

Lecture 5

Euclidean n-space \mathbb{R}^n and Dot, Cross Products

5.0 Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

5.1 Length of a vector

5.2 Dot Product

5.4 Cross Product

5.0 Vectors in R^n

- **An ordered n -tuple:**

a sequence of n real number (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

- **n -space: R^n**

the set of all ordered n -tuple

■ **Ex:**

$n = 1$ $R^1 = 1\text{-space}$
 = set of all real number

$n = 2$ $R^2 = 2\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered pair of real numbers (x_1, x_2)

$n = 3$ $R^3 = 3\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered triple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, x_3)

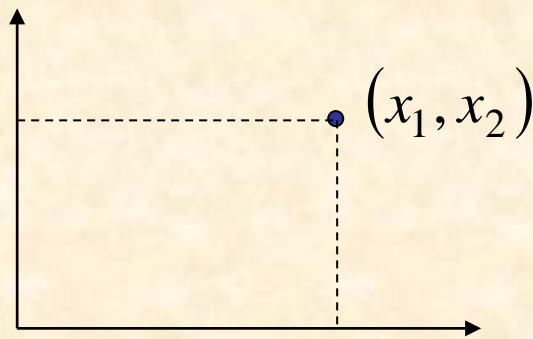
$n = 4$ $R^4 = 4\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered quadruple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)

- **Notes:**

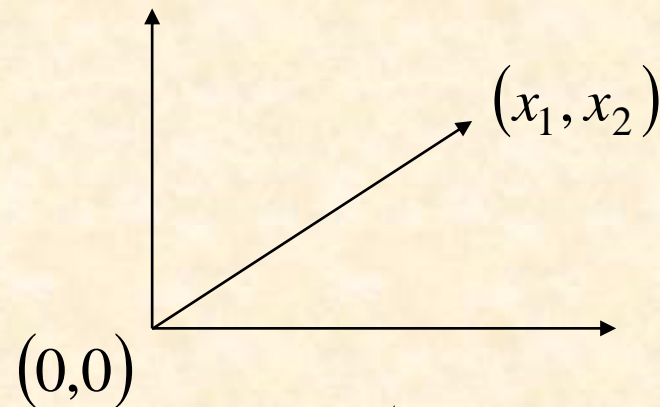
(1) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a point in R^n with the x_i 's as its coordinates.

(2) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in R^n with the x_i 's as its components.

- **Ex:**



a point



a vector

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \quad (\text{two vectors in } R^n)$$

- **Equal:**

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots, u_n = v_n$$

- **Vector addition (the sum of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}):**

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

- **Scalar multiplication (the scalar multiple of \mathbf{u} by c):**

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

- **Notes:**

The sum of two vectors and the scalar multiple of a vector in R^n are called **the standard operations in R^n** .

- **Negative:**

$$-\mathbf{u} = (-u_1, -u_2, -u_3, \dots, -u_n)$$

- **Difference:**

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, u_3 - v_3, \dots, u_n - v_n)$$

- **Zero vector:**

$$\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

- **Notes:**

(1) The zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ in R^n is called the **additive identity** in R^n .

(2) The vector $-\mathbf{v}$ is called the **additive inverse** of \mathbf{v} .

■ **Thm 4.2: (Properties of vector addition and scalar multiplication)**

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be vectors in R^n , and let c and d be scalars.

(1) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}$ is a vector in R^n

(2) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}+\mathbf{u}$

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

(4) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

(5) $\mathbf{u}+(-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

(6) $c\mathbf{u}$ is a vector in R^n

(7) $c(\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u}+c\mathbf{v}$

(8) $(c+d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u}+d\mathbf{u}$

(9) $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$

(10) $1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$

■ **Ex 5: (Vector operations in R^4)**

Let $\mathbf{u}=(2, -1, 5, 0)$, $\mathbf{v}=(4, 3, 1, -1)$, and $\mathbf{w}=(-6, 2, 0, 3)$ be vectors in R^4 . Solve \mathbf{x} for \mathbf{x} in each of the following.

(a) $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w})$

(b) $3(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{w}) = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}+\mathbf{x}$

Sol: (a) $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w})$

$$= 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$= (4, -2, 10, 0) - (4, 3, 1, -1) - (-18, 6, 0, 9)$$

$$= (4 - 4 + 18, -2 - 3 - 6, 10 - 1 - 0, 0 + 1 - 9)$$

$$= (18, -11, 9, -8).$$

$$(b) \quad 3(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}) = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x}$$

$$3\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x}$$

$$3\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$2\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{w}$$

$$= (2, 1, 5, 0) + \left(-2, \frac{-3}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(9, -3, 0, \frac{-9}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(9, \frac{-11}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, -4\right)$$

- **Thm 4.3: (Properties of additive identity and additive inverse)**

Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n and c be a scalar. Then the following is true.

(1) The additive identity is unique. That is, if $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$, then $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

(2) The additive inverse of \mathbf{v} is unique. That is, if $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{v}$

(3) $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(4) $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$

(5) If $c\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(6) $-(-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$

- **Linear combination:**

The vector \mathbf{x} is called a **linear combination** of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$,

if it can be expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n \quad c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n : \text{scalar}$$

- **Ex 6:**

Given $\mathbf{x} = (-1, -2, -2)$, $\mathbf{u} = (0, 1, 4)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 1, 2)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (3, 1, 2)$ in R^3 , find a , b , and c such that $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{w}$.

