Linear Algebra

Lecture 9-10-11

The null space, Linearly dependent and independence, The formal definition of linear independence, Using different basis to represent the same point, Unit vectors are the preferred basis, Equation for the unit vector, Linear independence, Rank, Orthogonality, Vector Normalization

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Learning objectives

1. Null Space

Find all solutions to Ax=0; understand the structure of solution sets.

2. Linear Dependence/Independence

Determine if vectors are dependent or independent using equations or row reduction.

3. Formal Definition of Linear Independence

Know that a set is independent if only the trivial solution exists for

$$c_1v_1+c_2v_2+c_3v_3+\ldots+c_nv_n=0$$

4. Different Bases, Same Point

Represent the same vector using different bases; convert between them.

5. Unit Vectors as Preferred Basis

Use unit vectors for simplicity and clarity in coordinate systems.

6. Equation for a Unit Vector

7. Linear Independence

Identify if vectors are independent.

Understand its role in forming a basis.

8. Rank

Find the rank of a matrix.

Use rank to understand solutions of linear systems.

9. Orthogonality

Recognize orthogonal vectors (dot product = 0).

Use orthogonality in simplifying vector problems.

10. Vector Normalization

Convert a vector to unit length.

Learning outcomes

1. Null Space

Find and interpret the set of solutions to Ax=0.

2. Linear Dependence/Independence

Determine if vectors are dependent or independent using equations or row operations.

3. Formal Definition of Linear Independence

Apply the definition to test if only the trivial solution exists.

4. Different Bases, Same Point

Represent a vector in different bases and convert between them.

5. Unit Vectors as Preferred Basis

Use unit vectors for simpler, standard representation in coordinate systems.

6. Equation for Unit Vector.

7. Linear Independence

Determine whether a set of vectors is linearly independent.

Explain the importance of linear independence in forming a basis for a vector space.

8. Rank

Calculate the rank of a matrix.

Interpret how rank affects the solution set of a system of linear equations.

9. Orthogonality

Identify orthogonal vectors using the dot product.

10. Vector Normalization

Normalize vectors to unit length.

The null space

- Given a set of vectors v_1, v_2 ... and we let these vectors be the columns of a matrix $A = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ ...]$.
- Definition: the null space is the set of all possible solutions for x such that

$$x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 + \dots = 0$$
 or $Ax = 0$

 To find the null space we simply create the augmented matrix such that

[A|0]

The point of this augmented matrix is that we are trying to find the solution x that will give you the output of 0 (this is the definition of null space)

For example, the matrix A would be converted to augmented matrix as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

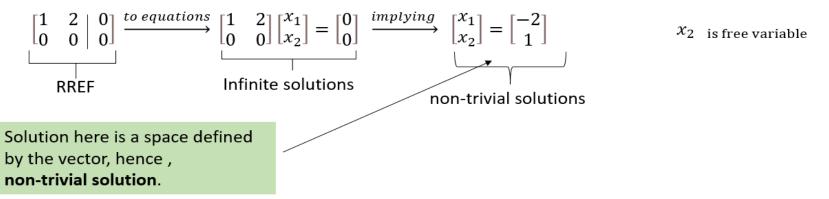
We turn it into the RREF and it gives us the solution for x

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

This is an example of trivial solution when x=0 Because obviously

$$A0 = 0$$

However, once we have reduced the augmented matrix down to RREF, you might get a non-trivial solution



Example Find the null space of the matrix:

$$A = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find the null space, solve:

$$egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} 0 \ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives:

$$egin{cases} x_1+2x_2=0 \ 3x_1+6x_2=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

Second equation is a multiple of the first

So the system have infinite solution so we are free to give any value to x_2

Suppose $x_2 = 1$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2(1) = 0$$

$$x_1 = -2$$

So, the null space is:

Null space of
$$(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example Find the null space of the matrix:

$$B = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \ 2 & 4 & -2 \ 3 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve Bx = 0. Notice each row is a multiple of the first, so the system has infinite solutions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So 2nd and 3 rd columns are free

Therefore we can assign any value to x_2 and x_3

Suppose $x_2=1$ and $x_3=2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The
$$x_1 + 2(1) - 1(2) = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

