

CHAPTER 2

Euclidean Vector Space

Introduction to Vector

- **Definition:** Vector is a quantity having direction as well as magnitude, especially as determining the position of one point in space relative to another.
- A vector can be represented geometrically by a directed line segment that start at a point **A** (initial point) and end at point **B** (terminal point).

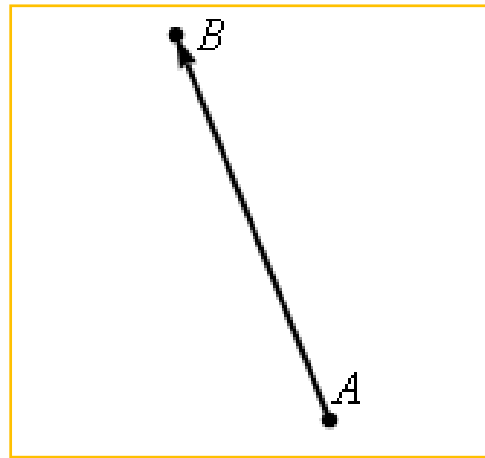


Figure 1: Example of a vector in 2-space

Introduction to Vector

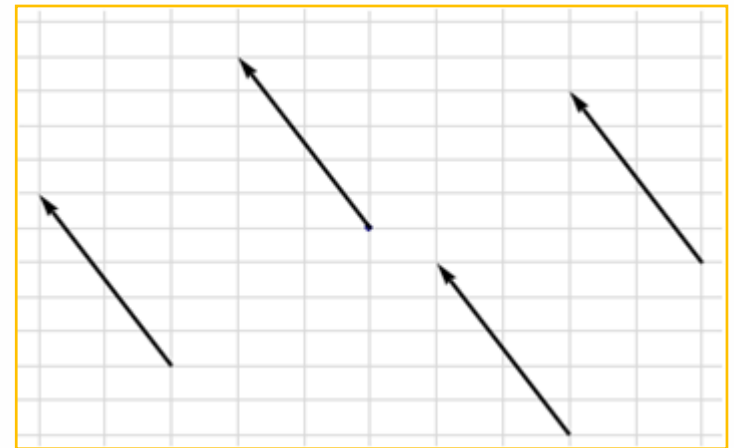
- Vectors are typically denoted with a **boldface** lower case letter. For instance we could represent the vector by **v**, **w**, **a** or **b**.
- Also when we've explicitly given the initial and terminal points we will often represent the vector as,

$$\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{AB}$$

Introduction to Vector

- Two vectors with the same magnitude but different directions **are different** vectors and likewise two vectors with the same direction but different magnitude **are different**.
- Vectors with the same direction and same magnitude are called **equivalent** and even though they may have different initial and terminal points we think of them as equal and so if \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{u} are two equivalent vectors we will write

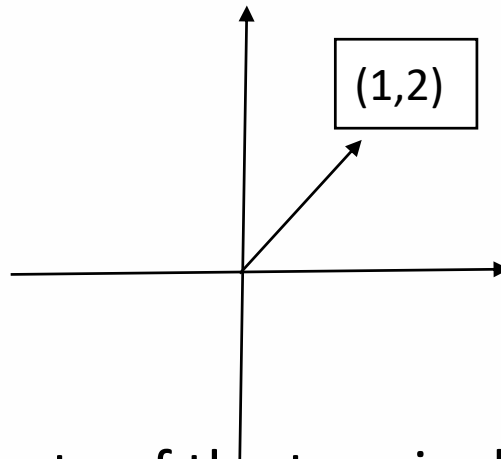
$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$$



Equivalence vectors

Introduction to Vector

- We use **coordinate system** for easily visualize the vector.
- **Example:** (Fig. 2) In 2-space, suppose that \mathbf{v} is vector whose the initial point at the origin $(0,0)$ and the terminal point at $(1,2)$.



