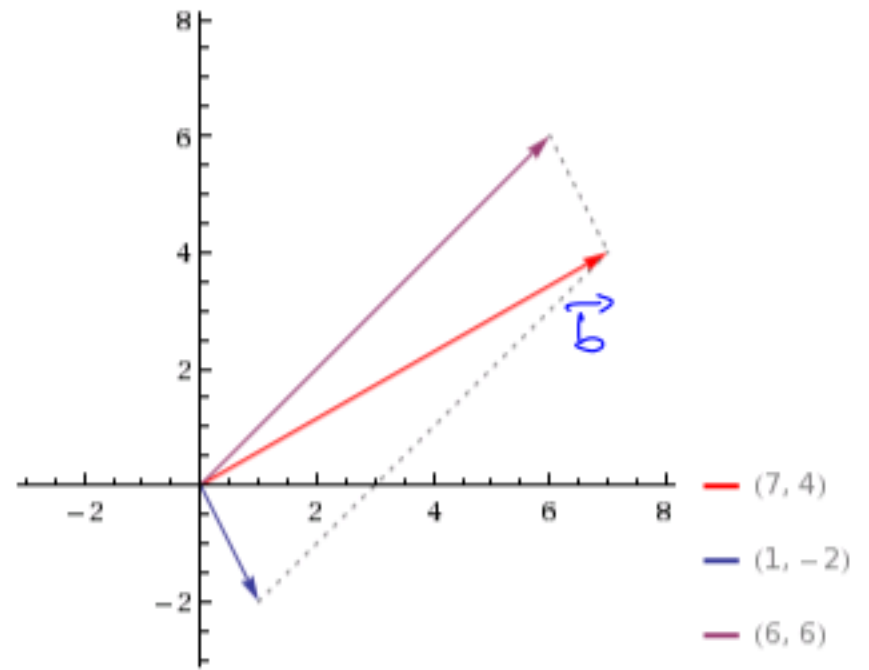
Rewrite the system of equations as a linear combination of vectors

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$$

Find the correct linear combination (i.e., values of x and y) which yields \vec{b}



Computed by Wolfram|Alpha



Computed by Wolfram|Alpha

$$1 (\text{column 1}) + 6 (\text{column 2}) = \vec{b}$$

Some Notation

$$y = -x + 7$$

$$y = 2x + 4$$



Matrix Equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coefficient
matrix, A

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretation as a function

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} & \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{x} & & \vec{b} \end{array}$$

to get \vec{b} as the output from A , we must input \vec{x}

Note: All three viewpoints give the same solution \vec{x}

Some Geometry ...

In the two-dimensional plane (in \mathbb{R}^2), inner products give lines

Why? from our example

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(row 1)} \cdot \vec{x} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{Coefficient} \\ \text{matrix} \end{array} = (1, 1) \cdot (x, y) = \underbrace{x+y = b_1}_{\text{equation of a line}}$$

How about in three-dimensional space (in \mathbb{R}^3)?

Three Equations in Three Unknowns

Example:

$$x + 2y + 3z = -3$$

$$3x + 2y + z = 3$$

$$2x + y + 3z = -3$$

Matrix equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\vec{x}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\vec{b}}$

Coefficient
matrix

A

The Row Picture

Consider the first row of the system of equations

$$x + 2y + 3z = -3,$$

or $\underbrace{(1, 2, 3)}_{\text{row 1}} \cdot \underbrace{(x, y, z)}_{\vec{x}} = -3$

this describes a plane in three-dimensional space

i.e., inner products in \mathbb{R}^3 $\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{coefficients}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{variables}} = d$ gives planes.

