

Lecture 2 : 1 Feb 2017Last time:

- Introduced vector notation for points in \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^n .
- Introduced addition & scalar multiplication of vectors.

"To give a line in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 , it's enough to give a point & a direction."

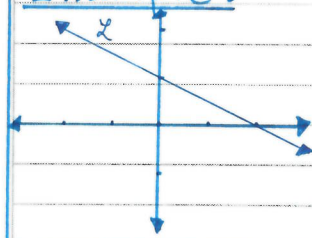
Vector equation of a line: point & direction form

$\mathcal{L}(t) = \vec{a} + t\vec{v}$ where \vec{a} = a point on our line
 \vec{v} = vector giving the direction of the line
 t = real parameter.

In \mathbb{R}^3 case: If $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$
 $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$

then $\mathcal{L}(t) = \vec{a} + t\vec{v} = (a_1 + tv_1, a_2 + tv_2, a_3 + tv_3)$

\mathbb{R}^2 case: similar.

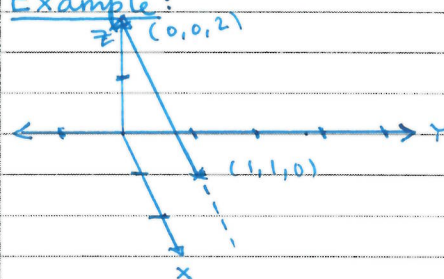
Example:

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = (0, 1) + t(2, -1) = (2t, 1-t)$$

"Note that different \vec{a} and \vec{v} can give the same line." (with a different parametrisation).

Note: Above example is also $\mathcal{L}(t) = (2, 0) + t(-2, 1)$.

"Let's look at an example in \mathbb{R}^3 ."

Example:

$$L(t) = \vec{a} + t\vec{v}$$

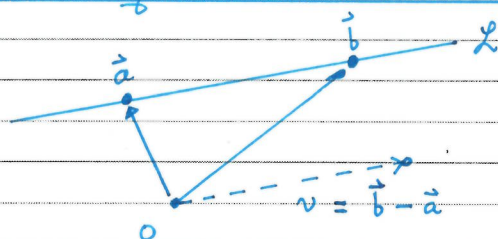
$$\vec{a} = (0, 0, 2)$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 1, 0) - (0, 0, 2) = (1, 1, -2)$$

$$L(t) = (0, 0, 2) + t(1, 1, -2) = (t, t, 2-2t).$$

"Recall that a line is also determined by any two distinct points on it."

vector equation of a line: point-point form.



$$L(t) = \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) = (1-t)\vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$

Note: $L(0) = (1-0)\vec{a} + 0\vec{b} = \vec{a}$

$$L(1) = (1-1)\vec{a} + 1\vec{b} = \vec{b}$$

The line segment between \vec{a} & \vec{b} is $L(t)$ with $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Example: If $\vec{a} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{k}$

$$\Rightarrow L(t) = (1-t)\vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$

$$= (1-t)(-\vec{i} + \vec{j}) + t\vec{k}$$

$$= (-1+t)\vec{i} + (1-t)\vec{j} + t\vec{k}$$

$$= (-1+t, 1-t, t).$$

Note: If $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

$$\text{then } L(t) = (1-t)\vec{a} + t\vec{b} = ((1-t)a_1, (1-t)a_2, (1-t)a_3) + (tb_1, tb_2, tb_3)$$

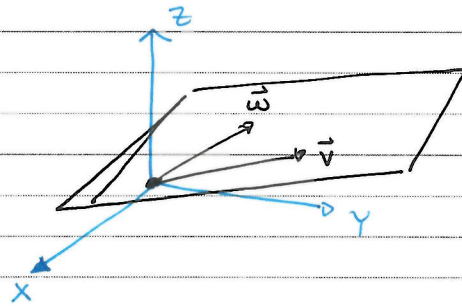
$$= (a_1 + (b_1 - a_1)t, a_2 + (b_2 - a_2)t, a_3 + (b_3 - a_3)t)$$

Planes ^{in \mathbb{R}^3} passing through $(0,0,0)$:

If \vec{v}, \vec{w} vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , nonzero & not parallel, then

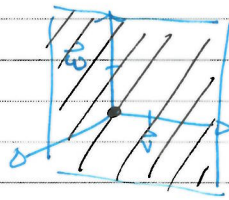
$$\lambda \vec{v} + \mu \vec{w} \quad (\lambda, \mu \text{ any real #'s})$$

describes a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 passing through $(0,0,0)$, \vec{v} , and \vec{w} .



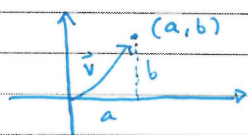
~~If $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ then this is~~

Example:



$$\vec{v} = (0,1,0), \vec{w} = (0,0,1)$$

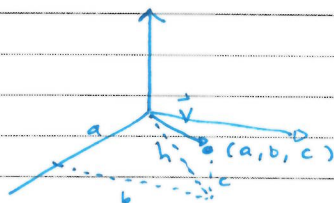
get the YZ -plane.

Length, distance, and inner product (§1.2)• Length in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$(\text{length of } \vec{v})^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad \text{"Pyth thm"}$$

(Pythagorean ~~thm~~)

Def: $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.