So the null space is:

$$\text{Null (B)=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Practice

a. Find the null space of the matrix:

$$B = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \ 3 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. Find the null space of the matrix:

$$D = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \ 2 & 6 & 4 \ 3 & 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

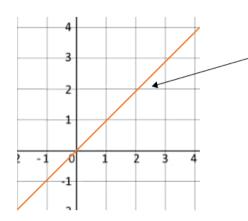
c. Find the null space of the matrix:

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

d. Find the null space of the matrix:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We also learned about the span in the last lecture



This is the span of $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

This is the set of all possible points reachable by one or multiple scaled vectors

This notation is called the set builder notation

It defines a set such that α can be any real number

You may sometime see a line instead

With a vector ν its span is

$$S = \operatorname{span}(v) = \{\alpha v : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}\$$

But you can also have multiple vectors $v_1, v_2, v_3, ...$, its span would be

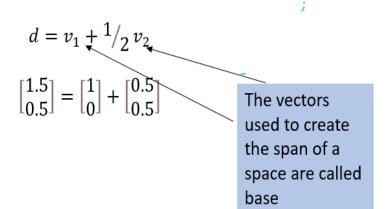
$$S = \text{span}(v, v_2, v_3 ...,) = \{(av_1, bv_2 ...): a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}\$$

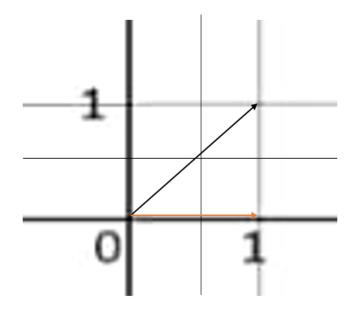
If we have 2 vectors it can at most span 2d

Given 2 vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their span would cover the entire 2D space For example, the point d is in the span because





Every single point on this 2D plane can be achieved by some combination of the 2 vectors

Example 1: Vectors that span R²

Let:
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- These are the standard basis vectors in R²
- They are linearly independent.

They span the entire plane R²

Example 2: Vectors that also span R²

Let:

$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

These are not scalar multiples.

So, they are linearly independent.

They span R²

Example 3: Vectors that DO NOT span R²

Let:

$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- $v1 = 2 \cdot v2$
- These vectors are linearly dependent.
- They only span a **line** in R², not the full plane.

Example 4: Vectors that do NOT span R²

Let:

$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $V1 = 2 \cdot v2$
- Linearly dependent

Only span a line through $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Key concepts:

- 2 independent vectors → span R²
- Less than 2 independent vectors → a line

Example 5: Vectors that span R³

Let:
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- These are the standard basis vectors.
- They are linearly independent.

They span the entire 3D space R³

Example 6: Vectors that span R³

Let
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Try forming a linear combination like av1 + bv2 + cv3 = 0.
- If only the **trivial solution** exists (a = b = c = 0), they are independent.

These vectors are linearly independent → they span R³

Example 7: Vectors that DO NOT span R³

let
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Each vector is just a multiple of the others.
- They're linearly dependent.

They only span a line — not the whole 3D space.

Example 4: Vectors in the same plane

Let
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

All vectors lie in the **xz-plane** (y = 0).

Also, they are scalar multiples \rightarrow linearly dependent.

They span a **plane**, not R³.

Key concepts:

3 independent vectors → span R³

Less than 3 independent vectors → span line or plane

How Many Vectors Are Needed to Span Rⁿ

- To span Rⁿ, you need at least n linearly independent vectors.
- So

n linearly independent vectors \rightarrow span the entire space R^n .

Fewer than $n \rightarrow \text{span}$ a subspace (like a line or plane).

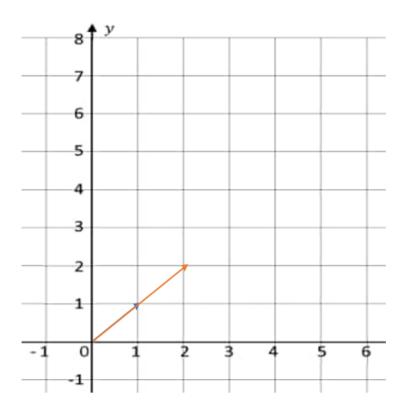
More than n vectors → must be **linearly dependent** in Rⁿ (they don't add new directions).

