Linear Algebra & Geometry - Notes

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1 Euclidean Plane, Vectors, Cartesian Co-Ordinates & Complex Numbers

1.1 Vectors

Definition 1.01 - *Vectors*
Ordered sets of real numbers.
Denoted by $\boldsymbol{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3, ...) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

Definition 1.02 - *Euclidean Plane*
The set of two dimensional vectors, with real componenets, is called the Euclidean Plane.
Denoted by $\mathbb{R}^2$

Definition 1.03 - *Vector Addition*
Let $\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\boldsymbol{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\boldsymbol{w} = (w_1, w_2)$.
Then $\boldsymbol{v} + \boldsymbol{w} = (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2)$.

Definition 1.03 - *Scalar Multiplcation of Vectors*
Let $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\boldsymbol{v} = (v_1, v_2)$.
Then $\lambda\boldsymbol{v} = (\lambda v_1, \lambda v_2)$.

Definition 1.04 - *Norm of vectors*
The norm of a vector is its length from the origin.
Denoted by $||\boldsymbol{v}|| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$ for $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Theorem 1.05
Let $\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\boldsymbol{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\boldsymbol{w} = (w_1, w_2)$.
1)
$$||\boldsymbol{v}|| = 0 \text{ iff } \boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{0}$$

2)
$$\begin{aligned} ||\lambda\boldsymbol{v}|| &= \sqrt{\lambda^2 v_1^2 + \lambda^2 v_2^2} \\ &= |\lambda|.||\boldsymbol{v}|| \end{aligned}$$

3)
$$||\boldsymbol{v} + \boldsymbol{w}|| \leq ||\boldsymbol{v}|| + ||\boldsymbol{w}||$$

Definition 1.06 - *Unit Vector*
A vector can be described by its length & direction.
Let $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \backslash \{\boldsymbol{0}\}$.
Then $\boldsymbol{v} = ||\boldsymbol{v}||\boldsymbol{u}$ where $\boldsymbol{u}$ is the unit vector, $\boldsymbol{u} = \begin{pmatrix} cos\theta \\ sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$
Thus $\forall$ $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ $\boldsymbol{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda cos\theta \\ \lambda sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 1.07 - *Dot Product*
Let $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\boldsymbol{v} = (v_1, v_2)$.
Then $\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{w} = v_1.w_1 + v_2.w_2$.

Remark 1.08 - *Positivity of Dot Product*
Let $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.
Then $\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = ||\boldsymbol{v}||^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \geq 0$.

Remark 1.09 - *Angle between vectors in Euclidean Plane*
Let $\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.
Set θ to be the angle between $\boldsymbol{v}$ & $\boldsymbol{w}$.
Then

$$cos\theta = \frac{\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{w}}{||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}||}$$

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Theorem 1.10 - *Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality*
Let $\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.
Then

$$|\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{w}| \leq ||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}||$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{v_1 w_1}{||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}||} + \frac{v_2 w_2}{||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}||} &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{v_1^2}{||\boldsymbol{v}||^2} + \frac{w_1^2}{||\boldsymbol{w}||^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{v_2^2}{||\boldsymbol{v}||^2} + \frac{w_2^2}{||\boldsymbol{w}||^2}\right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{v_1^2 + v_2^2}{||\boldsymbol{v}||^2} + \frac{w_1^2 + w_2^2}{||\boldsymbol{w}||^2}\right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}(1+1) \\
&\leq 1 \\
=> |v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2| &\leq ||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}|| \\
|\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{w}| &\leq ||\boldsymbol{v}||\ ||\boldsymbol{w}||
\end{aligned}$$