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We consider the projective equivalence class of an r -by- n matrix v , whose columns are thought of as a realization of a rank r matroid on n elements. The Zariski closure of such an equivalence class is an affine variety that carries the action of a linear algebraic group. In this talk I will describe a set of equations that cut out this variety as well its boundary points. (Received July 30, 2011)