

# Lecture 9

## §1 The 3D space

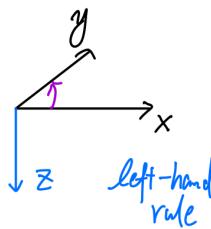
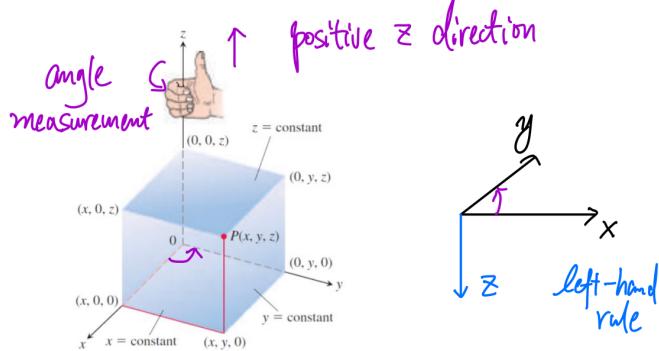
### 1. Coordinate axes and their placement

1° three-dimensional space 的表示:  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\mathbb{R}^3 := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} := \{(x, y, z) : x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$x, y, z$  表示点  $P(x, y, z)$  的位置. 关于 coordinate axes ( $x$ -axis,  $y$ -axis,  $z$ -axis)

2° 坐标轴通常遵循 right-hand rule



### 2. 基本的 plane (平面), octant (卦限), set of points

1° plane

①  $x=0$ :  $yz$ -plane

②  $y=0$ :  $xz$ -plane

③  $z=0$ :  $xy$ -plane

2° octant

First octant:  $\{(x, y, z) : x > 0, y > 0, z > 0\}$

3° set of points

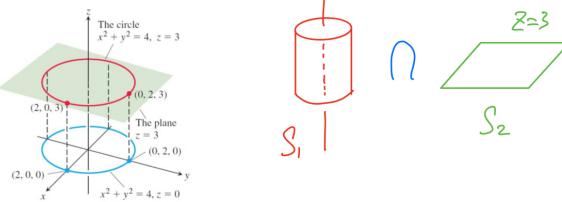
The set of all points  $(x, y, z)$  which satisfy

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4, \quad z = 3$$

$$S_1 = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(x, y, z) : z = 3\}$$

can be represented geometrically by the pink disk in the following figure.



### 3. distance & spheres (球面)

1° 定义

#### Definition

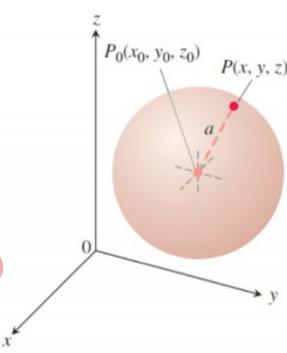
The **distance**  $|P_1P_2|$  between the points  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is defined by

$$|P_1P_2| := \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

The **sphere** with radius  $a$  centered at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is the set of all points  $(x, y, z)$  that satisfy

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2.$$

When  $a=0$ , it is a "degenerate sphere" which is a point.



## 2<sup>o</sup> $R^n$ 中两点的距离

The distance between  $P_1 := (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $P_2 := (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  in  $R^n$  is defined by

$$|P_1 P_2| := \sqrt{(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2 + \dots + (y_n - x_n)^2}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## 3<sup>o</sup> 球面

Consider the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z + \delta = 0 \quad (*)$$

Since

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow (x + \frac{\alpha}{2})^2 + (y + \frac{\beta}{2})^2 + (z + \frac{\gamma}{2})^2 = (\frac{\alpha}{2})^2 + (\frac{\beta}{2})^2 + (\frac{\gamma}{2})^2 - \delta$$

if  $K := (\frac{\alpha}{2})^2 + (\frac{\beta}{2})^2 + (\frac{\gamma}{2})^2 - \delta \geq 0$ , then

$(*)$  describes a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{K}$  centered at  $(-\frac{\alpha}{2}, -\frac{\beta}{2}, -\frac{\gamma}{2})$

注: With center  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and radius  $a$ :

sphere:  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2$

closed ball:  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 \leq a^2$

open ball:  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 < a^2$

$(D, D, D)$  可被看作 sphere 或 closed ball

open ball 也被表示为  $B_a(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

例: Example

(\*)

Show that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 6y + 2z + 6 = 0$  is the equation of a sphere, and find its center and radius.

$$\text{Sol: } (*) \Leftrightarrow (x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2 + (z+1)^2 = 8$$

center:  $(-2, 3, -1)$ , radius:  $2\sqrt{2}$

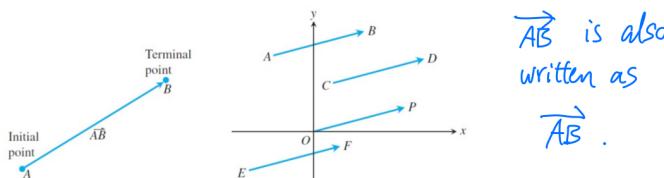
## §2 Vectors

### 1. vectors

Roughly speaking, a **vector** is a directed line segment that goes from a point  $A$  (the **initial point**) to a point  $B$  (the **terminal point**). Such a vector is denoted by  $\vec{AB}$ .

