

What is a vector?

- * An array of numbers
- * Has two pieces of information:
 1. Direction
 2. Magnitude (length)

$$\vec{a} = (2, 3)$$

↓
coordinate point

$$\vec{a} = [2 \ 3]$$

↓
row vector

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓
column vector

Relationship between matrices and vectors

- * Matrices are composed of row vectors and column vectors.
- * # of components in a vector = number of dimensions of the space they're in
- * # of linearly independent vectors in a matrix = number of dimensions of the plane they form

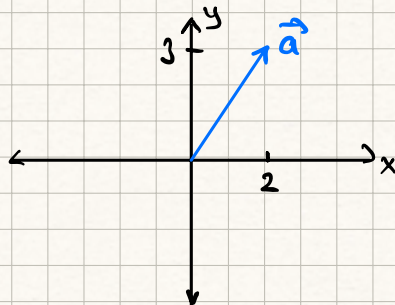
Ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 & 1 & -8 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

- * A has two row vectors, \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 , so they form a two-dimensional plane.
- * \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 have 5 elements each. So they are vectors in a five-dimensional space.

How to sketch vectors?

$$\vec{a} = [2 \ 3]$$



- * Vector has 2 pieces of information contained within it: ① Direction ② Magnitude
- * Row vector: One-row matrix * Column vector: One-column matrix
- * Addition, subtraction and scalar multiplication: same as the vectors.
- * Vector multiplication = Dot product
- * Magnitude = Length = $\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$

Vector Operations

* Addition : $(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$
↳ we add \vec{b} to the tip of \vec{a}

* Scalar Multiplication : $k \cdot (a_1, a_2) = (k \cdot a_1, k \cdot a_2)$

* Dot product : $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2)$

Length of a vector

What is a unit vector?

* $\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$

$\|\vec{a}\| = 1 \Rightarrow \vec{a} = \text{Unit vector } (\hat{u})$ "hat" means the length is 1.

$\|\vec{a}\| \neq 1 \Rightarrow \hat{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{a}\|} \cdot \vec{a}$

Ex: Find the unit vector pointing in the same direction as $\vec{v} = (1, 4, -2)$.

$$\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+16+4}} \cdot (1, 4, -2) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{21}} \right)$$

What are basis vectors?

* A set of linearly independent vectors that can span the whole space.

Ex: $i = [2, 3]$
 $j = [1, 4]$ We can span \mathbb{R}^2 with just these two vectors (by addition and scalar multiplication), so they are the basis vectors for \mathbb{R}^2 .

What are standard basis vectors?

* For \mathbb{R}^2 : $\hat{i} = [1 \ 0]$
 $\hat{j} = [0 \ 1]$

* For \mathbb{R}^3 : $\hat{i} = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$
 $\hat{j} = [0 \ 1 \ 0]$
 $\hat{k} = [0 \ 0 \ 1]$

* Unit vector : A vector with length 1.

$$\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \cdot \vec{v}$$

* Standard basis vectors : For \mathbb{R}^n , n number of vectors where each vector has a single entry equal to 1, and the other entries equal to 0.

* Linear combination : The sum of scaled vectors.

* Span of a vector set : The collection of all vectors which can be represented by linear combinations of the set

Linear combinations of the basis vectors

$$\vec{a} = (6, 4) = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6+0 \\ 0+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = 6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

↳ 4th type of vector representation. 1. Coordinates 2. Row 3. Column 4. Combination of basis vectors.

Ex: $\vec{a} = (-3, 2, -1) = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Linear independence in two dimensions

* A set is linearly independent if none of the vectors in the set can be represented by a linear combination of the other vectors in the set.

* If a set has more than n number of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , it can never be linearly independent.

Ex: $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow v_2 = 4 \cdot v_1 \Rightarrow$ The set is L.D. (linearly dependent)

* v_1 and v_2 are linearly dependent

* v_1 and v_2 are collinear (they lie on the same line)

Spanning

* n number of linearly independent vectors always span the \mathbb{R}^n space.

Testing for linear independence

* If $c_1 \cdot v_1 + c_2 \cdot v_2 + \dots + c_n \cdot v_n = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]$ is true only for $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$, then the set $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is linearly independent.

Linear Independence: A set is linearly independent if none of the vectors in the set can be represented by a linear combination of the other vectors in the set. * $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is the only solution to:

$$c_1 \cdot v_1 + c_2 \cdot v_2 + \dots + c_n \cdot v_n = \vec{0}_n$$

Ex $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -10 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \cdot \frac{-1}{10} \rightarrow R_2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow (c_1, c_2) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}$ and \vec{b} are L.I.

Ex: $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\Rightarrow 0=0$
 Infinitely many solutions
 $\Rightarrow \vec{a}$ and \vec{b} are L.D.

Linear Subspace

A set of vectors (W) is a subspace of V if :

- ① $\vec{0} \in W$, and...
- ② $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W : \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$, and...
- ③ $\vec{u} \in W, k \in \mathbb{R} : k \cdot \vec{u} \in W$

Ex: $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y \leq 0 \right\}$

① $x=0, y=0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in M$ ✓

② $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c \\ b+d \end{bmatrix}$ If $b \leq 0$ and $d \leq 0$, $b+d \leq 0$ ✓

③ $k=-1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (-1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin M$ ✗

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Difference between
the span and
the basis

- * The zero vector is always a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
- * \mathbb{R}^n is always a subspace of itself
- * Any line through the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 , any plane through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 , etc., is always a subspace.
- * If a number of vectors span a space, they are always its subspace

In order for a set of vectors to form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n ,

- ① The vectors need to span \mathbb{R}^n , and
- ② They need to be linearly independent.

Ex: $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

$\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}\}$: Spans \mathbb{R}^2 , not a basis ($\vec{c} = 2 \cdot \vec{b}$)

$\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\}$: Spans \mathbb{R}^2 and a basis for it.

Span : The span of a vector set is all the linear combinations of that set. A span is always a subspace.

Basis : A vector set is a basis for a space if:

- ① spans the space, and
- ② is linearly independent