

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 $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

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 $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$.

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

Definition 1.03 - Scalar Multiplication of Vectors

Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$.

Then $\lambda\mathbf{v} = (\lambda v_1, \lambda v_2)$.

Definition 1.04 - Norm of vectors

The norm of a vector is its length from the origin.

Denoted by $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$ for $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Theorem 1.05

Let $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}\| &= 0 \text{ iff } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \\ \|\lambda\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{\lambda^2 v_1^2 + \lambda^2 v_2^2} \\ &= |\lambda| \cdot \|\mathbf{v}\| \\ \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.06 - Unit Vector

A vector can be described by its length & direction.

Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

Then $\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|\mathbf{u}$ where \mathbf{u} is the unit vector, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$

Thus $\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \cos\theta \\ \lambda \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 1.07 - Dot Product

Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$.

Then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = v_1.w_1 + v_2.w_2$.

Remark 1.08 - Positivity of Dot Product

Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \geq 0$.

Remark 1.09 - *Angle between vectors in Euclidean Plane*

Let $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Set θ to be the angle between \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} .

Then

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

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Theorem 1.10 - *Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality*

Let $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Then

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

Proof

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

1.2 Complex Numbers**Definition 1.11** - i

$$\begin{aligned} i^2 &= -1 \\ i &= \sqrt{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.12 - *Complex Number Set*

The set of complex numbers contains all numbers with an imaginary part.

$$\mathbb{C} := \{x + iy; x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Complex numbers are often denoted by

$$z = x + iy$$

and we say x is the real part of z and y the imaginary part.

Definition 1.13 - *Complex Conjugate*

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ st $z = x + iy$.

Then

$$\bar{z} := x - iy$$

Theorem 1.14 - Operations on Complex Numbers

Let $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ st $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$ and $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + z_2 &:= (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2) \\ z_1 \cdot z_2 &:= (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) \\ &:= x_1 \cdot x_2 - y_1 \cdot y_2 + i(x_1 \cdot y_2 + x_2 \cdot y_1) \end{aligned}$$

N.B. When dividing by a complex number, multiply top and bottom by the complex conjugate.

Definition 1.15 - Modulus of Complex Numbers

The modulus of a complex number is the distance of the number, from the origin, on an Argand diagram. Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ st $z = x + iy$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |z| &:= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ &:= \sqrt{\bar{z}z} \end{aligned}$$

N.B. Amplitude is an alternative name for the modulus

Definition 1.16 - Phase of Complex Numbers

The phase of a complex number is the angle between the positive real axis and the line subtended from the origin and the number, on an Argand diagram.

$$z = |z| \cdot (\cos\theta + i \cdot \sin\theta), \quad \theta = \text{Phase}$$

N.B. Phase of $\bar{z} = -\text{Phase of } z$

Theorem 1.17 - de Moivre's Formula

$$z^n = (\cos\theta + i \cdot \sin\theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \cdot \sin(n\theta)$$

Theorem 1.18 - Euler's Formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i \cdot \sin\theta$$

Remark 1.19

Using Euler's formula we can express all complex numbers in terms of e . Thus many properties of the exponential remain true:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \lambda e^{i\theta}, & \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \\ \Rightarrow z_1 + z_2 &= \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \\ \&, \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \cdot e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)} \end{aligned}$$

2 Euclidean Space, \mathbb{R}^n

Definition 2.01 - Euclidean Space

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ we have that $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Theorem 2.02 - Operations in Euclidean Space

Let $(x), (y) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$(x) + (y) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

And

$$(x) + \lambda.(y) = (x_1 + \lambda.y_1, \dots, x_n + \lambda.y_n)$$

Definition 2.03 - Cartesian Product

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be non-empty sets.

Then

$$A \times B := \{(a, b); a \in A, b \in B\}$$

2.1 Dot Product

Definition 2.04 - Dot Product

Let $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} &:= v_1.w_1 + \dots + v_n.w_n \\ &:= \sum_{j=1}^n v_j.w_j \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.05 - Properties of the Dot Product

Let $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Linearity:

$$(\mathbf{u} + \lambda\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \lambda(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})$$

Symmetry:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Positivity:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2 \geq 0$$

Definition 2.06 - Orthogonality

Let $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

It is said that $(\mathbf{v}), (\mathbf{w})$ are orthogonal to each other if $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$

N.B. Orthogonal vectors are perpendicular to each other.

Definition 2.07 - The Norm

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

Theorem 2.08 - *Properties of the Norm*

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x}\| &\geq 0 \\ \|\mathbf{x}\| &= 0 \text{ iff } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ \|\lambda\mathbf{x}\| &= |\lambda|\|\mathbf{x}\| \\ \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.09 - *Dot Product and Norm*

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

N.B. $|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ iff \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} are orthogonal.

Theorem 2.10 - *Angle between Vectors*

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}$$

2.2 Linear Subspaces**Definition 2.11** - *Linear Subspace*

Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. V is a *Linear Subspace* if:

- i) $V \neq \emptyset$;
- ii) $\forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ then $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in V$;
- iii) $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ then $\lambda\mathbf{v} \in V$.

Definition 2.12 - *Span*

Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n; k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\} := \{\lambda_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \lambda_k\mathbf{x}_k; \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq i \leq k\}$$

Definition 2.13 - *Spans are Subspaces*

Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n; k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$ is a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Theorem 2.15

$$W_{\mathbf{a}} := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n; \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0\} \text{ is a subspace.}$$

Definition 2.16 - *Orthogonal Complement*

Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Then,

$$V^\perp := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n; \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0 \forall \mathbf{y} \in V\}$$

N.B. $V^\perp \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

Theorem 2.17 - *Relationship of Subspaces*

Let V, W be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n . Then

$$V \cap W \text{ is a subspace.}$$

$$V + W := \{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}; \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W\} \text{ is a subspace.}$$

Definition 2.18 - *Direct Sum*

Let V_1, V_2, W be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n . Then W is said to be a *direct sum* if

- i) $W = V_1 + V_2$;
- ii) $V_1 \cap V_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.