

Welcome to Math 33A!

Discussion 1A

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SMC TBD (Open 9am-3pm MS 3974)
Starts next week!

Zoom OH TBD (Fill out survey!)

Plan for Discussions:

- Review at beginning of discussion
- Weekly worksheet (not graded, will have full solutions posted!)
- Main role of discussion: A place to ask questions!

Tips for Math 33A

- Ask questions!!! (Campuswire!)
- Focus your studying on the why, not just the how
- Do lots of problems (but also read your textbook)

What is Linear Algebra?

Motivating Question 1: How do we solve systems of linear equations?

ex: $3x + y = 2$

$$+ \begin{array}{l} x - y = 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

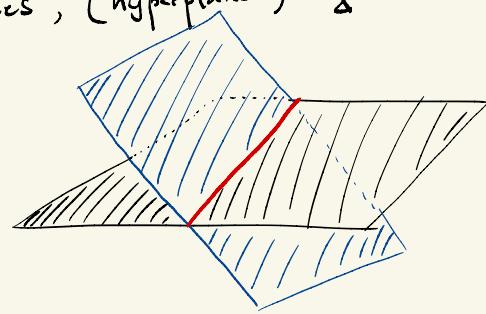
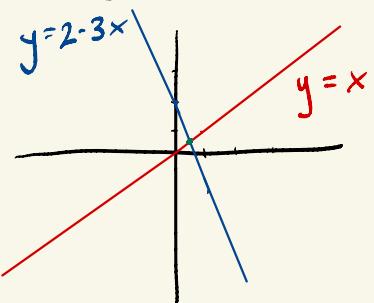
$$\frac{4x}{4} + y - y = \frac{2}{4} \quad (x = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

↳ no exponents bigger than 1

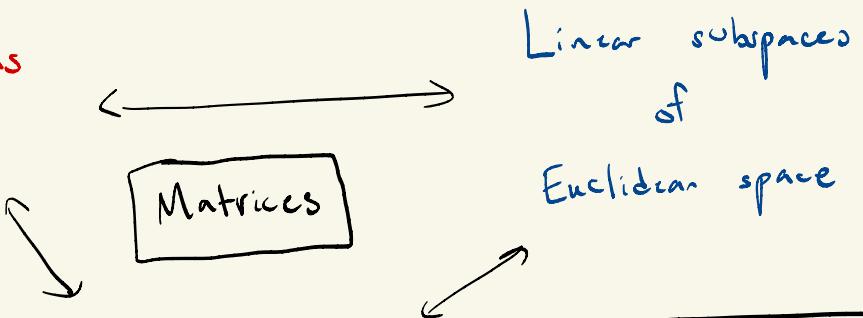
Motivating Question 2: How do we understand lines, planes, (hyperplanes) & how they relate to each other?

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intersections



To study this question, we will focus our attention on matrices (vectors, vector spaces, ...)

Linear systems
of
equations



Linear transformations
of
Vector spaces

Linear subspaces
of
Euclidean space

From an application perspective:

- Linear algebra is the mathematical foundation of:
- solving diff. eqns. ↗ aka physics, engineering, etc.
 - computer graphics
 - AI / data science
 - Basically everything:

Joke: mathematics is the art of turning problems into linear algebra

Intro to Vectors

\mathbb{R}^1

\mathbb{R} : set of all real numbers

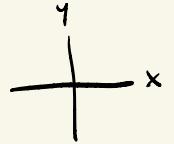
Note:

$\boxed{\mathbb{R}^n}$

$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

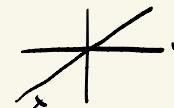
\mathbb{R}^2 : set of all ordered pairs of real numbers

$\Leftrightarrow (0, 1) \quad (-1.2, \pi)$
 (π, e)



\mathbb{R}^3 : set of all triples of real numbers

$\Leftrightarrow (0, 0, 0) \quad (-1, 0, 2)$
 $(1, 0, 0) \quad (\pi, \pi, \pi)$



$\mathbb{R}^{1,000} \quad (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{1000})$

\mathbb{R}^2 , $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

"is in"

this is a vector

vector: element of \mathbb{R}^n , \vec{v}

The numbers that make up a vector are its components

Two most important properties of vectors:

① Add vectors, $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 \\ 0+(-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

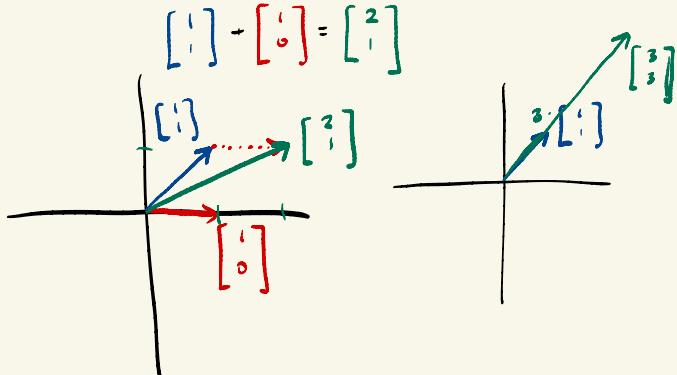
Vectors as "arrows":

$$\mathbb{R}^{1,000 \times 1,000} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right.$$

(1) scale vectors:

$$3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 1 \\ 3 \cdot 0 \\ \vdots \\ 3 \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ scalar



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$