Chapter 1

Vectors

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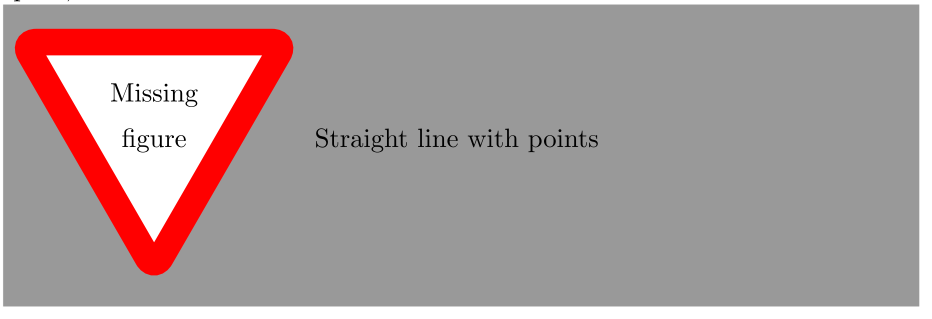
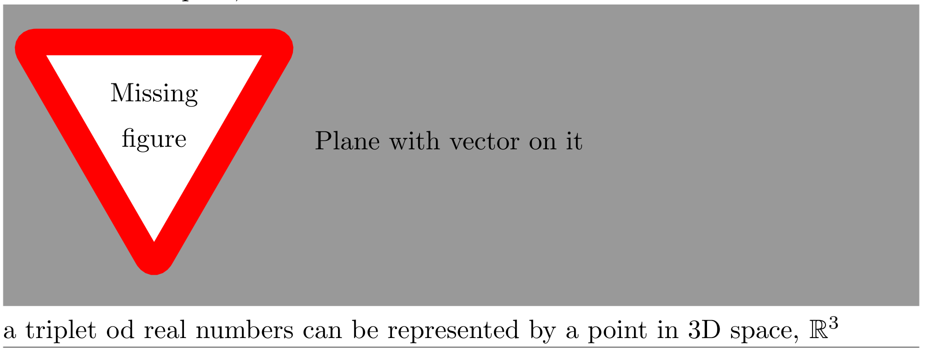
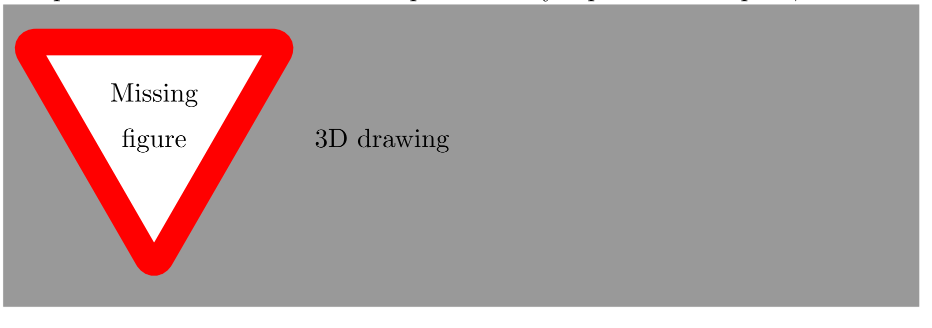


a pair of real numbers can be represented by a point on a plane, which is a 2-dimensional space, $\mathbb{R}^2$



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 $i = 1, \dots, n$

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 $i = 1, \ldots, n$
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

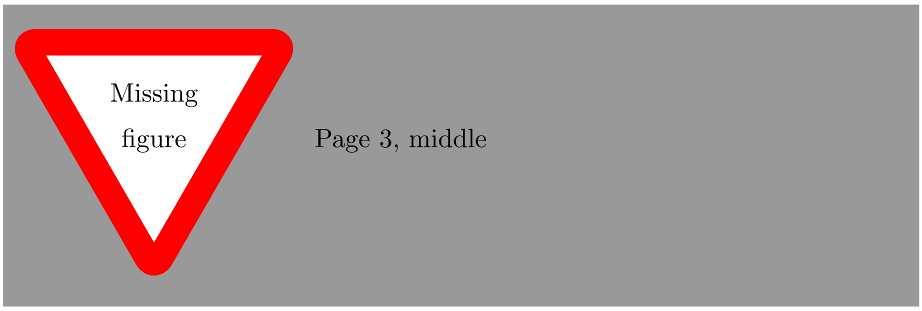
Vector $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a zero vector if all $u_i = 0$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$. The zero vector is often written as $\underline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1.1 Graphic representation of vectors and vector operations

A vector can be represented in the following way:

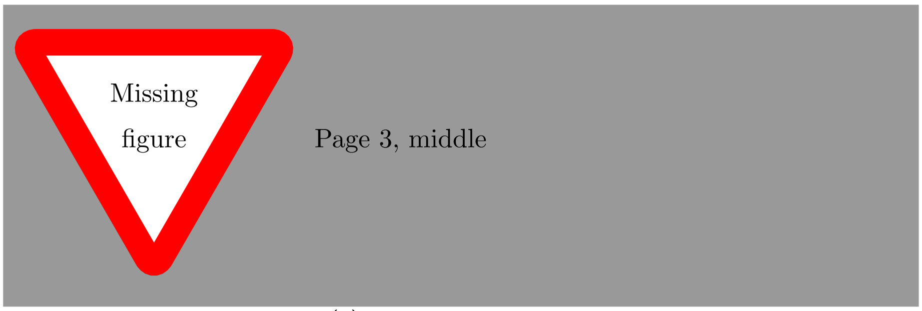
1. An ordered collection of numbers, $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