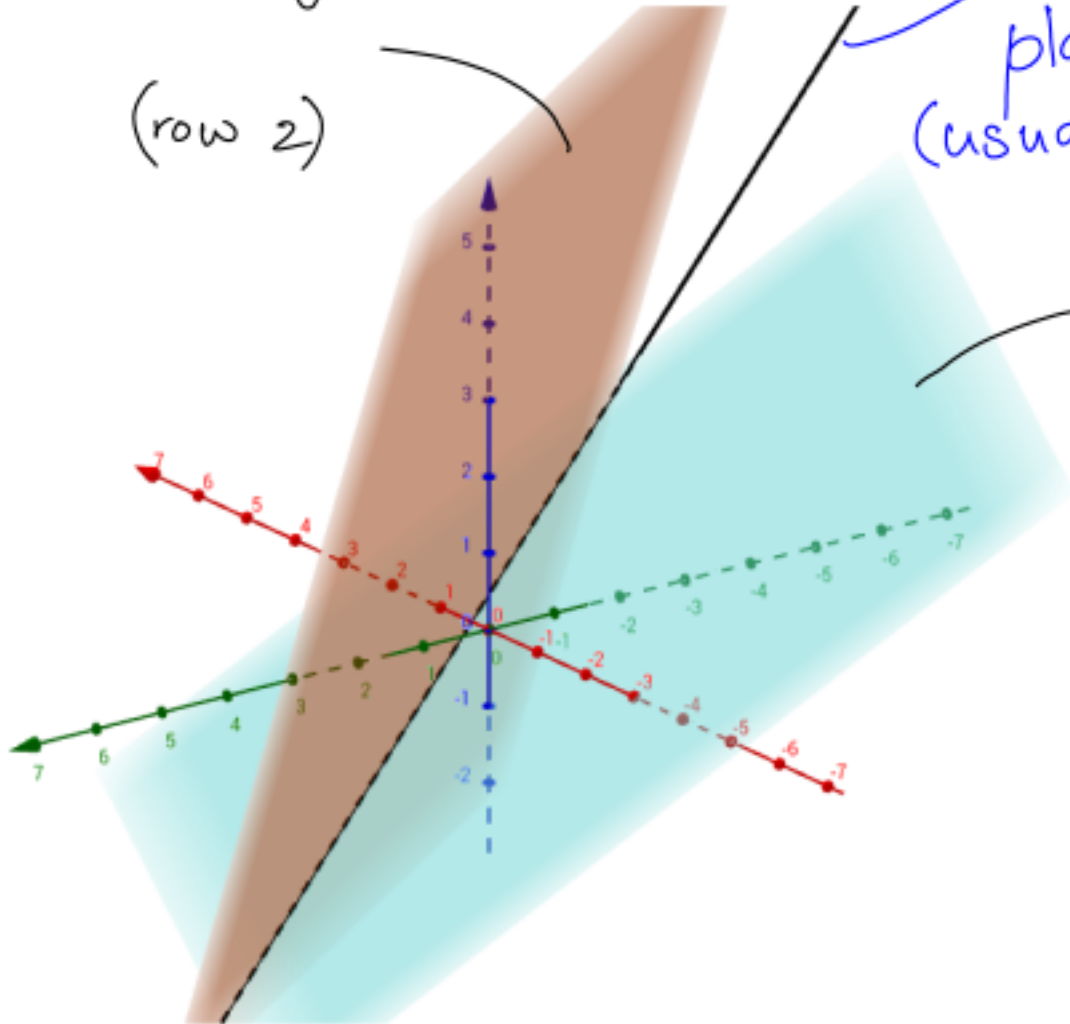
$$3x + 2y + z = 3$$

(row 2)

Intersection
of two
planes is
(usually) a line

$$x + 2y + 3z = -3$$

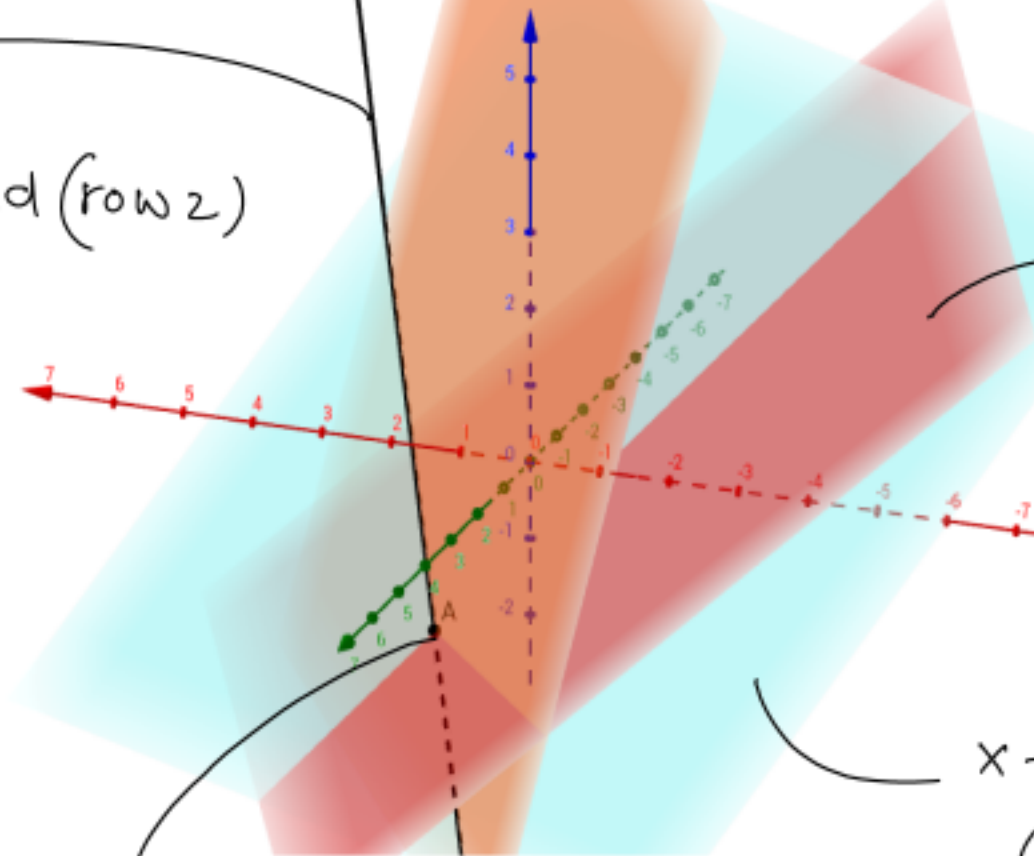
(row 1)