2 vector does not imply 2d span

Given 2 vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their span would cover only 1 dimension



The dimension span by a set of vectors is called the Rank

Rank OF a matrix

The *rank* of a matrix A, denoted as rank (A), is:

The maximum number of linearly independent **rows** or **columns** in the matrix.

Or The rank gives the number of **non-zero rows** in the matrix after it's reduced to **row echelon form** (REF) or reduced row echelon form (RREF).

Full Rank:

Full rank matrices have linearly independent rows and columns.

Example

$$A = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathrm{rank}(A) = 2$$

Rank-Deficient:

$$B = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathrm{rank}(B) = 1$$

Explanation: Second row is a multiple of the first \rightarrow not independent.

Example:

$$\overline{A} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & \overline{4} \ 2 & 6 & 8 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The columns of A are

$$\operatorname{Col}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \operatorname{Col}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \operatorname{Col}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

As we clearly Notice:

$$Col_2=3\cdot Col_1$$

$$Col_3 = 4 \cdot Col_1$$

All columns are linearly dependent on Column 1.

Example:

$$B = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \ 0 & 1 & 3 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Columns of B are:

$$\operatorname{Col}_1 = egin{bmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{Col}_2 = egin{bmatrix} 0 \ 1 \ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{Col}_3 = egin{bmatrix} 2 \ 3 \ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We notice that

$$\mathrm{Col}_3 = 2 \cdot \mathrm{Col}_1 + 3 \cdot \mathrm{Col}_2$$

So Column 3 is **dependent** on Columns 1 and 2. Columns 1 and 2 are **independent**.

so
$$Rank(B) = 2$$

Example

$$A = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We want to:

- Use row operations to bring this matrix to row echelon form (REF).
- Then count the number of leading (non-zero) rows to get the rank.

• Then identify which columns are linearly dependent.

Start with the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eliminate entries below the pivot in column 1

$$-2e_1 + e_2 \rightarrow e_2$$

$$e_3-e_1 \rightarrow e_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eliminate below the pivot in column 2

Pivot = -1 in e_3 , col_2 .

Now the matrix is in row echelon form:

REF:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now make row 3's second element into 1:

$$-1 \times e_3 \rightarrow_{e3}$$

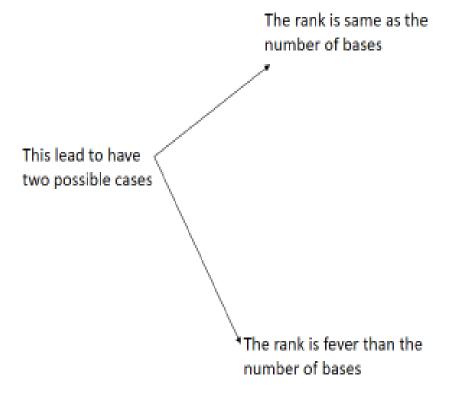
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Flip e₂ to e₃

So the REF
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now Count Non-Zero Rows → Rank

Non-zero rows = 2 So rank (A) = 2



This happen when each vector is contributing to the new dimension

This happen when we have redundant vectors covering the same space

These two cases have names

The rank is same as the number of basis

The rank is fever than the number of basis

[every vector is expanding the span larger] [having redundant vectors]

These vectors are called linearly independent

These vectors are called linearly dependent

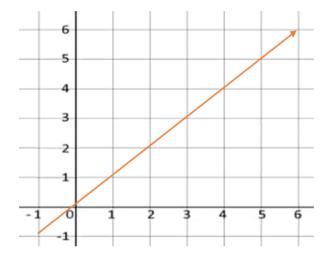
Linearly dependent and independence

Given 2 vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearly dependent

Their span would cover only 1 dimension

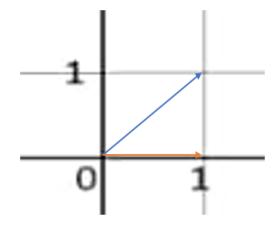


Given 2 vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearly independent

Their span would cover the entire 2D space



The formal definition of linear independence

A set of vectors is linearly independent if and only if the equation:

