

# 1.1 VECTORS + LINEAR COMBINATIONS wkl

## WHAT IS LIN ALG?

- Doing alg. w/ linear equations with a bunch of variables
- There are also geometric ideas

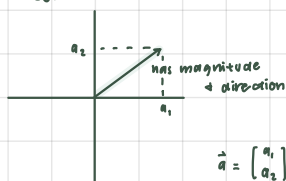
$$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0)$$

zero vector

## WHAT IS A VECTOR?

### VECTORS IN $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathbb{R}^2$  = set of all points on the plane  
= set of all vectors on plane

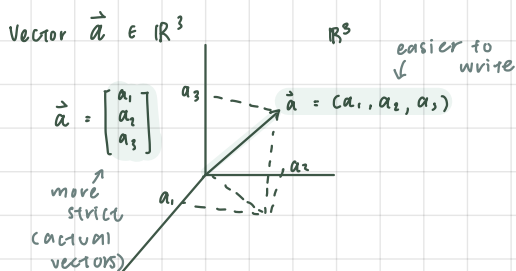


$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the arrow from origin to } (a_1, a_2)$$

- if  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$  we can identify the vector  
 $\downarrow$  w/  $(a_1, a_2)$   
 $= \vec{a} = (a_1, a_2)$
- <> → don't use
- } notations of vector

- $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  = "v is a vector on the plane"

### VECTORS IN $\mathbb{R}^3$



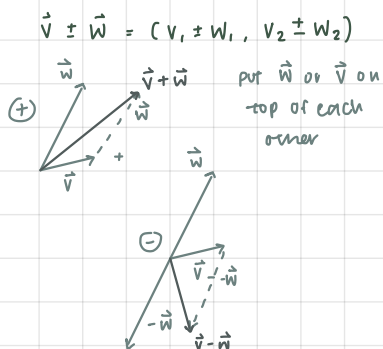
$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$  easier to write

$$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

## VECTOR ADDITION + SUBTRACTION

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2), \vec{w} = (w_1, w_2) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$$



$$\vec{v} \pm \vec{w} = (v_1 \pm w_1, v_2 \pm w_2)$$

put  $\vec{w}$  or  $\vec{v}$  on top of each other

## WHAT IS A SCALAR?

a real number (as opposed to vectors)

$\mathbb{R}$  = set of real numbers

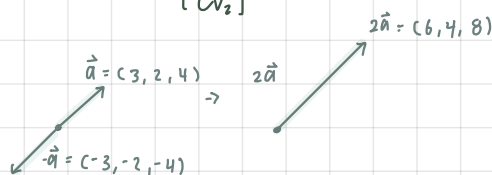
$$c \in \mathbb{R} \uparrow \text{ is in set } \mathbb{R} = c \text{ is a } \mathbb{R}$$

STRETCHES / SHRINKS / REFLECTS

## SCALAR MULTIPLICATION

given  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$c\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} cv_1 \\ cv_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## \* LINEAR COMBINATION

given  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2) + \vec{w} = (w_1, w_2)$   
in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (similar in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

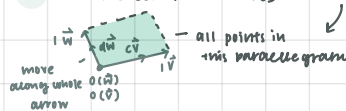
a linear combination of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$   
= a vector written as  
 $c\vec{v} + d\vec{w}$  w/  $c+d \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{EX: } \vec{v} = (4, 2), \vec{w} = (-1, 3)$$

- a) find lin. combo of  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{v} - \vec{w}$  + draw out  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$   
 $c = \frac{1}{2} \quad d = -1$

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) draw the set of lin. combos  $\{c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} \mid 0 \leq c \leq 1, 0 \leq d \leq 1\}$



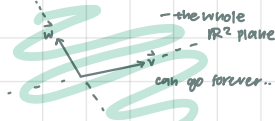
- c) write  $\vec{b} = (7, 21)$  as a lin. combo of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} = c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} = c \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4c - d = 7 \\ 2c + 3d = 21 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c = 3 \\ d = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{b} = 3\vec{v} + 5\vec{w}$$