We call the coordinate of the terminal point as **components of \mathbf{v}** and write, $\mathbf{v} = (1,2)$

Definition

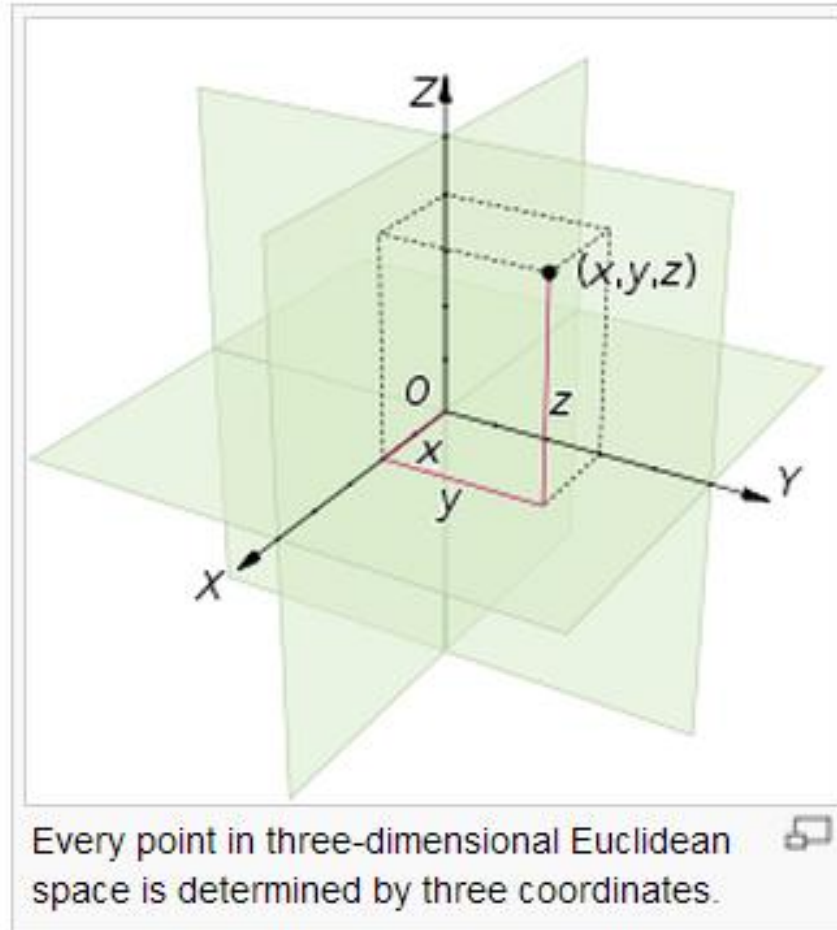
A sequence of n real numbers (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is called an **ordered n -tuple**, where n is a positive integer. The set of all ordered n -tuples is called n -space, denoted \mathbf{R}^n .

Example:

\mathbf{R}^2 represent a vector \mathbf{v} with 2-coordinates;

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition



Vector - R^n

Example:

R^2 :

Row vector: $v = [1 \quad 2]$; Column vector: $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

R^3 :

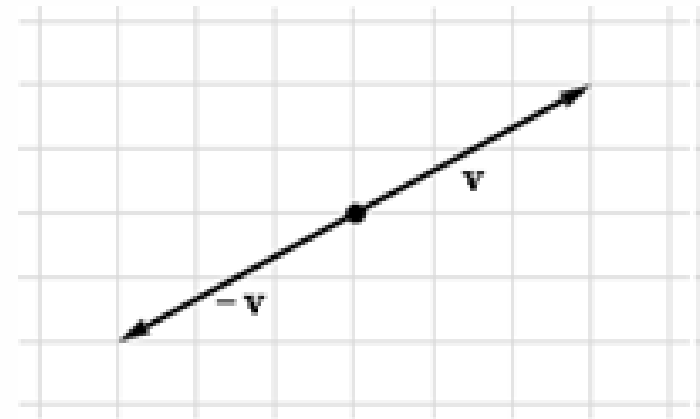
Row vector: $v = [1 \quad 3 \quad 4]$; Column vector: $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

R^4 :

Row vector: $v = [3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad \pi]$; Column vector: $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

- The first is the **zero vector**. The zero vector, denoted by $\mathbf{0}$, is a vector with no length.
- If \mathbf{v} is a vector then the negative of the vector, denoted by $-\mathbf{v}$, is defined to be the vector with the same length as \mathbf{v} but has the opposite direction .