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \cdots c_kv_k = 0$$

Has only the trivial solution. What that mean is that these vectors are linearly independent when $c_1=c_2=\cdots=0$ is the only possible solution to the vectors equation

If a set of vectors is not linearly independent we say that they are linearly dependent. Then we can write a linear dependence relation showing how one vector is combination of the other vectors

Given this definition it implies that if we have a set of vectors v_1v_2, v_3 ... they are

- Linearly independent: if their null space solution is the trivial solution
- Linearly dependent: if their null space solution is non-trivial solution

Why linear independence?

Linear independence is a very important concept in data representation

$$v_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$v_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_{5} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can represent the data as a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can assume the first column as basis and represent the data

$$[1\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 1]$$
 become $[1v_1\ 2v_1\ 4v_1\ 6v_1\ 1v_1]$

Or we can use the first row as basis and represent the data as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{become} \qquad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1r_1 \\ 2r_1 \\ 1r_1 \\ 0r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

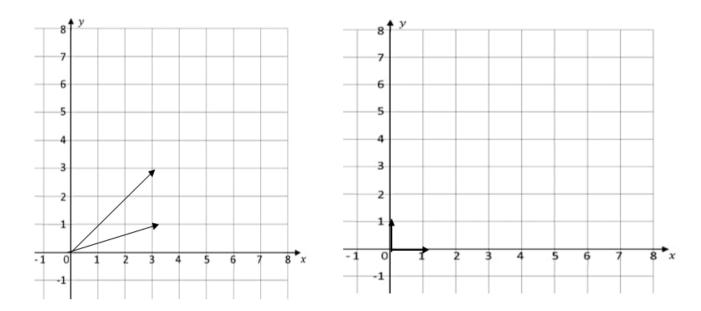
Much compact way to represent data compare to matrix

Using different basis to represent the same point

Below we show 2 possible basis to reach target D

Both basis span the same 2D space

but which basis are easier to identify the combination to reach point D?



In general, the basis the are perpendicular with a size are the nicest and easiest one to deal with

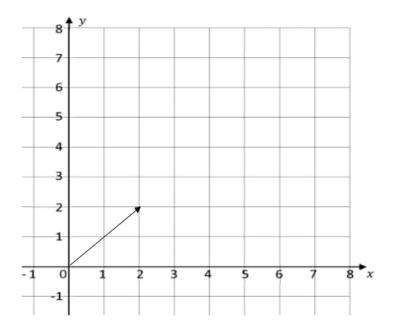
Unit vectors are the preferred basis

We often represent data using independent bases As a convention, we prefer to use **unite vectors**. [A unite vector is a vector with length 1]

Examples of unite vectors

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$



Example of not a unit vector

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5} \neq 1$$

Equation for the unit vector

Example of NOT Unite Vector

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

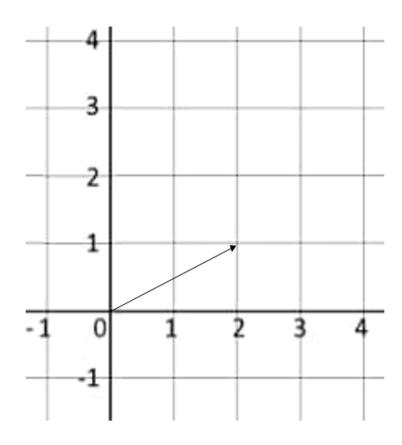
$$\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{5} \neq 1$$

How do we turn this vector into a normal vector **Divide the vector by the length !!!**

unite vector
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{length} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

You can double check your result the new length should be 1

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{5}} = 1$$



Equation for the unit vector

The act of turning a vector into a unite vector is called **normalization**

Normalized vectors are normally denoted by hat

$$u \rightarrow \hat{u}$$
 normalized

$$length(u) \neq 1$$

Length
$$(\hat{u}) = 1$$

We refers to unite vector as **normalized vector**

How do we turn this vector into a normal vector **Divide the vector by the length !!!**