- d) what does the set of all lin. combos of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  look like?

because  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  are not ll, any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be written as  $c\vec{v} + d\vec{w}$  for some  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$



$$\vec{v} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{w} = (2, 0, 4), \vec{x} = (-3, 2, 1), \vec{y} = (-3, 2, 2)$$

y just x not moved all.

determine whether all linear combos of the given set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a line, plane, or all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

a)  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$

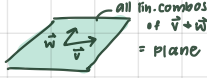
looking at all lin. combos of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$

$$= \{c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} \mid c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

→ we think it looks like a plane, but we

need to check if they are parallel

•  $\vec{v} \neq c\vec{w}$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  are not parallel



b)  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}, \vec{x}\}$

all lin. combos of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} + \vec{x} =$

$$\{c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} + e\vec{x} \mid c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

what does this add?

THERE ARE TWO SCENARIOS:

1) if  $\vec{x}$  is in same plane of  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$



HOW DO WE CHECK?

check if  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  is a linear combo of  $\vec{x}$

if true on plane, false off plane

$$c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ 2c = 2 \\ 3c + 4d = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = 1 \\ 3c + 4d = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = 1 \\ 3 + 4d = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = 1 \\ 4d = -2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = 1 \\ d = -0.5 \end{cases}$$

2) if  $\vec{x}$  is not in same plane



$$(c, d) = (-1, -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = -\vec{v} - \vec{w}$$

adding x doesn't add anything



c)  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}, \vec{y}\}$  : a  $\mathbb{R}^3$  example

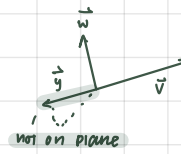
will be off the plane

is  $\vec{y}$  on the plane defined by  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ ?

$$c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} = \vec{y} = \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ -2c = 2 \\ 3c - 4d = 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = -1 \\ 3c - 4d = 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = -1 \\ -3 - 4d = 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = -1 \\ -4d = 5 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c + 2d = -3 \\ c = -1 \\ d = -5/4 \end{cases}$$

X INCONSISTENT

No  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\vec{y} = c\vec{v} + d\vec{w}$   
 $\vec{y}$  is not on the plane defined by  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$

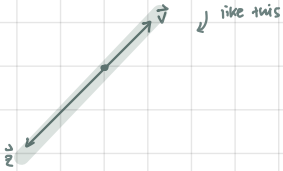


→ all linear combos of  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}, \vec{y}\} = \text{all of } \mathbb{R}^3$

d) 4th scenario:  $\vec{z}$

$$\vec{z} = -3\vec{v}$$

$$c\vec{v} + d\vec{v} = (c + d)\vec{v} \rightarrow \text{so one lin. combo is actually a line.}$$



# 1.2 LENGTHS + DOT PRODUCT WK1

LENGTHS OF VEC. + UNIT VECTORS

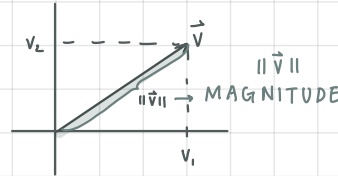
DOT PRODUCTS:  $\neq$  BETWEEN VECTORS

+  
IMPORTANT INEQUALITIES

## LENGTHS + UNIT VECTORS

Given  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , its **length (or norm)** is defined as:

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \begin{cases} \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} & \text{if } \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} & \text{if } \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{cases}$$



A VECTOR  $\vec{u}$  IS A **UNIT VECTOR** IF ITS LENGTH IS ONE:  $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$

EX find a unit vector

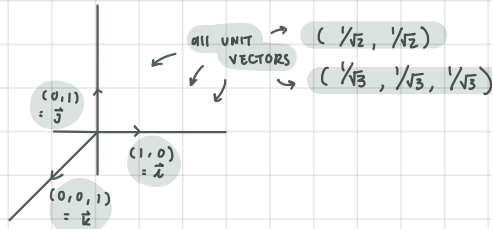
in the same direction as  $\vec{v} = (1, -3, 2)$