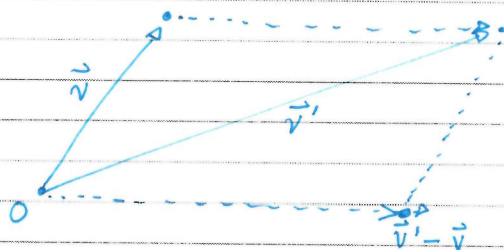
• length in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\text{length of } \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|$$

$$\|\vec{v}\|^2 = h^2 + c^2 \quad \text{by PT.}$$

$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad \text{by PT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}.$$

• Distance between two vectors:

$$\text{distance between } \vec{v}' \text{ and } \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}' - \vec{v}\|$$

Example: $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1)$, $\vec{v}' = (0, 0, 1)$.

$$\|\vec{v}' - \vec{v}\| = \|(-1, -1, 0)\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

Q: when are two vectors perpendicular/orthogonal?

A: Exactly when $\|\vec{v}' - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{v}'\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2$

Example: $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\|^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 3$.
 $\vec{v}' = (0, 0, 1) \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}'\|^2 = 0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 = 1$.

$$\|\vec{v}' - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|(-1, -1, 0)\|^2 = (-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2 = 2$$

But $2 \neq 3 + 1$, so \vec{v} and \vec{v}' not perpendicular.

NOTE: If $\vec{v} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$
 $\vec{v}' = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

$$A: \|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}'\|^2 = (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2) + (b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2).$$

$$\begin{aligned} B: \|\vec{v}' - \vec{v}\|^2 &= \|(b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_2, b_3 - a_3)\|^2 \\ &= (b_1 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - a_2)^2 + (b_3 - a_3)^2 \\ &= (b_1^2 - 2b_1a_1 + a_1^2) + (b_2^2 - 2b_2a_2 + a_2^2) + (b_3^2 - 2b_3a_3 + a_3^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note: } A = B \Leftrightarrow -2b_1a_1 - 2b_2a_2 - 2b_3a_3 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b_1a_1 + b_2a_2 + b_3a_3 = 0.$$

consequence: \vec{v} and \vec{v}' perpendicular $\Leftrightarrow a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 = 0$

Def The inner product of \vec{v} and \vec{v}' is the number

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}' = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$$

Examples

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \vec{v} = 3\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k} = (3, 1, -2)$$

$$\vec{v}' = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k} = (1, -1, 1)$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}' = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-1) + (-2) \cdot 1 = 0.$$

so \vec{v} & \vec{v}' are perpendicular.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{v} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k} = (2, 1, -1).$$

$$\vec{v}' = 3\vec{k} + (-2)\vec{j} = (0, -2, 3)$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}' = 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-2) + (-1) \cdot 3 = -5$$

\vec{v} & \vec{v}' not perpendicular.

Properties of inner product:

$$① \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \geq 0 \quad \text{with equality only when } \vec{v} = (0,0,0)$$

$$(\text{Since } \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2).$$

$$② (\lambda \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \lambda (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) = \vec{v} \cdot (\lambda \vec{w}) \quad \lambda \text{ scalar}$$

$$③ \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} + \vec{w}') = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}'$$

$$④ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + v_3 w_3 \\ = w_1 v_1 + w_2 v_2 + w_3 v_3 = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{v}.$$

Let's check ③:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} + \vec{w}') &= (v_1, v_2, v_3) \cdot (w_1 + w'_1, w_2 + w'_2, w_3 + w'_3) \\ &= v_1(w_1 + w'_1) + v_2(w_2 + w'_2) + v_3(w_3 + w'_3) \\ &= (v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + v_3 w_3) + (v_1 w'_1 + v_2 w'_2 + v_3 w'_3) \\ &= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}'. \end{aligned}$$

Unit vectors: \vec{v} is called a unit vector if $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$

Non-examples

$$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0) \quad \|\vec{0}\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} = 0.$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1) \quad \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}.$$

Example

$$\vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{j} = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = 1.$$

$$\text{Put } \vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, 1) = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \sqrt{3/3} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note: If \vec{v} is any nonzero vector, then

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} \quad \text{is a unit vector.}$$

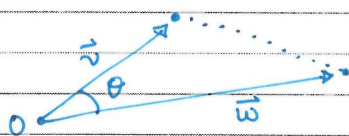
"the normalization of \vec{v} ."

We should also say how inner product interacts with addition & scalar multiplication of vectors.

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Say it next time

can also use
inner product to
describe the

Angle between two vectors.



Prop: IF \vec{v}, \vec{w} are both nonzero, then

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta.$$

consequence 1: $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|} \right)$

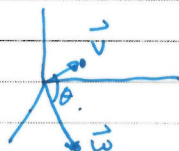
consequence 2:

↑ not easy to compute by hand.

$$|\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}| = \underbrace{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}_{>0} \underbrace{|\cos \theta|}_{\leq 1} \leq \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|$$

"Cauchy - Schwarz inequality"

Example: $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1), \vec{w} = (1, 1, -1)$



$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-1) = 1$$

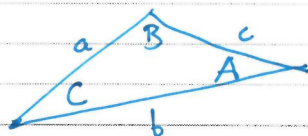
$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{3} \quad \|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \approx 1.23 \text{ radians} \approx 71^\circ.$$

why is prop true?

It's basically just a restatement of the law of cosines from trigonometry in the language of vectors & inner product.

Law of cosines



$$\Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C).$$