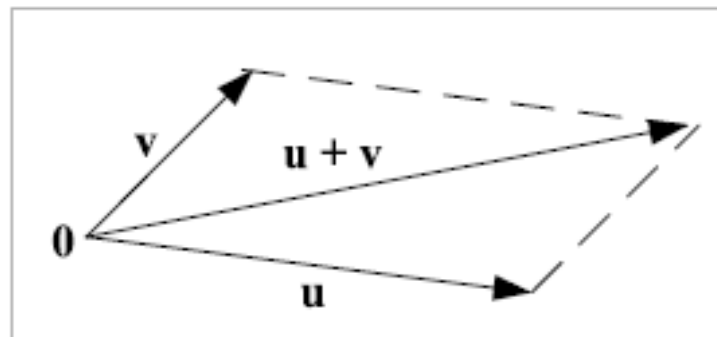


negative of a vector

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

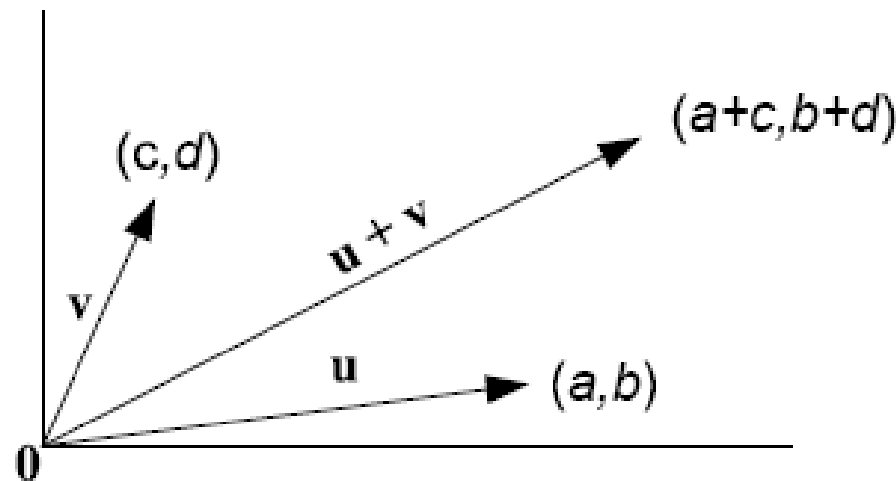
● Addition

- ✱ The resultant $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ of 2 vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is obtained by the parallelogram law.
- ✱ $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is the diagonal of the parallelogram formed by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