$$3x + 2y + z = 3$$

(row 2)

Intersection
of (row 1) and (row 2)



$$2x + y + 3z = -3$$

(row 3)

$$x + 2y + 3z = -3$$

(row 1)

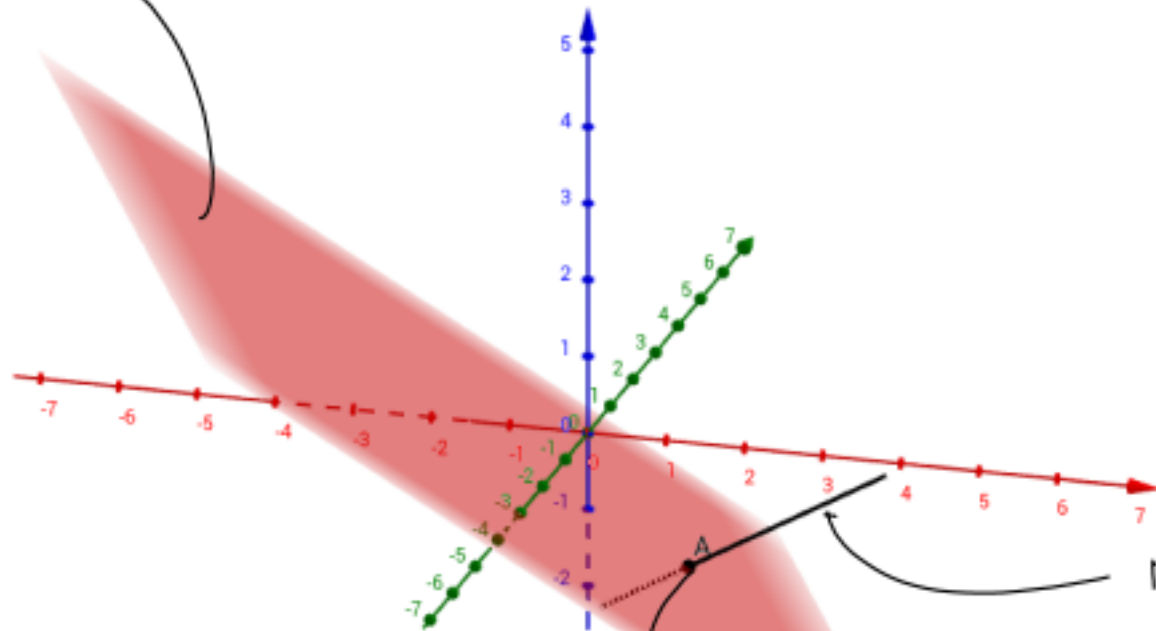
Solution
(1, 1, -2)

$$2x + y + 3z = -3$$

(row 3)

Question:

Is there always
a solution?



Intersection
of (row 1)
and (row 2)

Solution
(1, 1, -2)

