

# Linear Combo Calculations

For the problem posed here, how do we find  $x$  and  $y$ ? Combine the vectors on the left and equate entries on right and left:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 0y &= 8 && \text{intersection of} \\ x + y &= 11 && \text{lines problem} \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  we have two different but equivalent geometric interpretations of a 2D linear system.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u - 6v + 0w &= -2 \\ -2u + 7v + 2w &= 9 \end{aligned} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2u + v + w \\ 4u - 6v + 0w \\ -2u + 7v + 2w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{which becomes} \quad u \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

intersection of planes problem  $\iff$  linear combo problem