

## MATH 232 Lecture 1 pre-lecture comments

Key points for today:

1. What are scalars? Vectors?
2. How do we represent vectors algebraically? geometrically?
3. How do we manipulate vectors algebraically? geometrically?
4. What are matrices?

Terminology:


1. scalar
2. vector
3. linear combination
4. matrix

## Definition

A scalar is an object that can be described entirely by a number.

e.g. 2, 3, -1,  $\sqrt{2}$

A vector is an object that can be described by a number value for its length (magnitude) and the direction it points.

eg  2 units north-east

## Example

scalars:

temperature, price,  
speed, weight

vectors:

## Notation

$a, b, c, k, l, m, u, v, w$  Scalar

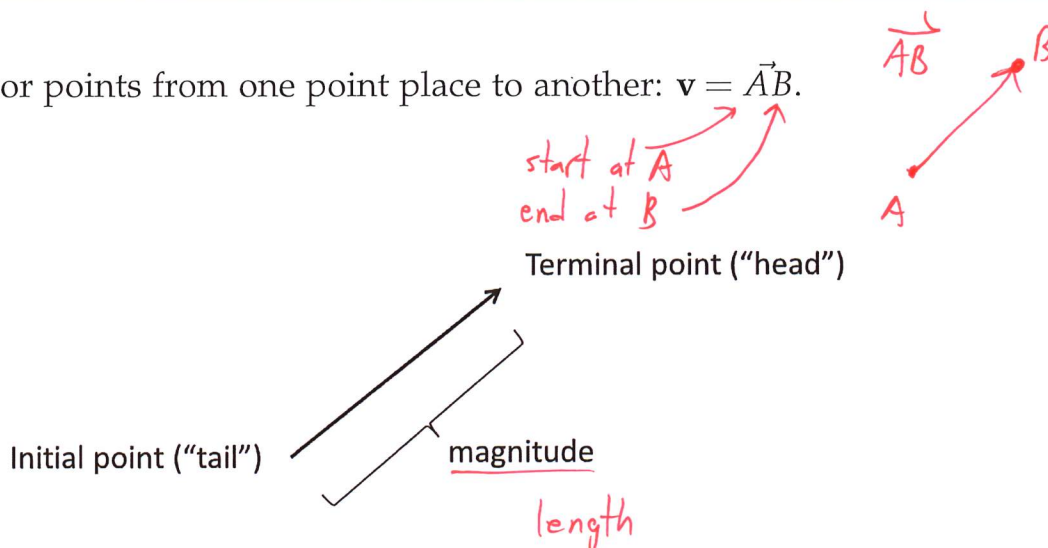
normal letter  
(not bold / no arrow)

$a, b, c, k, l, m, u, v, w$  vector

bold in print

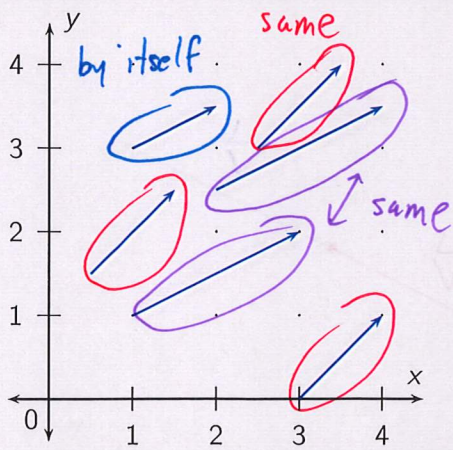
or  $\vec{a}$  ← arrow on top

Geometrically, a vector points from one point place to another:  $\mathbf{v} = \vec{AB}$ .



Two vectors are **equal** if they have the same magnitude and direction.

Example: How many vectors?



Three different vectors.