2. As an arrow in space



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

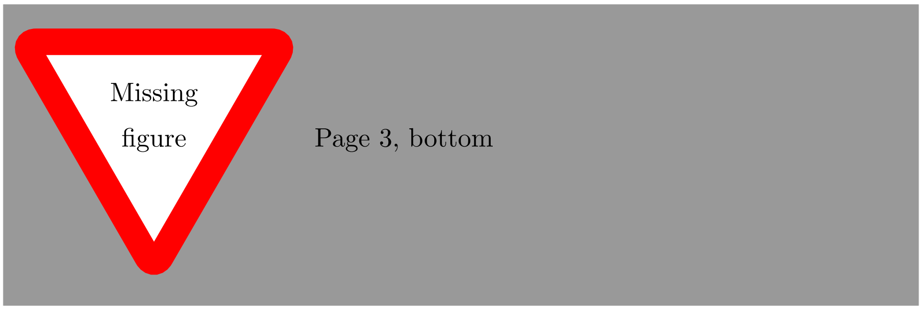
Let us consider vectors $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{w} = \underline{u} + \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$



Let us consider vector $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. What is $2 \cdot \underline{u}$? We can calculate as follows:

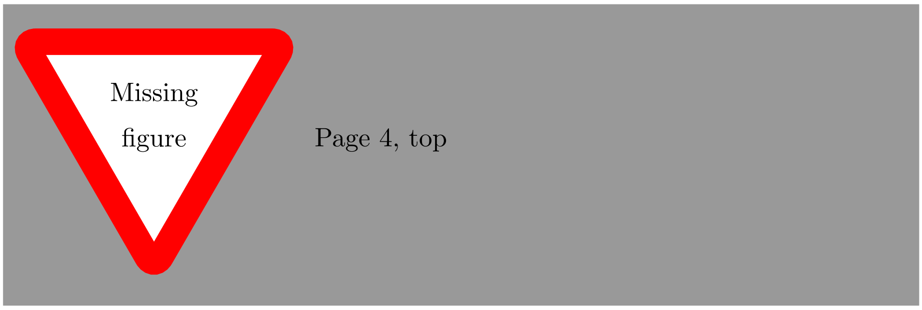
$$2 \cdot \underline{u} = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We stretch vector $\underline{u}$ 2 times along the line defined by vector $\underline{u}$. What is $-\underline{u}$? Simply reverse the direction. What will be the representation of $\alpha \underline{u}$ for all possible values of α? An endless line



Let us consider two vectors $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. What will be the representation of all linear combinations of $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$, $\alpha\underline{u} + \beta\underline{v}$

1. Plane:



2. Line: $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$ are on the same line.
   Note: Consider $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$ are on the same line if there exists scalars α and β such that $\alpha\underline{u} + \beta\underline{v} = \underline{0}$, when α and $\beta \neq 0$

3. Point: if $\underline{u} = \underline{0}$ and $\underline{v} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \alpha\underline{u} + \beta\underline{v} = \underline{0}$

Consider
vv, uv. They are on the same line if $\alpha\underline{u} + \beta\underline{v} = \underline{0}$ and $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$

1.2 Dot Product (Scalar product)

Definition

Let us consider two vectors $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The dot (or scalar) product of vectors $\underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}$ is defined as

$$\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \cdots + \underline{u}_n \underline{v}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i v_i$$

Notation

We will use $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle$ to denote the dot product, but sometimes $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}$ is used

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Example

1.
$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle = 1 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 3 \cdot (-1) = -3.5$$

2.
$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ , \end{pmatrix} \langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle = 0$$

Let us consider $\mathbb{R}^2$. What is the set of all possible endpoints of unit vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$, originating from the origin?

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u} &= \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \cos(\theta) &= \frac{u_1}{\|\underline{u}\|} = u_1 \\ \sin(\theta) &= \frac{u_2}{\|\underline{u}\|} = u_2 \\ \underline{u} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now let us consider two unit vectors If $\underline{u} \neq \underline{0}$ or $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ are not unit vectors

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle &= \cos(\theta)\cos(\varphi) + \sin(\theta)\sin(\varphi) \\ &= \cos(\theta - \varphi) = \cos(\psi) \\ &= \cos(\angle(\underline{u}, \underline{v})) \end{aligned}$$

we can find the angle between them as follows:

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle &= \left\langle \|\underline{u}\| \cdot \frac{1}{\|\underline{u}\|} \cdot \underline{u}, \|\underline{v}\| \cdot \frac{1}{\|\underline{v}\|} \cdot \underline{v} \right\rangle \\ &= \|\underline{u}\|\|\underline{v}\| \left\langle \frac{1}{\|\underline{u}\|} \cdot \underline{u}, \frac{1}{\|\underline{v}\|} \cdot \underline{v} \right\rangle \\ &= \|\underline{u}\|\|\underline{v}\| \cos\left(\angle(\underline{u}, \underline{v})\right) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma

If $\underline{u} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{v} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then
$$\cos\left(\angle(\underline{u}, \underline{v})\right) = \frac{\langle \underline{u}, \underline{v} \rangle}{\|\underline{u}\|\|\underline{v}\|}$$

1.3 Properties of dot product