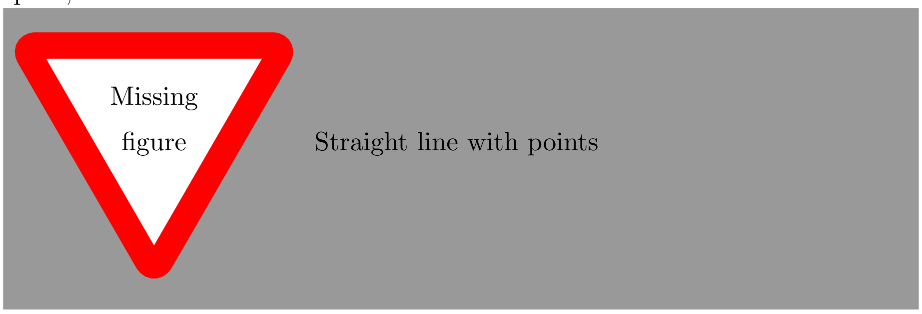
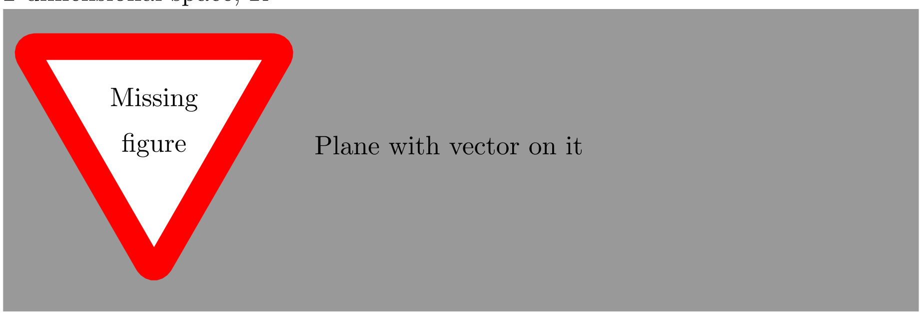
Chapter 1

Vectors

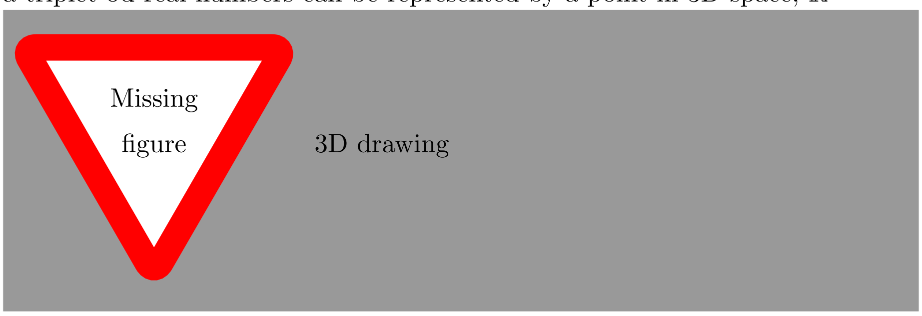
A real number can be represented by a point on a line, which is a 2-dimensional space, $\mathbb{R}$



a pair of real numbers can be represented by a point on a plane, which is a 2-dimensional space, $\mathbb{R}^2$



a triplet od real numbers can be represented by a point in 3D space, $\mathbb{R}^3$



Definition

A vector is an ordered collection of n numbers

Notation

Usually vectors are given by letters, such as u, v, w. In textbooks vectors are written with bold font. In handwriting vectors are often written with a right arrow on top, such as $\overrightarrow{u}$. We will underline vectors, like so: $\underline{u}$.

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Definition

Let us consider vector $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The $i-$th component of vector

$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

is u_i

Example

$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow u_1 = 3, u_2 = 7, u_3 = 11$$

Definition

Let us consider vectors $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Vector $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a sum of $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$, $\underline{w} = \underline{u} + \underline{v}$, if $w_i = u_i + v_i$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$

Example

1.
$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{w} = \underline{u} + \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 + (-1) \\ 5 + 0 \\ 1 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2.
$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

   $\underline{u} + \underline{v}$ is not defined! Both vectors should have the same number of components.

Definition

1. Vectors $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are equal, if $u_i = v_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$
2. A scalar is just another name for real number
3. Let us consider a scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and vector $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A product of α and $\underline{u}$ is defined as:

$$\alpha\underline{u} = \alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \cdot u_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha \cdot v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Example

$$\alpha = 3, \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \alpha \cdot \underline{u} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \cdot -1 \\ 3 \cdot 2 \\ 3 \cdot 5 \\ 3 \cdot 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \\ 15 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition

Let us consider scalars α and β, and vectors $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A sum of $\alpha\underline{u} + \beta \cdot \underline{v}$ is called a linear combination of vectors $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$.

Example

1. $$2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 5 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 12 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$
2. $$\underline{u} - \underline{v} = 1 \cdot \underline{u} + (-1) \cdot \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 - v_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_i - v_i \end{pmatrix}$$
3. $$\underline{u} - \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 - u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_i - u_i \end{pmatrix} = \underline{0}$$

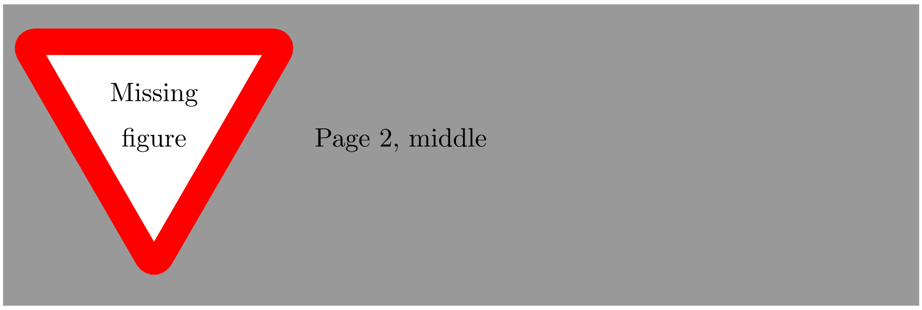
Definition

Vector $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a zero vector if all $u_i = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. The zero vector is often written as $\underline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1.1 Graphic representation of vectors and vector operations

A vector can be represented in the following way:

1. An ordered collection of numbers, $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
2. As an arrow in space



3. A vector is a point in space, the endpoint of a vector from the origin.

Let us consider vectors $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{w} = \underline{u} + \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$