

# Tutorial 01

- 1 Under what conditions on  $a, b, c, d$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$  a multiple  $m$  of  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ ? Start with the two equations  $c = ma$  and  $d = mb$ . By eliminating  $m$ , find one equation connecting  $a, b, c, d$ . You can assume no zeros in these numbers.
- 2 Going around a triangle from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(5, 0)$  to  $(0, 12)$  to  $(0, 0)$ , what are those three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ ? What is  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ ? What are their lengths  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\|$ ? The length squared of a vector  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  is  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = u_1^2 + u_2^2$ .
- 3 Describe geometrically (line, plane, or all of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ) all linear combinations of  
(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- 4 Draw  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  in a single  $xy$  plane.
- 5 If  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute and draw the vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- 6 From  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the components of  $3\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$ .
- 7 Compute  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $2\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ . How do you know  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  lie in a plane?

These lie in a plane because  
 $\mathbf{w} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$ . Find  $c$  and  $d$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 8** Every combination of  $v = (1, -2, 1)$  and  $w = (0, 1, -1)$  has components that add to \_\_\_\_\_. Find  $c$  and  $d$  so that  $cv + dw = (3, 3, -6)$ . Why is  $(3, 3, 6)$  impossible?

- 9** In the  $xy$  plane mark all nine of these linear combinations:

$$c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } c = 0, 1, 2 \quad \text{and } d = 0, 1, 2.$$

- 10** (Not easy) How could you decide if the vectors  $u = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $v = (0, 1, 1)$  and  $w = (a, b, c)$  are linearly independent or dependent?

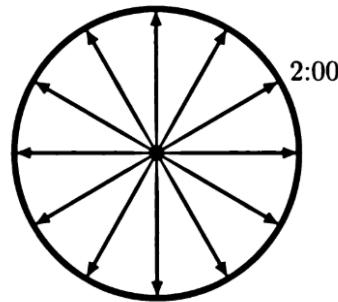
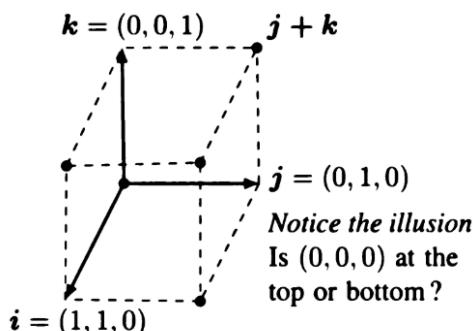


Figure 1.1: Unit cube from  $i, j, k$  and twelve clock vectors : all lengths = 1.

- 11** If three corners of a parallelogram are  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(4, 2)$ , and  $(1, 3)$ , what are all three of the possible fourth corners? Draw those three parallelograms.

**Problems 12–15 are about special vectors on cubes and clocks in Figure 1.1.**

- 12** Four corners of this unit cube are  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1)$ . What are the other four corners? Find the coordinates of the center point of the cube. The center points of the six faces have coordinates \_\_\_\_\_. The cube has how many edges?

- 13** *Review Question.* In  $xyz$  space, where is the plane of all linear combinations of  $i = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $i + j = (1, 1, 0)$ ?

- 14** (a) What is the sum  $V$  of the twelve vectors that go from the center of a clock to the hours 1:00, 2:00, ..., 12:00?  
 (b) If the 2:00 vector is removed, why do the 11 remaining vectors add to 8:00?  
 (c) The components of that 2:00 vector are  $v = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ ? What is  $\theta$ ?

- 15 Suppose the twelve vectors start from 6:00 at the bottom instead of (0, 0) at the center. The vector to 12:00 is doubled to (0, 2). The new twelve vectors add to \_\_\_\_.
- 16 Draw vectors  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$  so that their combinations  $cu + dv + ew$  fill only a line. Find vectors  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$  in 3D so that their combinations  $cu + dv + ew$  fill only a plane.
- 17 What combination  $c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  produces  $\begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Express this question as two equations for the coefficients  $c$  and  $d$  in the linear combination.

**Problems 18–19 go further with linear combinations of  $v$  and  $w$  (see Figure 1.2a).**

- 18 Figure 1.2a shows  $\frac{1}{2}v + \frac{1}{2}w$ . Mark the points  $\frac{3}{4}v + \frac{1}{4}w$  and  $\frac{1}{4}v + \frac{3}{4}w$  and  $v + w$ . Draw the line of all combinations  $cv + dw$  that have  $c + d = 1$ .
- 19 Restricted by  $0 \leq c \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq d \leq 1$ , shade in all the combinations  $cv + dw$ . Restricted only by  $c \geq 0$  and  $d \geq 0$  draw the “cone” of all combinations  $cv + dw$ .

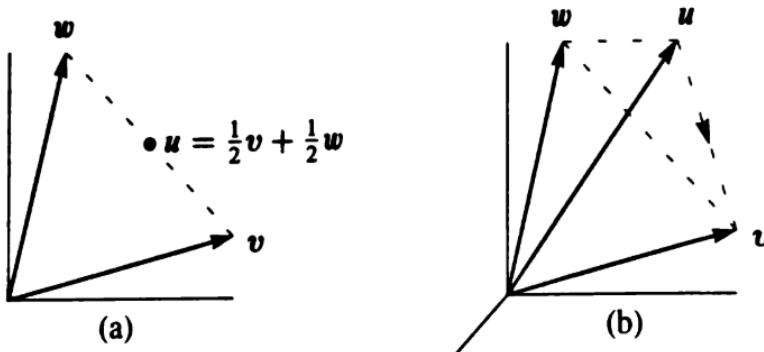


Figure 1.2: Problems 18–19 in a plane      Problems 20–23 in 3-dimensional space

**Problems 20–23 deal with  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$  in three-dimensional space (see Figure 1.2b).**

- 20 Locate  $\frac{1}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}v + \frac{1}{3}w$  and  $\frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}w$  in Figure 1.2 b. Challenge problem : Under what restrictions on  $c, d, e$ , will the combinations  $cu + dv + ew$  fill in the dashed triangle? To stay in the triangle, one requirement is  $c \geq 0, d \geq 0, e \geq 0$ .
- 21 The three dashed lines in the triangle are  $v - u$  and  $w - v$  and  $u - w$ . Their sum is \_\_\_\_\_. Draw the head-to-tail addition around a plane triangle of (3, 1) plus (-1, 1) plus (-2, -2).
- 22 Shade in the pyramid of combinations  $cu + dv + ew$  with  $c \geq 0, d \geq 0, e \geq 0$  and  $c + d + e \leq 1$ . Mark the vector  $\frac{1}{2}(u + v + w)$  as inside or outside this pyramid.
- 23 If you look at *all* combinations of those  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , is there any vector that can't be produced from  $cu + dv + ew$ ? Different answer if  $u, v, w$  are all in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 24** How many corners  $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$  does a cube of side 2 have in 4 dimensions ? What is its volume ? How many 3D faces ? How many edges ? Find one edge.
- 25** Find *two different combinations* of the three vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 7)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 5)$  that produce  $\mathbf{b} = (0, 1)$ . Slightly delicate question: If I take any three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  in the plane, will there always be two different combinations that produce  $\mathbf{b} = (0, 1)$ ?
- 26** The linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v} = (a, b)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (c, d)$  fill the plane unless \_\_\_\_\_. Find four vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}$  with four nonzero components each so that their combinations  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{w} + f\mathbf{z}$  produce all vectors in four-dimensional space.
- 27** Write down three equations for  $c, d, e$  so that  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{b}$ . Write this also as a matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Can you somehow find  $c, d, e$  for this  $\mathbf{b}$  ?

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$