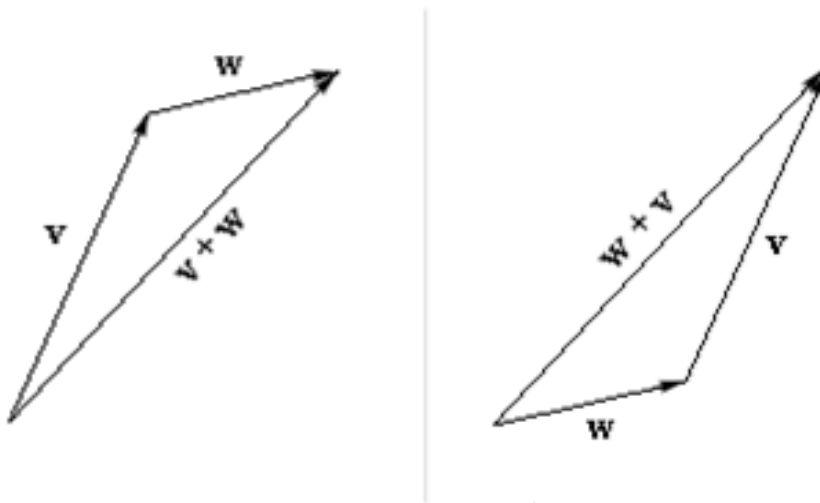


Basic Arithmetic in Vector

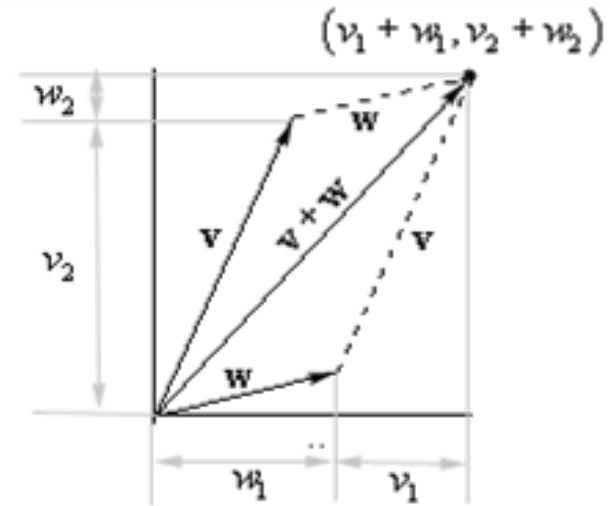
- If (a,b) and (c,d) are the endpoint of the vectors u and v , then $(a+c, b+d)$ will be the endpoint of $u+v$.



Basic Arithmetic in Vector



Triangle rule for vector addition



Parallelogram rule for vector addition

Let $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$.

Then the **sum** of $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ can be demonstrated as the figures above.

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

- Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors in \mathbf{R}^n :

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n); \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

The **sum (addition)** of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is:

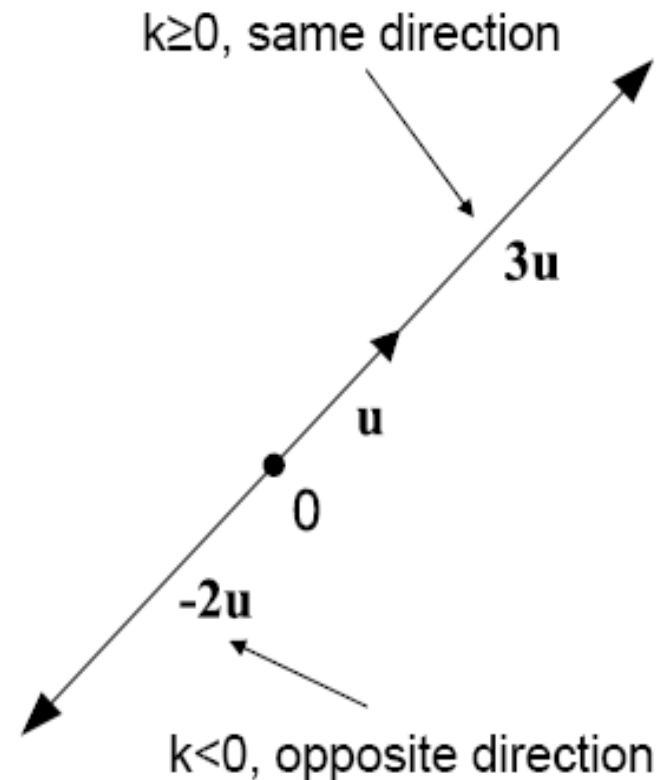
$$u + v = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2 + \dots, u_n + v_n), \text{ or}$$

$$u + v = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ . \\ . \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ . \\ . \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ . \\ . \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

● Scalar multiplication

✱ The product $\mathbf{k}\mathbf{u}$ of a real number k by a vector \mathbf{u} is obtained by multiplying the magnitude of \mathbf{u} by k .



Basic Arithmetic in Vector

The **scalar product (multiplication)** of c and \mathbf{u} is:

