

COM1033 FOUNDATIONS OF COMPUTING

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1 Vectors

1.1 Vector Definition

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n > 0$.

The set of all vectors is the cartesian product of \mathbb{R} by n times, which is a set of ordered n -tuples of real numbers.

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

1.2 Vector Operations

1.2.1 Addition

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+d \\ b+e \\ c+f \end{pmatrix}$$

1.2.2 Scalar Multiplication

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a \\ \lambda b \\ \lambda c \end{pmatrix}$$

1.2.3 Dot Product / Scalar Product

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix} = (a \cdot d) + (b \cdot e) + (c \cdot f)$$

1.2.4 Linear Combination

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be n scalars, and $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ be n vectors.

$$\vec{w} = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_n \vec{v}_n$$

\vec{w} is a linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ using the scalars $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$.

1.2.5 Linear Dependence

Let there be n vectors of the same dimension.

If the null vector $\vec{0}$ can be expressed as linear combination of the n vectors as defined, using non null scalars.

In other words, the n vectors are linearly dependent if:

$$\vec{w} = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_n \vec{v}_n \mid \exists \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \neq 0, 0, \dots, 0$$

1.2.6 Exercises

Question 1: Sum the following vectors $\in \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate the product $\lambda \vec{v}_1$ with $\lambda = 2$

$$\lambda \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question 2

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= 3 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 2 + (-4) \cdot 4 \\ &= 6 + 10 - 16 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$\text{when: } \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = -1 \tag{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \lambda_3 \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Question 4:

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be n linearly independent vectors. Consider the set of scalars $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ such that $\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n = 0$. Find alternative sets of the scalars.

Just multiply all the scalars by a common scaling factor, let's say μ

Question 5:

a_3 is on the same line