Column Picture

$$x + 2y + 3z = -3$$

$$3x + 2y + z = 3$$

$$2x + y + 3z = -3$$

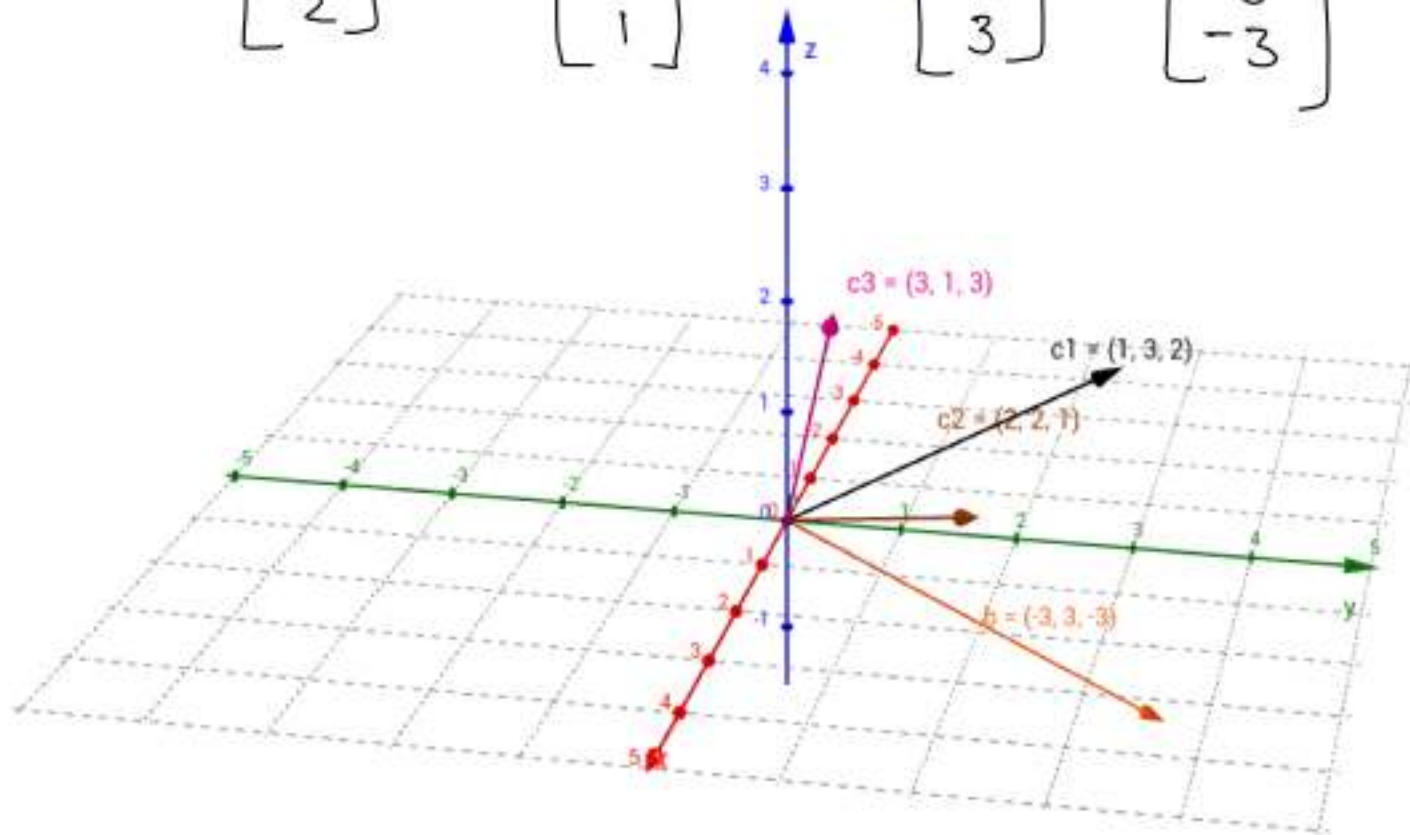
Vector form of the equations $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which linear combination (i.e., choices of x, y, z)
produce \vec{b} ?

Correct combination is

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-2) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$



An Example where there is no solution...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