$A$  &  $B$  in the same space  $R^n$ .

- The two points  $A$  and  $B$  can be the same.  $\vec{AA}$ : zero vector.
- There are two defining properties of a vector: length and direction.
- Two vectors  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{CD}$  are considered exactly the same if they have the same length and direction, even if  $A \neq C$ .



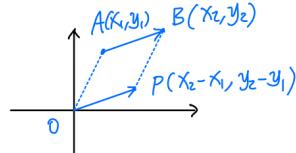
## 2. 向量的表示

Let  $\vec{AB}$  be a vector in the  $xy$ -plane, where  $A = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $B = (x_2, y_2)$ . Consider translating  $A$  to the origin  $O$ . It is not hard to see that  $\vec{OP} = \vec{AB}$  if and only if

$$P = (x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1).$$

Therefore  $\vec{AB}$  can be recorded by the position of  $P$  alone, and we write

$$\vec{AB} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ y_2 - y_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$



**注:** 若  $A = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $B = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$  是 3D 空间内的点, 且  $\vec{AB} = \vec{OP}$   
 $P = (x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$ , 则  
 $\vec{AB} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle$  或  $\vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ y_2 - y_1 \\ z_2 - z_1 \end{bmatrix}$

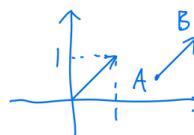
## 3. Component forms and length

- In general, every vector in the  $xy$ -plane can be represented as a vector  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ . The numbers  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are called the **components** of  $\vec{v}$ . or  $\vec{v}$  Usually used for printing.
- A common alternative notation for  $\vec{v}$  is  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- The **length** of the vector  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$  is defined to be (or norm or magnitude)  $\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$ .

The length of  $\vec{v}$  is commonly denoted by  $|\vec{v}|$  or  $\|\vec{v}\|$ .

- Similarly, every vector in the space can be written as  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ , with

$$|\vec{v}| := \|\vec{v}\| := \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}.$$



$$\vec{AB} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle.$$

**注:** 在  $n$  维空间中, 向量  $\vec{v}$  可以被表示为

$$\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}| := \|\vec{v}\| := \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

## 4. Algebraic operations (代数运算) of vectors

### Definition

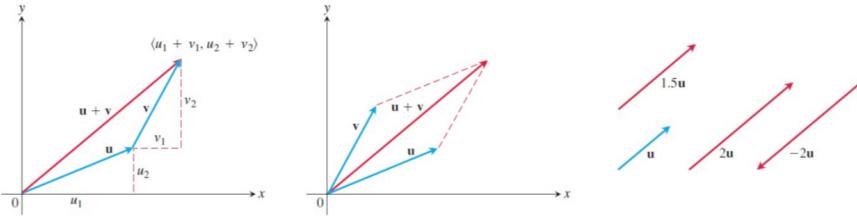
Given two vectors  $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle$ ,  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$  and a scalar  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , define **additions** and **scalar multiplications** as follows:

- $\vec{u} + \vec{v} := \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n \rangle$ .
- $k\vec{u} := \langle ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n \rangle$ .

Similar to real numbers, we write  $\vec{u} - \vec{v}$  to mean  $\vec{u} + (-1)\vec{v}$ .

These two operations are **componentwise**

geometric  
The geometry effect of these operations on vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is displayed in the following figure.



## 5. Properties of algebraic operations

### Definition

The **zero vector**, denoted by  $\vec{0}$  or  $\mathbf{0}$ , is the vector whose components are all zeros.

#### Properties of Vector Operations

Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be vectors and  $a, b$  be scalars.

- 1.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
- 2.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
- 3.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
- 4.  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$
- 5.  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- 6.  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$
- 7.  $a(b\mathbf{u}) = (ab)\mathbf{u}$
- 8.  $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$
- 9.  $(a + b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{u}$

## b. Unit vectors and standard unit vectors

### Definition

- A **unit vector** is a vector whose length is 1.
- The **standard unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$**  are the unit vectors

$$\vec{i} := \mathbf{i} := \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{j} := \mathbf{j} := \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{k} := \mathbf{k} := \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle.$$

std. unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$  &  $\vec{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ .