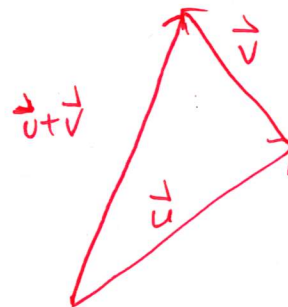
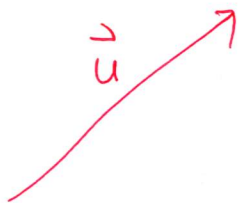
Zero vector  $\vec{0}$

collapse into  
single point

• start point = end point

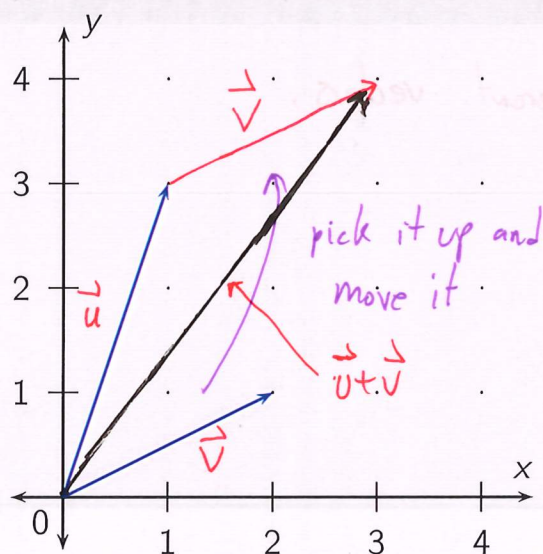
$\vec{0}$  has length 0 and direction  
doesn't matter

Geometrically we add vectors "head" to "tail".