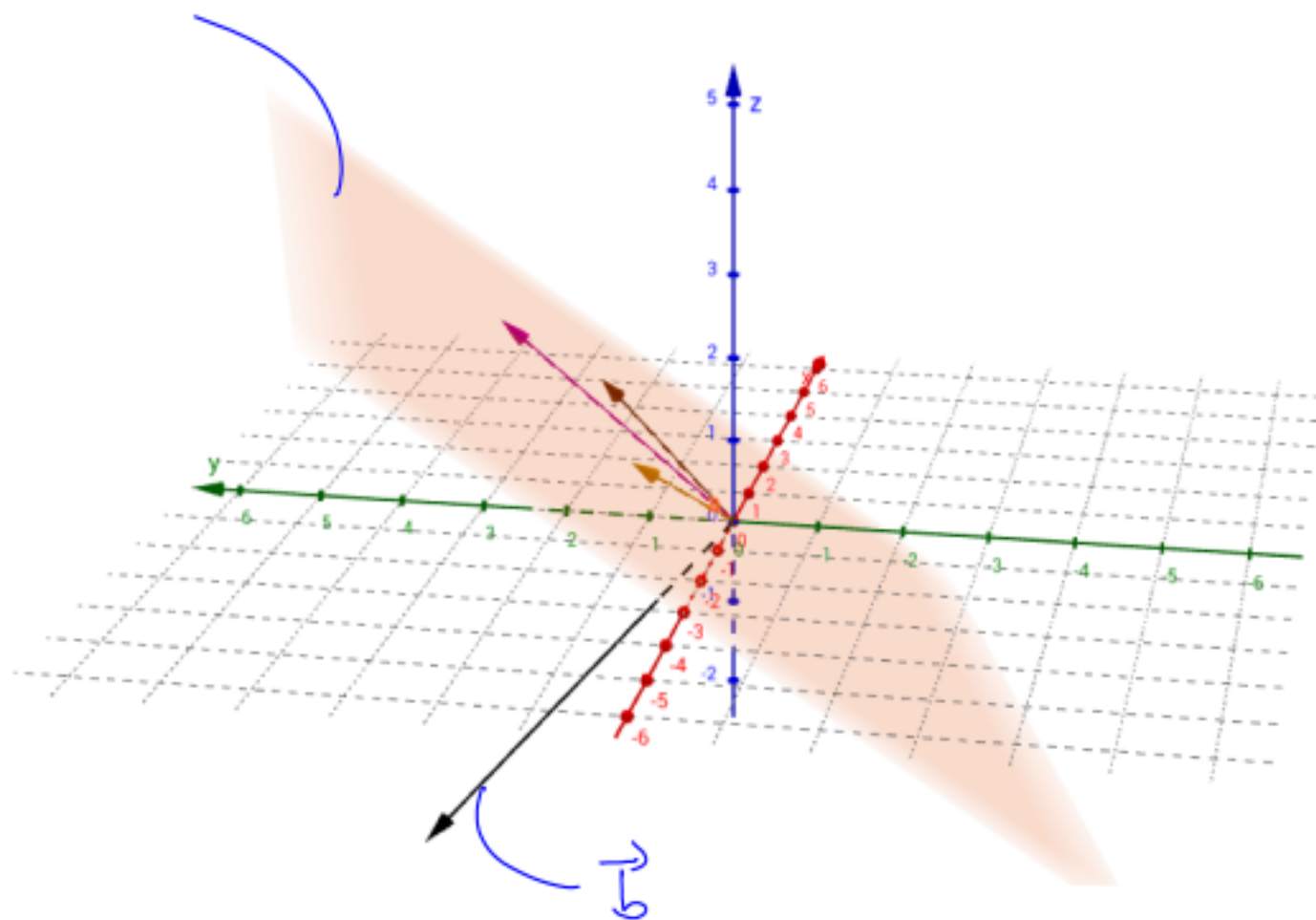
The coefficient matrix is labeled A , the variable vector is labeled \vec{x} , and the constant vector is labeled \vec{b} . The third column of A is circled in blue.

$$\text{col } 3 = \text{col } 1 - \text{col } 2$$

all columns of the coefficient matrix A lie on a plane, but \vec{b} does not lie on this plane