### Remark

- Any vector  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$  and  $\vec{k}$ :

$$\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}.$$

- Whenever  $|\vec{v}| \neq 0$ , the vector  $\vec{v}/|\vec{v}|$  is a unit vector, which is called the **direction** of  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\left| \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \right| = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} |\vec{v}| = 1$$

For any nonzero vector  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{v} = |\vec{v}| \left( \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \right)$   
length      direction

例: 若  $\vec{v} = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$  为 velocity vector, 则  $|\vec{v}| = 5$  为 speed,  $\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{-4}{5} \rangle$  为 direction

## 7. Midpoint formula

If midpoint of the line segment  $P_1P_2$  joining  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  &  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is  $(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1+z_2}{2})$ . This can be derived using vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OM} &= \vec{OP_1} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{P_1P_2} \\ &= \left\langle x_1 + \frac{x_2-x_1}{2}, y_1 + \frac{y_2-y_1}{2}, z_1 + \frac{z_2-z_1}{2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1+z_2}{2} \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M = \left( \frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1+z_2}{2} \right)$ .

## 8. Applications of vectors

**例:** EXAMPEL 8 A jet airliner, flying due east at 800 km/h in still air, encounters a 110 km/h tailwind blowing in the direction  $60^\circ$  north of east. The airplane holds its compass heading due east but, because of the wind, acquires a new ground speed and direction. What are they?

$$\text{Sol: } \vec{u} = \langle 800, 0 \rangle$$

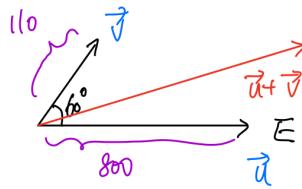
$$V_1 = 110 \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 55$$

$$V_2 = 110 \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 55\sqrt{3}$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle 855, 55\sqrt{3} \rangle$$

$$\text{speed} = S = |\vec{u} + \vec{v}| = \sqrt{855^2 + 55^2 \cdot 3} \approx 860.3 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\text{direction} = \frac{\vec{u} + \vec{v}}{|\vec{u} + \vec{v}|}$$



**例:** EXAMPEL 9 A 75-N weight is suspended by two wires, as shown in Figure 12.18a. Find the forces  $\vec{F}_1$  and  $\vec{F}_2$  acting in both wires.

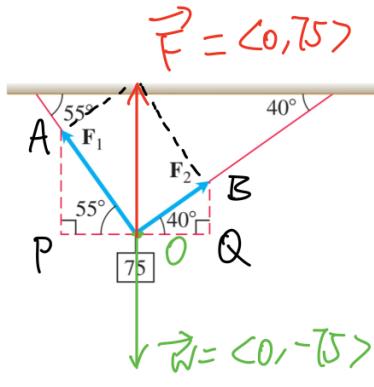
$$\text{Sol: } \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = \vec{F} = \langle 0, 75 \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = \langle -|\vec{F}_1| \cdot \cos 55^\circ, |\vec{F}_1| \cdot \sin 55^\circ \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \langle |\vec{F}_2| \cdot \cos 40^\circ, |\vec{F}_2| \cdot \sin 40^\circ \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 = |\vec{F}_2| \cdot \cos 40^\circ - |\vec{F}_1| \cos 55^\circ \\ 75 = |\vec{F}_2| \sin 40^\circ + |\vec{F}_1| \sin 55^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} |\vec{F}_1| \approx 57.67 \text{ N} \\ |\vec{F}_2| \approx 43.18 \text{ N} \end{cases}$$



## §3 Dot products

### 1. Dot products

#### Definition

Given two vectors  $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle$  and  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$ , the **dot product** of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ , denoted by  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ , is defined by

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} := u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n.$$

#### Example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \langle 1, -2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -6, 2, -3 \rangle &= (1)(-6) + (-2)(2) + (-1)(-3) \\ &= -6 - 4 + 3 = -7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)(4) + (3)(-1) + (1)(2) = 1$$

### 2. Properties of dot products

#### Properties of the Dot Product

If  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are any vectors and  $c$  is a scalar, then

$$\text{1. } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} \qquad \text{2. } (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}) = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

$$\text{3. } \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} \qquad \text{4. } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

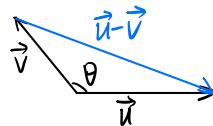
$$\text{5. } \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

### 3. dot products & angles in $\mathbb{R}^2$ & $\mathbb{R}^3$

Consider  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ), with angle  $\theta$  made between them ( $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ).

Then by the law of cosine,

$$|\vec{u} - \vec{v}|^2 = |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 - 2 \cos \theta |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|$$



$$\text{Since } |\vec{u} - \vec{v}|^2 = (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}),$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} - 2 \cos \theta |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \cos \theta |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|$$

**注:** 若  $\vec{u}$  与  $\vec{v}$  不为  $\vec{0}$ , 则

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} \Rightarrow \theta = \arccos \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} \right)$$

若  $\vec{u}$  与  $\vec{v}$  为 unit vectors, 则

$$\cos \theta = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \Rightarrow \theta = \arccos(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$$

若  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ , 则

$$\vec{u} = \vec{0} \text{ or } \vec{v} = \vec{0} \text{ or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

一般的.

Def: For  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

• If  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , then the angle made by

$$\vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v} \text{ is } \theta := \arccos \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} \right).$$

•  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are orthogonal (or perpendicular) if

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \quad (\text{note that } \vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v} \text{ can be zero}).$$