

1.1

Linear Combination: vector that is the sum of scalar multiples of other vectors is said to be a linear combination of those vectors

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{w}$$

$\vec{w}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\vec{u} + -\vec{v} &= 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{w} \end{aligned}$$

Def: A vector  $\vec{v}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  if there are scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$\vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k$$

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Ex  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  Then is  $\vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  a

linear combination of  $\vec{u} + \vec{w}$ ??

$$c\vec{w} + d\vec{u} = \vec{p}$$

$\vec{p}$  is NOT a linear combination of  $\vec{w} + \vec{u}$

Ex) 1.1C Find two equations for  $c + d$  so that the linear combination  $c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} = \vec{b}$ . Solve for  $c + d$ .

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2c \\ -c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -d \\ 2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2c - d \\ -c + 2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2(2c - d = 1) \\
 -c + 2d = 0 \\
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 4c - 2d = 2 \\
 + \quad -c + 2d = 0 \\
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 3c = 2 \quad c = \frac{2}{3}
 \end{array}$$

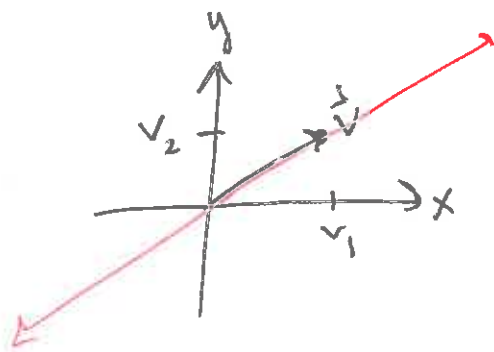
$$-\frac{2}{3} + 2d = 0 \quad d = \frac{1}{3}$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (normal x-y plane)

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$c\vec{v}$ , think of all possibilities for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$



if we think of the picture of all possible  $c \cdot \vec{v}$  we get a line

$c\vec{v} + d\vec{u}$ , think about all possibilities for any  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

we get a plane

in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

the picture of all combinations of

- $c\vec{u}$  is a line through  $(0,0,0)$
- $c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}$  fills a plane through  $(0,0,0)$
- $c\vec{u} + d\vec{v} + e\vec{w}$  fill the whole space (all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

## 1.2 lengths and dot Products

def: dot product (inner product) of

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{w} = (w_1, w_2)$$

is 
$$\boxed{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \underbrace{v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2}_{\text{Scalar}}}$$

Ex  $\vec{v} = (1, 1)$  and  $\vec{w} = (2, 3)$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 = 5$$

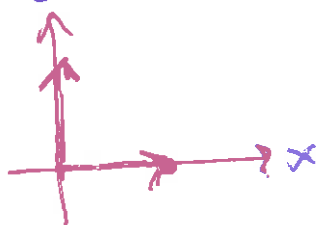
$$\boxed{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = w_1 v_1 + w_2 v_2 = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}$$

Ex  $\vec{v} = (4, 2)$  and  $\vec{w} = (-1, 2)$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 4 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2 = -4 + 4 = 0$$

Note: If  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  is 0, then  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$   
 $\vec{v}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{w}$

Ex)  $\vec{v} = (1, 0)$     $\vec{w} = (0, 1)$


$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

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For vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i$$

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What is  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$ ??

$$\vec{v} = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14$$

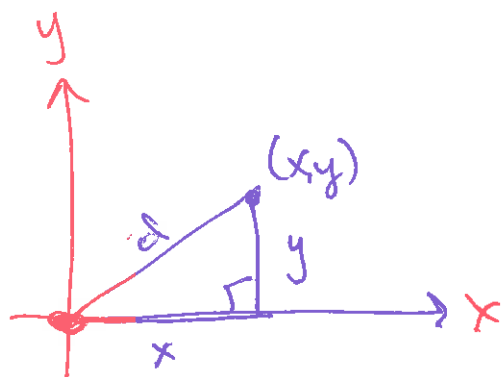
$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{dot product is square of length}$$

$\|\vec{v}\|$   $\rightarrow$  notation for the magnitude or length of  $\vec{v}$

def: the length  $\|\vec{v}\|$  of a vector  $\vec{v}$   
is the square root of  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$   
in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$

NOTE: distance formula between  
a point  $(0,0)$  &  $(x,y)$

$$d = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2}$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = d^2$$
$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

if  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$

def a unit vector is a vector whose  
length  $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$

$$\hat{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

} same  
unit vectors

$$\vec{u} = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \leftarrow \text{unit vector in } \mathbb{R}^4$$

How do you check:

$$\text{show } \|\vec{u}\| = 1$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 1$$

Ex] Find a unit vector  $\vec{u}$  in the direction of  $\vec{v} = (1, 2)$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5} \neq 1$$

$$\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

↑ scalar

⇒ should be a unit vector

$$\vec{u} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \leftarrow \text{should be a unit vector}$$

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