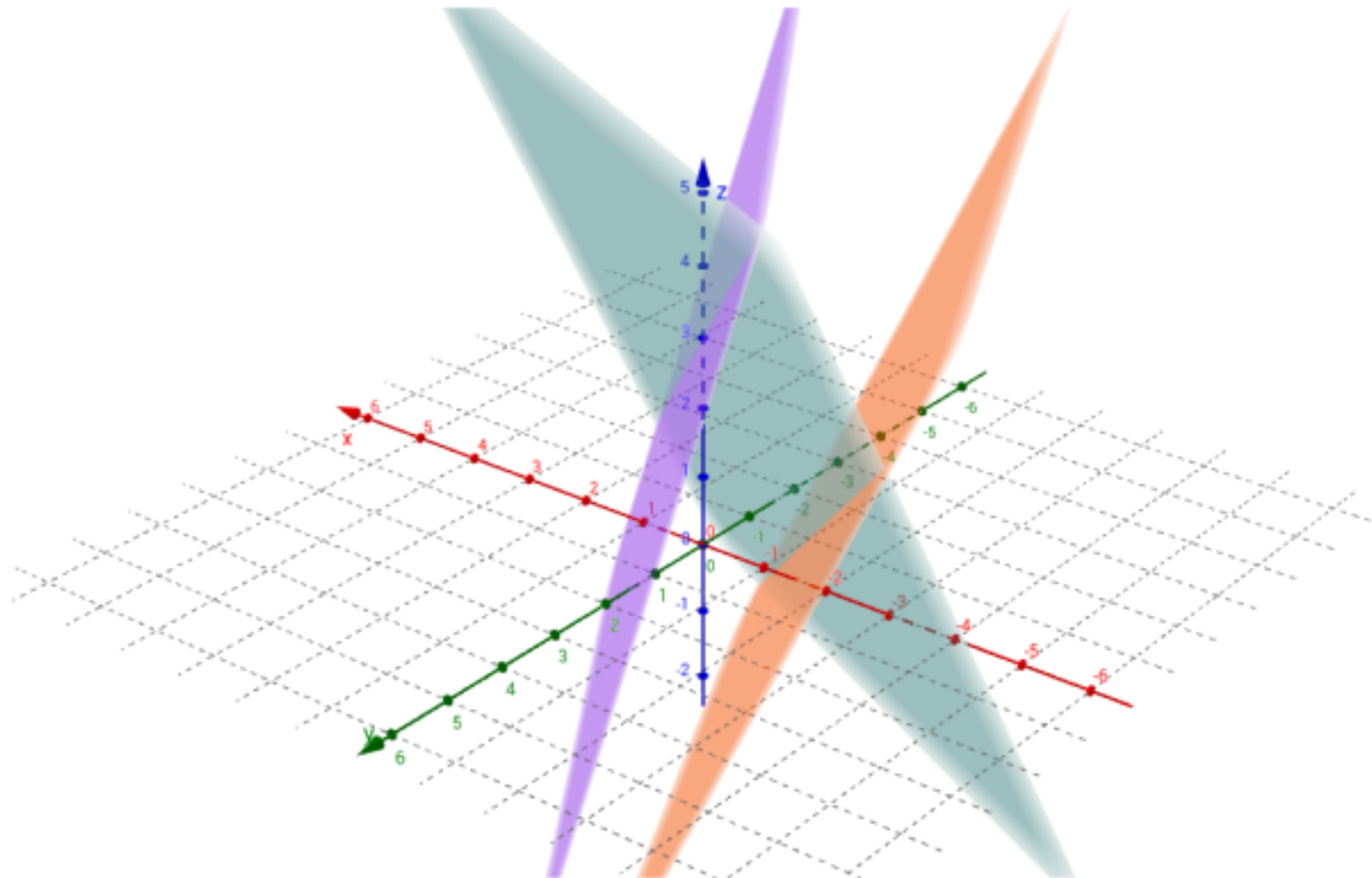
the column picture

plane containing col 1, col 2, col 3



(does not lie in plane)

the corresponding row picture



all the planes do not intersect at a single point

An example where there are infinitely many solutions.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$$

