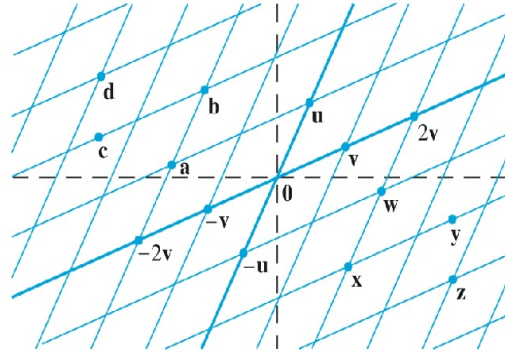


Math 002B Assignment 1.3

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1. Use the accompanying figure to write each vectors  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Is every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ?



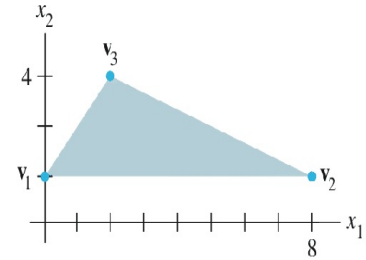
2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

Denote the columns of  $A$  by  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$  and let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ .

- Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ ? How many vectors are in  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ ?
- Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $W$ ? How many vectors are in  $W$ ?
- Show that  $\mathbf{a}_1$  is in  $W$ . [*Hint: Row operations are unnecessary.*]

3. A thin triangular plate of uniform density and thickness has vertices at  $v_1 = (0, 2)$ ,  $v_2 = (8, 2)$ ,  $v_3 = (2, 4)$  as in the figure to the right, and the mass of the plate is 3 g. Complete parts a and b below.

- a. Find the  $(x,y)$ -coordinates of the center of mass of the plate. This "balance point" of the plate coincides with the center of mass of a system consisting of three 1-gram point masses located at the vertices of the plate.



- b. Determine how to distribute an additional mass of 6 g at the three vertices of the plate to move the balance point of the plate to  $(2,2)$ . [Hint: Let  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $w_3$  denote the masses added at the three vertices, so that  $w_1+w_2+w_3=6$ .]