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You can double check your result the new length should be 1

PRACTICE 1

Convert these 2dim vectors to UNITE vector

$$1) b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2)c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3)d = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4)e = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5)f = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6)x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7)y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$8)z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Formula to find the length of $x = \begin{bmatrix} c1 \\ c2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$IS\sqrt{{C_1}^2+{C_2}^2}$$

Practice 2

Convert these 3 dim vectors to UNITE vector

Formula to find the length of $x = \begin{bmatrix} C1 \\ C2 \\ C3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$IS\sqrt{{C_1}^2 + {C_2}^2 + {C_3}^2}$$

- 1) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{vmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$
- 3) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- 4) $\begin{bmatrix} -\overline{2} \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Practice 3

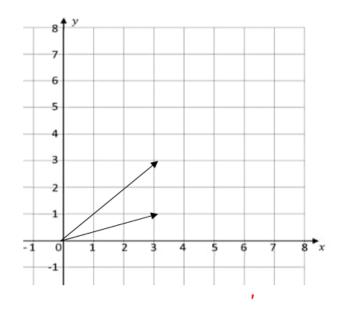
Convert these 4 dim vectors to UNITE vector

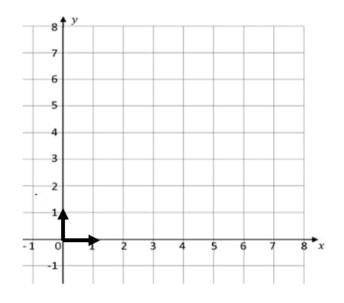
$$3)\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4)\begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -2\\ 2\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Besides having nice unite vector, we also want theme to be perpendicular

In linear algebra the basis that are perpendicular are called orthogonal basis





Let's go over the definition of orthogonality

The final concept of the day: orthogonality

Two vector \vec{v} and \vec{w} are called orthogonal if their do product is zero $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ are orthogonal in \mathbb{R}^2

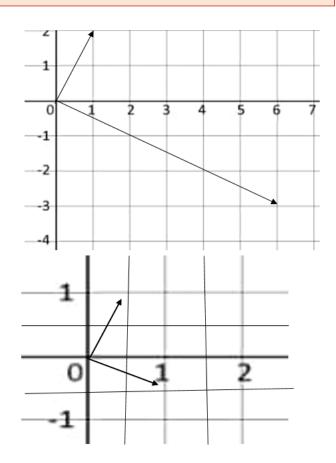
In \mathbb{R}^2 vector are orthogonal if they are perpendicular to each other

Taking the dot product and getting 0 tell you if the vectors are orthogonal

Two vectors are called orthonormal if they are orthogonal and both vectors are normalized

Orthonormal Pair

$$\hat{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \ \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ \sqrt{45} \\ -3 \\ \sqrt{45} \end{bmatrix}, \ v_1^T v_2 = 0$$



Definition: Two vectors are orthonormal if they are both **orthogonal** (dot product is 0) and **unit vectors** (magnitude = 1).

Practice

Determine whether the following vectors are orthogonal:

$$1)v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2)v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3)
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $v2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$4)v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5)
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $v2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$6)v1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Practice

Determine if the following vectors are orthonormal:

1)

$$ec{u} = egin{bmatrix} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad ec{v} = egin{bmatrix} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

2)

$$ec{u} = egin{bmatrix} rac{3}{5} \ rac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}, \quad ec{v} = egin{bmatrix} rac{4}{5} \ -rac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

3)
$$v1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, v2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, we prefer orthonormal pairs as basis

Orthonormal vectors as basis make life easier

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \ \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ -\frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{As \ column \ vectors} X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can identify linear independence immediately by multiplying X by itself transposed

$$X^{T}X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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This is very important we have previously seen

$$XX^{-1} = I$$

Therefore if $XX^{-1} = I$, then we can conclude that for orthonormal matrix

$$X^{-1} = X^T$$

This makes orthonormal matrices very special and easy to handel

Practice

Determine if the following matrix is orthonormal matrix

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{-2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$