\vec{b} is now a linear combination of only col 1 and col 2

$$\text{col } 3 = \text{col } 1 - \text{col } 2$$

all columns of the coefficient matrix A lie on a plane, and \vec{b} also lies on this plane

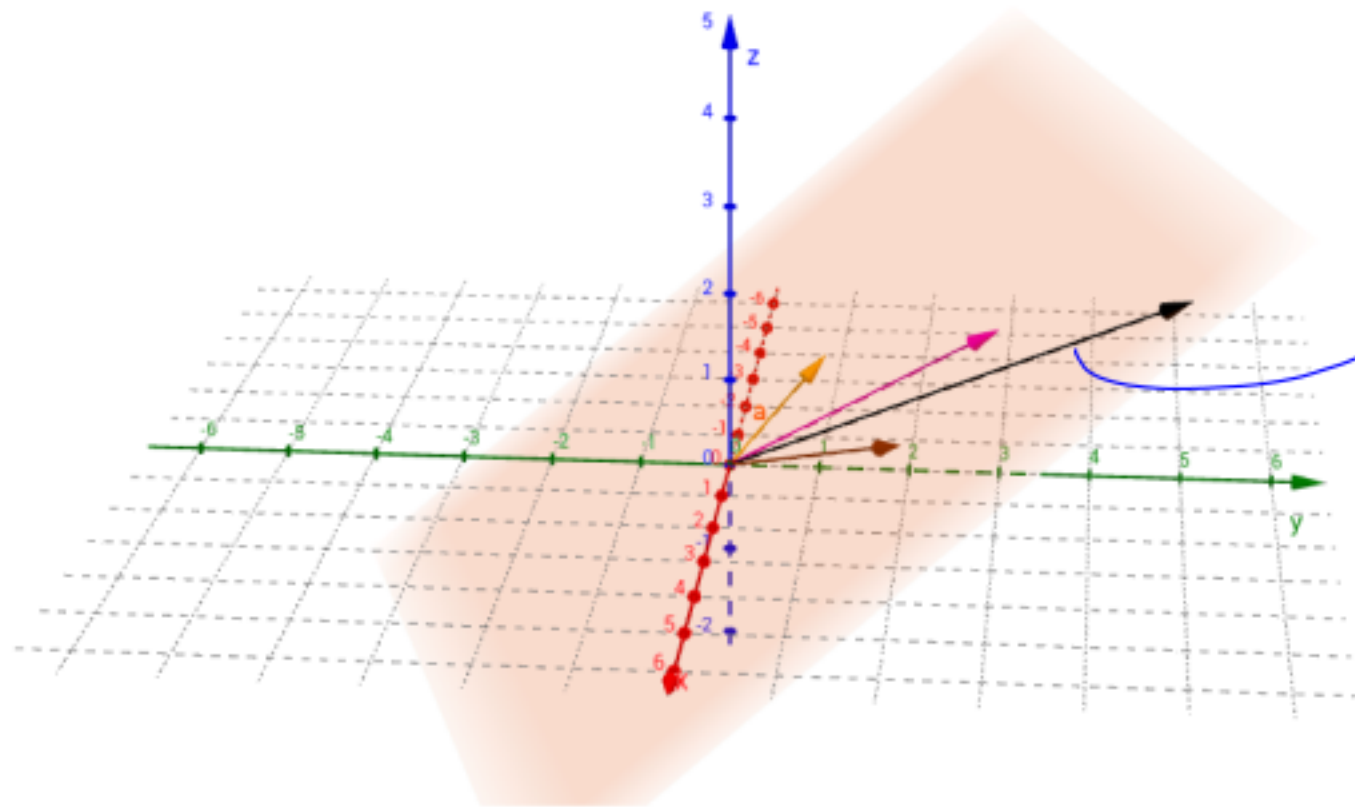
$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear combination 1