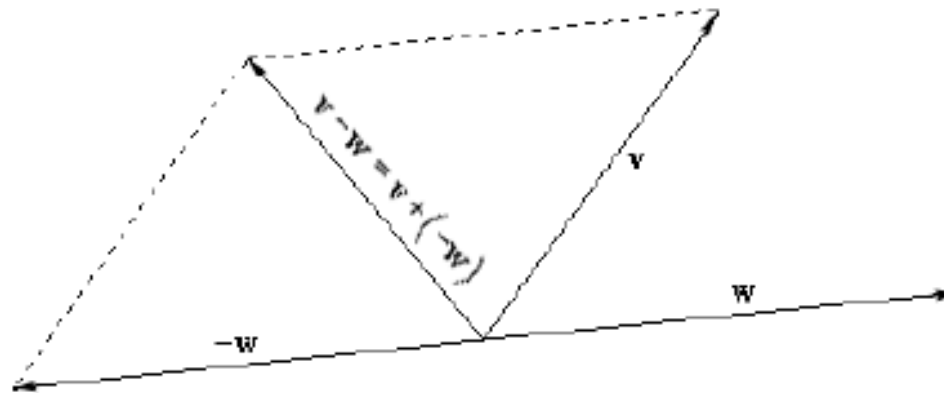
$$c\mathbf{u} = c[u_1 \quad u_2 \cdots u_n] = [cu_1 \quad cu_2 \cdots cu_n]$$

or,

$$c\mathbf{u} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

- Suppose that we have two vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} then the **difference** of \mathbf{w} from \mathbf{v} , denoted by $\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w}$ is defined to be,



$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{w})$$

Basic Arithmetic in Vector

Example

Let, $\mathbf{u} = (1, 4, 5, -3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (8, 1, -2, -1)$

Find:

1) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

2) $2\mathbf{u}$

3) $2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v}$

Properties of Vector R^n

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be vectors in R^n , and let c and k be scalar. The following algebraic properties hold.

1. Commutative property: $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
2. Associative property: $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
3. Additive identity: The vector $\mathbf{0}$ satisfies $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
4. Additive inverse: for every vector \mathbf{u} , the vector $-\mathbf{u}$ satisfies
$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$
5. $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$
6. $ck(\mathbf{u}) = c(k\mathbf{u}) = k(c\mathbf{u})$
7. $(c + k)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{u}$
8. $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$

Properties of Vector R^n

Example

$$\text{Let, } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix};$$

Verify that the **associative property** holds for these three vectors. Also verify that for any **scalars** c and k ,
 $c(k\mathbf{u}) = (ck)\mathbf{u}$

Properties of Vector R^n

Example - Solution

Associative property: $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$

$(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$:

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Vector R^n

Example - Solution

scalar: $c(k\mathbf{u}) = (ck)\mathbf{u}$

$c(k\mathbf{u})$:

$$c\left(k\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = c\left(\begin{bmatrix} k \\ -k \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} ck \\ -ck \end{bmatrix}$$

$ck(\mathbf{u})$:

$$ck\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} ck \\ -ck \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidean Norm

- The **norm** (length) of the vector **v** is defined by:

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

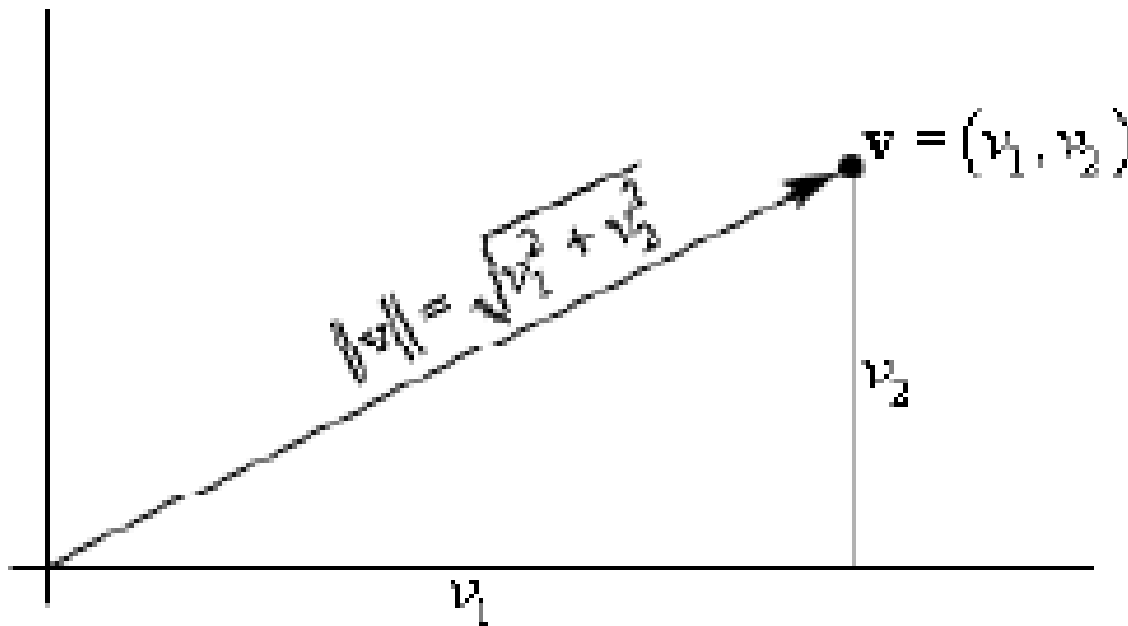
- If **v** is a vector in \mathbf{R}^2 then,