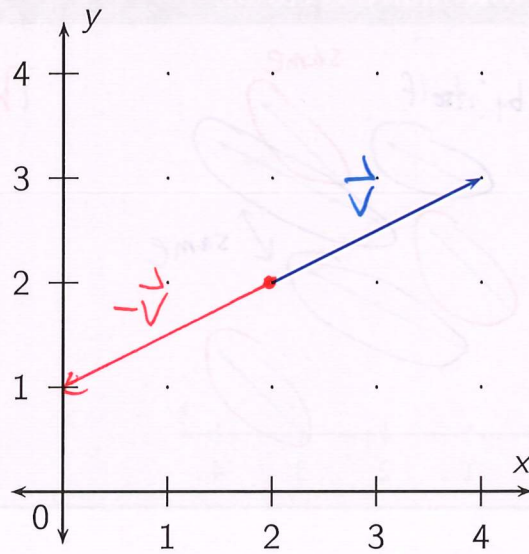




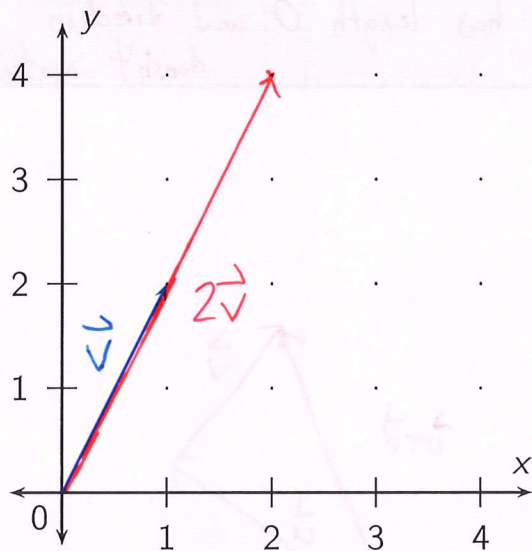
## Geometric manipulation of vectors



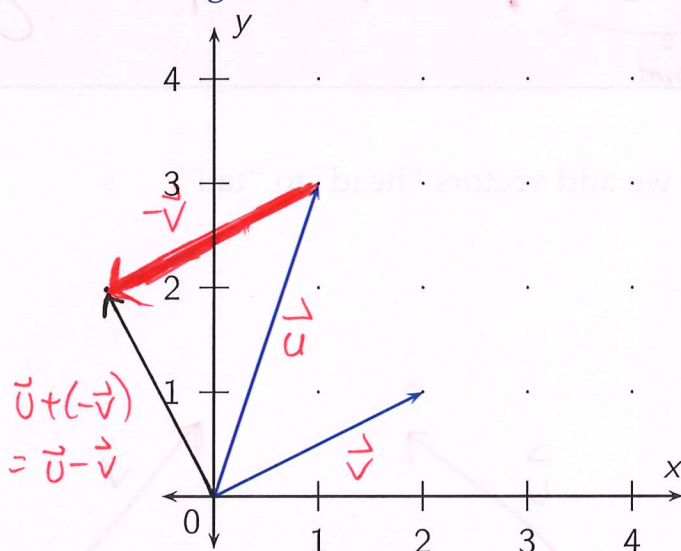
Vector addition



Negative of a vector

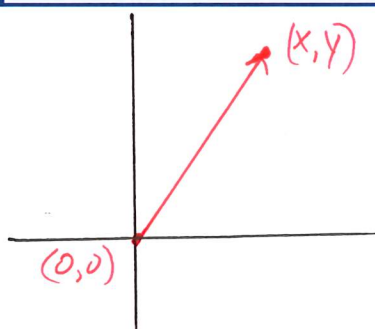


Scalar multiplication



Vector subtraction

**Coordinates** In 2-space (2D)  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , given a vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , place the initial point of the vector at  $(0,0)$ . The coordinates  $(x,y)$  of the terminal points are called *components* or *coordinates* of  $\mathbf{v}$ .



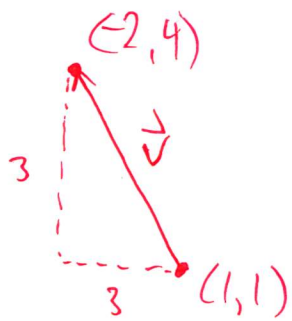
Notation for vectors in coordinate form:

$$\vec{v} = (x, y) \quad \vec{v} = \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix notation

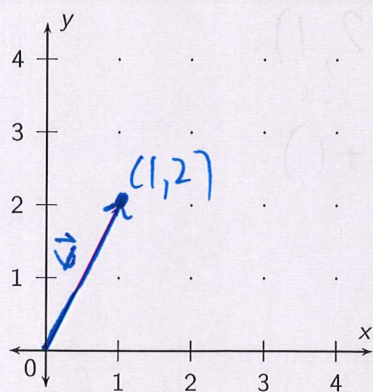
Ex:



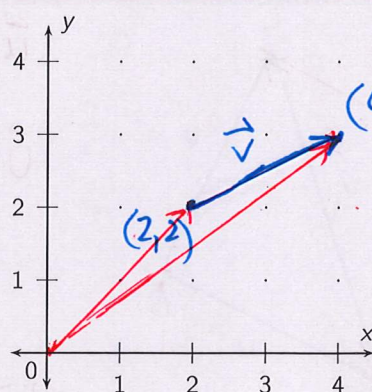
$$\vec{v} = (-3, 3)$$

(3 to the left, 3 up)

Example. What are the coordinates?



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



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

$n$ -dimensional space

Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n)$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \dots \quad \uparrow$   
 $n$  components

$$\mathbb{R}^2: \vec{u} = (x, y)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^3: \vec{u} = (x, y, z)$$

The zero vector  $\vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$

Equality of vectors

When are the vectors  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  equal?