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

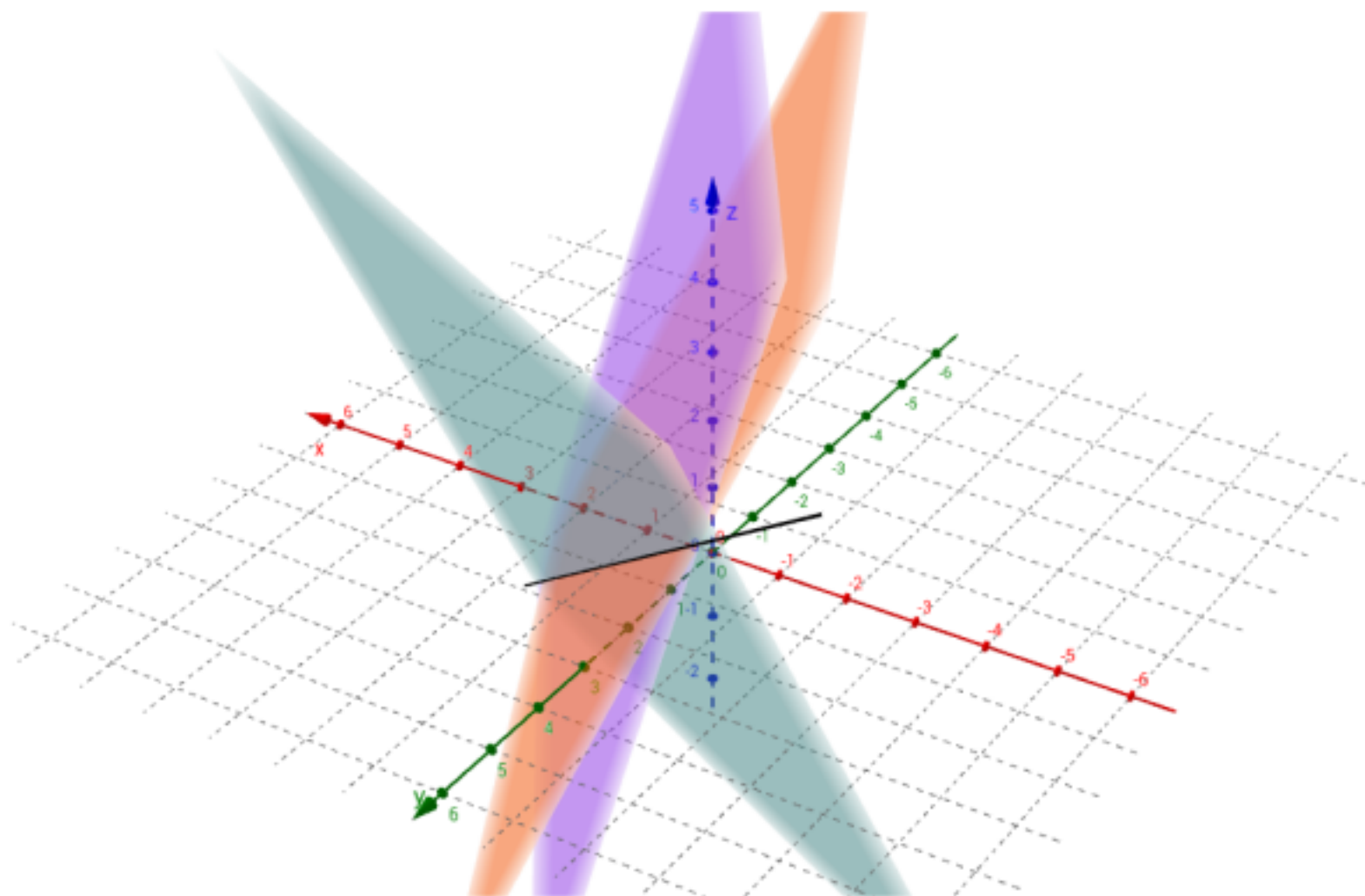
Linear combination 2

Infinitely many solutions!



\vec{b} is now
in the plane
which contains
col 1, col 2
and col 3

the corresponding row picture



all three planes intersect along a line!

Function Interpretation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ? & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{x} & & \vec{b} \\ \text{(input)} & & \text{(output)} \end{array}$$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

What input gives the output \vec{b} ?

The Identity Matrix

$$\underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

main diagonal
of the
matrix

Property $\underline{I} \vec{x} = \vec{x}$ for all vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

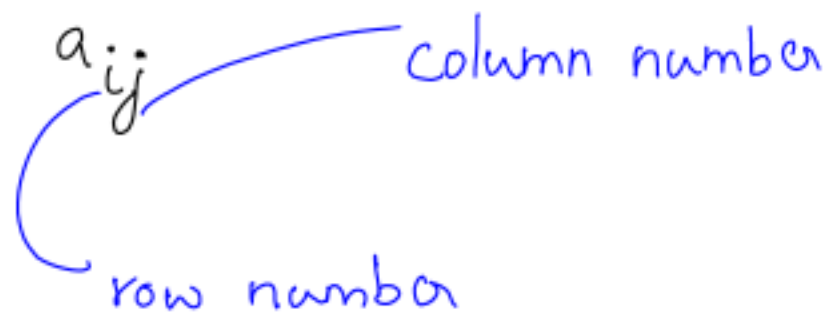
- the vector is not changed by multiplication with \underline{I}
- like multiplication with 1, but for matrices and vectors.

Matrix Notation

Consider a 2 by 2 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Entry in
 i^{th} row and
 j^{th} column
denoted as

a_{ij} 
row number column number

Sometimes, we
write
 $A(i,j)$ instead
of a_{ij}

Worked Example (#7 from Problem Set 2.1)

Consider the linear system of equations

$$x + y + z = 2$$

$$x + 2y + z = 3$$

$$2x + 3y + 2z = 5$$

The columns of the coefficient matrix are $(1, 1, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(1, 1, 2)$

This is a singular case because

the third column is _____

Find two combinations of the columns that give $\vec{b} = (2, 3, 5)$.

This is only possible for $\vec{b} = (4, 6, c)$ if $c =$ _____

Worked Example (#7 from Problem Set 2.1)

Consider the linear system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 2 \\x + 2y + z &= 3 \\2x + 3y + 2z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

The columns of the coefficient matrix are $(1, 1, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(1, 1, 2)$

This is a singular case because the third column is = col 1

Find two combinations of the columns that give $\vec{b} = (2, 3, 5)$.

This is only possible for $\vec{b} = (4, 6, c)$ if $c = \underline{10}$

two possible combinations

$$\begin{aligned}1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \\0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

If $c = 10$,

$$\vec{b} = (4, 6, c)$$

lies in the plane of the columns

Worked Example (#33, Problem Set 2.1)

Let A be some 2×2 matrix. If $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
then $A\vec{u}$ and $A\vec{v}$ are the columns of A . Combine $\vec{w} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}$.
If $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$, how is $A\vec{w}$ connected to $A\vec{u}$ and $A\vec{v}$?

Worked Example (#33, Problem Set 2.1)

Let A be some 2×2 matrix. If $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A\vec{u}$ and $A\vec{v}$ are the columns of A . Combine $\vec{w} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}$. If $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$, how is $A\vec{w}$ connected to $A\vec{u}$ and $A\vec{v}$?

$$\text{We see that } \vec{w} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } A\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5a_{11} + 7a_{12} \\ 5a_{21} + 7a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$A\vec{w} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A\vec{w} = 5 A\vec{u} + 7 A\vec{v}}$$

Linearity

Multiplying by A is a linear transformation

If \vec{w} is a linear combination of \vec{u} and \vec{v} , then $A\vec{w}$ is the same linear combination of $A\vec{u}$ and $A\vec{v}$