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$$

and if **v** is in \mathbf{R}^3 then,

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$$

Euclidean Norm



Euclidean Distance

- Let, \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors;

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

- The **distance** between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , in \mathbf{R}^n is known as Euclidean Distance and can be computed using the following formula:

$$d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2 + \dots + (u_n - v_n)^2}$$

Euclidean Norm

Example

Let, $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2, 4, 1)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (3, 1, -5, 0)$. Find the distance and norm of these two vectors.

Solution:

Distance:
$$d(u, v) = \sqrt{(1-3)^2 + (-2-1)^2 + (4-(-5))^2 + (1-0)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{4 + 9 + 81 + 1} = \sqrt{95}$$

Norm/length:
$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + (-5)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 25 + 0}$$
$$= \sqrt{35}$$

Dot Product in R^n

(i) Angle - known

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are two vectors in 2-space (R^2) or 3-space (R^3), and θ is the angle between them, then the dot product, denoted by $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is defined as,

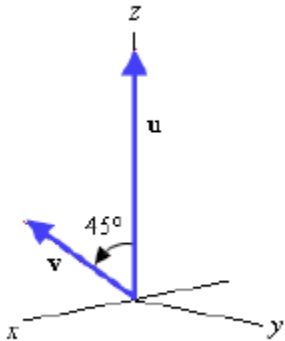
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$$

Dot Product in R^n

Example

Find the dot product for the following pairs of vectors: $\mathbf{u} = (0, 0, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (2, 0, 2)$ and $\theta = 45^\circ$

(a)



$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{0+0+9} = 3$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{4+0+4} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (3)(2\sqrt{2})\cos(45) = 6\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = 6$$

Dot Product in R^n

(ii) Angle – unknown

Suppose that $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ are two vectors in 3-space then,

$$\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

Similarly, if $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ are two vectors in 2-space then

$$\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$$

Cross Product in R^n

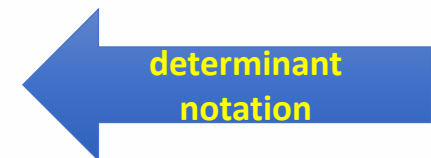
- **Cross product** of vectors is different with the **dot products** because the first one produced **new vectors** while the second one gives a **scalar** as it result.
- It **only applicable** to vector in 3-space.
- For vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ in \mathbf{R}^3 the cross product is defined by:

$$(a) \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$$



or,

$$(b) \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$



Cross Product in R^n

(c) In 3x3 determinant:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Note: Refer page 68 (module) for examples (2.7 & 2.8).

Exercise #1

Given $\mathbf{u} = (5, -2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (0, 7)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (4, 10)$ are vectors.
Compute the following:

(a) $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{u}$

(b) $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2$

(c) $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{w}$

(d) $(-2\mathbf{u}) \bullet \mathbf{v}$

(e) $\mathbf{u} \bullet (-2\mathbf{v}) =$

Exercise #2

- i) Simplified the vector expression below using vector addition and scalar multiplication: $5(\mathbf{v}-2\mathbf{u}) - 3(\mathbf{v}-4\mathbf{w}) + 3(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$.
- ii) Suppose $\mathbf{u} = (1,3,-2,7)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (0,7,2,2)$ are vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 . Find the Euclidean distance between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^4 .
- iii) Given that \mathbf{u} is a vector of length 2, \mathbf{v} is a vector of length 3 and the angle between these vectors is 45° . Find the value of $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- iv) Find the cross products of vector $\mathbf{a} = (2, -1, 3)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (-1, 2, 4)$.