$\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are equal if:

$$u_1 = v_1$$

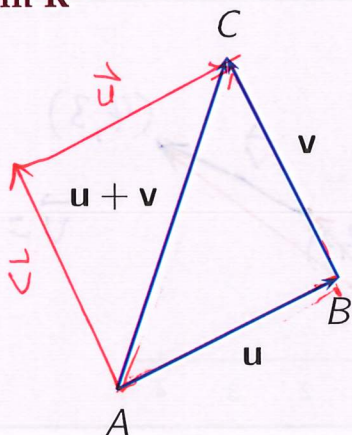
$$u_2 = v_2 \quad \dots \quad u_n = v_n$$

$$u_3 = v_3$$

(~~all~~ components is the same)  
 each



## Addition in $\mathbb{R}^2$



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

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} + \vec{v} &= (1 + (-2), 3 + 1) \\ &= (-1, 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u} \quad (\text{order doesn't matter for addition})$$

## Algebraic operation examples

**Algebraic operations in  $\mathbb{R}^n$**  Given two vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and a real number (scalar)  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\blacktriangleright \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

$$\blacktriangleright c\mathbf{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n)$$

$$\blacktriangleright \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \vec{u} + (-\vec{v}) = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, \dots, u_n - v_n)$$

## Properties (Theorems 1.1.5 and 1.1.6)

$$\blacktriangleright \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$$

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

$$\blacktriangleright \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$$

$$\blacktriangleright (k + l)\mathbf{u} = k\mathbf{u} + l\mathbf{u}$$

$$\blacktriangleright k(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = k\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}$$

$$\blacktriangleright (kl)\mathbf{u} = k(l\mathbf{u})$$

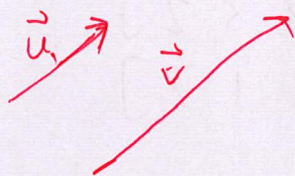
$$\blacktriangleright 1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$$

$$\blacktriangleright (-1)\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$$

$$\blacktriangleright 0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\blacktriangleright k\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$$

## Parallel vectors



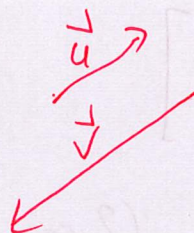
$\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  same direction

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

$$\vec{v} = (2, 4)$$

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

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  opposite direction



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

$$\vec{v} = (-3, -6)$$

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

## Linear dependence

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

$$\vec{w} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{v} \quad \text{for some } c, d \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{scalars}$$

### Example

$$\vec{u} = (1, 4)$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 5)$$

$$\vec{w} = (0, 2)$$

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

Yes

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

$$= 2(1, 5) - 2(1, 4)$$

$$= (2, 10) - (2, 8)$$

$$= (0, 2) \quad \checkmark$$

**Matrix** A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers. Matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns has **size**  $m \times n$ . An example of a **matrix** with **size**  $3 \times 4$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Matrix examples

Ex 1:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

2 rows of size 3:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

size:  $2 \times 3$  (2 rows, 3 columns)

Ex 2:

column vector:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

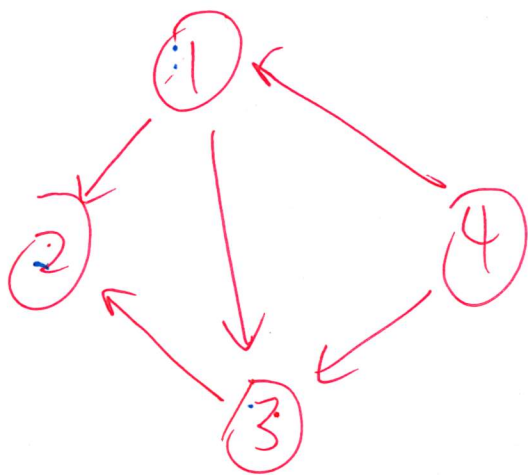
size  $3 \times 1$

3 columns of size 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex 3: row vector:

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  size  $1 \times 3$

## Digraphs and the adjacency matrix



Adjacency matrix for the digraph above:

	to	①	②	③	④
From ①	0	1	1	0	
②	0	0	0	0	
③	0	1	0	0	
④	1	0	1	0	

Annotations:

- node ① goes to ②, ③
- node ② goes nowhere
- node ③ goes to ②
- node ④ goes to ①, ③