① divide  $\vec{v}$  by its length

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

② get UNIT VECTOR ( $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$ )

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (1, -3, 2)$$



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

## DOT PRODUCT

Given two vectors  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ , their **dot product** is defined as

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \begin{cases} v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 & \text{if } \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + v_3 w_3 & \text{if } \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{cases}$$

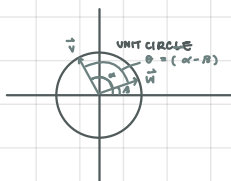
particularly,  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$

We use dot product to find the  $\angle$  between 2 vectors, let's prove this

**CLAIM:** We can calculate the  $\angle$  between  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  using  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$

EX: let  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  be UNIT VECTORS IN  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , show that  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \cos \theta$

where  $\theta$  is  $\angle$  is between  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  +  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$



$$\vec{v} = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$$

$$\vec{w} = (\cos \beta, \sin \beta)$$

FORMULA IF THEY  
ARE UNIT VECTORS

$$= \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$= \cos \theta$$

EX: WHAT IF  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  are not unit vectors?



we see that  
 $\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} \cdot \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} = \cos \theta$  bc of last ex

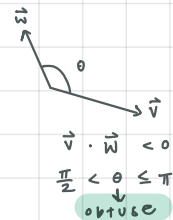
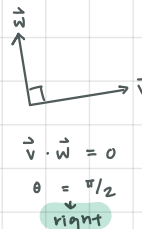
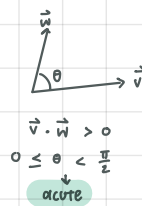
$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{w}\| \cdot \cos \theta$$

## MORE EXAMPLES :

ASSUMING  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$   $\vec{0}$  vector  $\|\vec{v}\|, \|\vec{w}\| > 0$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \underbrace{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}_{>0} \cos \theta \begin{cases} > 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta > 0 \text{ means } 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \text{ means } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ < 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta < 0 \text{ means } \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

can figure out type of angle with just the lengths



## VECTORS IN $\mathbb{R}^3$ EXAMPLE

$$\vec{u} = (2, 2, -1), \vec{v} = (2, -1, 2), \vec{w} = (1, 1, 1)$$

a)  $\angle$  between  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$ ?

we need to solve for  $\theta$

1) calculate the dot product

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

0 means  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

b)  $\angle$  between  $\vec{v}$  &  $\vec{w}$ ?

1) calculate dot product

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 = 2 - 1 + 2 = 3, \text{ positive} \Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

2) calculate lengths

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{3}$$

3) Plug into formula  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{3}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

4) solve for  $\theta$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

# SCHWARTZ INEQUALITY

recall  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}$ , what's the minimum + maximum of  $\cos \theta$ ?

we know  $-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$

so o.o.

THIS APPLIES EX:

in physics  $\vec{F}$  = force,  $\vec{x}$  = displacement,  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{x}$  = work



$$\text{if } \|\vec{F}\| = 4, \|\vec{x}\| = 3$$

$$\text{work} = |\vec{F} \cdot \vec{x}| \leq \|\vec{F}\| \|\vec{x}\| = 12$$

work in terms of the dot product is always less than the lengths multiplied together

$$-1 \leq \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|} \leq 1$$

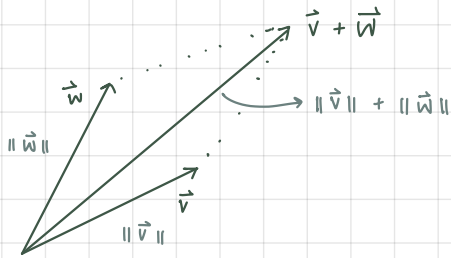
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$$\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \leq \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} \leq \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|$$

$\Downarrow$

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

# TRIANGLE INEQUALITY



$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$

would only ever equal if  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  are in a line !!

EXAMPLE:  $\|\vec{v}\| = 2, \|\vec{w}\| = 5$

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$

$$\leq 2 + 5$$

$$\leq 7$$