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Given a set of n vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$, which have a same length of m , a linear combination of these vectors is defined as the vector:

$$\mathbf{V} = c_1 \mathbf{V}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{V}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{V}_n.$$

Here c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n is a scalar.

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example

Consider a set of vectors,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can we express the following vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

as linear combinations of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 ?

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example - Solution

For the first vector \mathbf{u} to be a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 , we must have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is a linear system. The augmented matrix is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the last matrix, $c_1 = -3$ and $c_2 = 2$

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example - Solution

For the second vector \mathbf{w} to be a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 , we must have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

The last matrix shows that the system is **inconsistent**

which is a linear system. The augmented matrix is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & -8 & -9 \\ 0 & 8 & 12 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & -8 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus, \mathbf{w} **cannot** be expressed as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 .

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example

Show that the matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear

combination of the matrices

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example - Solution

Firstly we must find the values of c_1, c_2 and c_3 such that

$$c_1 \mathbf{M}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{M}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{M}_3 = \mathbf{A}$$

That is,

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform the scalar multiplication, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & c_3 \\ c_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Combination - Set of Vectors

Example - Solution

Then, perform the addition, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_3 & c_2 + c_3 \\ c_2 + c_3 & c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 + \quad + c_3 = 1$$

$$\quad + c_2 + c_3 = 1$$

$$c_1 \quad + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

Solve these equations, we obtain $c_1 = c_2 = -1$ and $c_3 = 2$.
Thus, matrix A is a linear combination of matrices \mathbf{M}_1 , \mathbf{M}_2 and \mathbf{M}_3

Exercise #3

Determine whether the vector

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a linear combination of the following vectors.

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise #4

$$\text{Let } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Is $w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination of vectors v_1 and v_3 ? Justify your answer.

Linear Independent / Dependent

Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{21} \\ \vdots \\ v_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{12} \\ v_{22} \\ \vdots \\ v_{m2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dots, \quad \mathbf{v}_n = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1n} \\ v_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{21} \\ \vdots \\ v_{m1} \end{pmatrix} c_1 + \begin{pmatrix} v_{12} \\ v_{22} \\ \vdots \\ v_{m2} \end{pmatrix} c_2 + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} v_{1n} \\ v_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mn} \end{pmatrix} c_n = \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & \dots & v_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{m1} & v_{m2} & \dots & v_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

which is an $m \times n$ **homogeneous system** and it has a trivial solution. If this **trivial solution** is the only solution, then the given vectors are **linearly independent**. If there are **non-trivial solutions**, then the vectors are **linearly dependent**.

Linear Independent / Dependent

Example

Determine whether the vectors,

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent or not.

#Solution – Refer page 72 (module)

Linear Independent / Dependent

Example

Vectors $\mathbf{i} = (1,0,0)$, $\mathbf{j} = (0,1,0)$, $\mathbf{k} = (0,0,1)$ in R^3

$$c_1 \mathbf{i} + c_2 \mathbf{j} + c_3 \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$c_1 = (1,0,0) + c_2 = (0,1,0) + c_3 = (0,0,1)$$

This implies that $c_1 = 0$, $c_2 = 0$ and $c_3 = 0$

Thus, set $S = \{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ is linearly independent

Linear Independent / Dependent

Example

Given a vector,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -2, 3, -4),$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = (-1, 3, 4, 2) \text{ and}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 1, -2, -2).$$

Determine whether the above vectors are linearly independent or not.

#Solution – Refer page 73 (module)

Exercise #5

Determine whether the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent or linearly dependent.

Exercise #6

Determine whether the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent or linearly dependent.

Exercise #7

$$\text{Let } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Is v_1, v_2, v_3 and v_4 are linearly independent? Justify your answer.