Sol:

$$-b + 3c = -1$$

$$a + b + c = -2$$

$$4a + 2b + 2c = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1, b = -2, c = -1$$

Thus $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$

- **Notes:**

A vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ in R^n can be viewed as:

a $1 \times n$ row matrix (**row vector**): $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$

or

a $n \times 1$ column matrix (**column vector**): $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$

(The matrix operations of addition and scalar multiplication give the same results as the corresponding vector operations)

Vector addition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ &= (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] + [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] \\ &= [u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n]\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}c\mathbf{u} &= c(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= (cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c\mathbf{u} &= c[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] \\ &= [cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n]\end{aligned}$$

$$c\mathbf{u} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

5.1 Length and Dot Product in R^n

- **Length:**

The length of a vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ in R^n is given by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

- **Notes:** The length of a vector is also called its **norm**.

- **Notes: Properties of length**

- (1) $\|\mathbf{v}\| \geq 0$

- (2) $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}$ is called a **unit vector**.

- (3) $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 0$ iff $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

- (4) $\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|$

■ **Ex 1:**

(a) In R^5 , the length of $\mathbf{v} = (0, -2, 1, 4, -2)$ is given by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2 + 4^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

(b) In R^3 the length of $\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}}\right)$ is given by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{17}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{17}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{17}{17}} = 1$$

(\mathbf{v} is a unit vector)

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- A standard unit vector in R^n :

$$\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\} = \{(1, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, \dots, 0), (0, 0, \dots, 1)\}$$

- Ex:

the standard unit vector in R^2 : $\{i, j\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$

the standard unit vector in R^3 : $\{i, j, k\} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$

- Notes: (Two nonzero vectors are parallel)

$$\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{v}$$

(1) $c > 0 \Rightarrow$ \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} have the same direction

(2) $c < 0 \Rightarrow$ \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} have the opposite direction

- **Thm 5.1: (Length of a scalar multiple)**

Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n and c be a scalar. Then

$$\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c| \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

Pf:

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow c\mathbf{v} = (cv_1, cv_2, \dots, cv_n)$$

$$\|c\mathbf{v}\| = \|(cv_1, cv_2, \dots, cv_n)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(cv_1)^2 + (cv_2)^2 + \dots + (cv_n)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{c^2(v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2)}$$

$$= |c| \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

$$= |c| \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

■ **Thm 5.2: (Unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v})**

If \mathbf{v} is a nonzero vector in R^n , then the vector $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$

has length 1 and has the same direction as \mathbf{v} . This vector \mathbf{u} is called the **unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v}** .

Pf:

$$\mathbf{v} \text{ is nonzero} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{v}\| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} \quad (\mathbf{u} \text{ has the same direction as } \mathbf{v})$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \left\| \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1 \quad (\mathbf{u} \text{ has length } 1)$$

■ **Notes:**

(1) The vector $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$ is called the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v} .

(2) The process of finding the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v} is called **normalizing** the vector \mathbf{v} .

■ **Ex 2: (Finding a unit vector)**

Find the unit vector in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = (3, -1, 2)$,
and verify that this vector has length 1.

Sol:

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{(3, -1, 2)}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(3, -1, 2) = \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{14}{14}} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \text{ is a unit vector.}$$

- Distance between two vectors:

The **distance** between two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in R^n is

$$d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

- Notes: (Properties of distance)

(1) $d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \geq 0$

(2) $d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$

(3) $d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$

- Ex 3: (Finding the distance between two vectors)

The distance between $\mathbf{u}=(0, 2, 2)$ and $\mathbf{v}=(2, 0, 1)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) &= \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \|(0 - 2, 2 - 0, 2 - 1)\| \\ &= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = 3\end{aligned}$$

5.2 Dot Product

- **Dot product in R^n :**

The **dot product** of $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ is the scalar quantity

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

- **Ex 4: (Finding the dot product of two vectors)**

The dot product of $\mathbf{u}=(1, 2, 0, -3)$ and $\mathbf{v}=(3, -2, 4, 2)$ is

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (1)(3) + (2)(-2) + (0)(4) + (-3)(2) = -7$$

- **Thm 5.3: (Properties of the dot product)**

If \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} are vectors in R^n and c is a scalar, then the following properties are true.

(1) $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$

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

(3) $c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$

(4) $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$

(5) $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \geq 0$, and $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ if and only if

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

- **Euclidean n -space:**

R^n was defined to be the *set* of all order n -tuples of real numbers. When R^n is combined with the standard operations of **vector addition**, **scalar multiplication**, **vector length**, and the **dot product**, the resulting vector space is called **Euclidean n -space**.

■ **Ex 5: (Finding dot products)**

$$\mathbf{u} = (2, -2), \mathbf{v} = (5, 8), \mathbf{w} = (-4, 3)$$

$$(a) \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad (b) (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w} \quad (c) \mathbf{u} \cdot (2\mathbf{v}) \quad (d) \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \quad (e) \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w})$$

Sol:

$$(a) \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (2)(5) + (-2)(8) = -6$$

$$(b) (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w} = -6\mathbf{w} = -6(-4, 3) = (24, -18)$$

$$(c) \mathbf{u} \cdot (2\mathbf{v}) = 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = 2(-6) = -12$$

$$(d) \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = (-4)(-4) + (3)(3) = 25$$

$$(e) \mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w} = (5 - (-8), 8 - 6) = (13, 2)$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w}) = (2)(13) + (-2)(2) = 26 - 4 = 22$$

■ **Ex 6: (Using the properties of the dot product)**

$$\text{Given } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 39 \quad \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -3 \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 79$$

$$\text{Find } (\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}) \cdot (3\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$$

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}) \cdot (3\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{u} \cdot (3\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot (3\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot (3\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + (2\mathbf{v}) \cdot (3\mathbf{u}) + (2\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= 3(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 6(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \\ &= 3(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + 7(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \\ &= 3(39) + 7(-3) + 2(79) = 254\end{aligned}$$

- Thm 5.4: (The Cauchy - Schwarz inequality)

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in R^n , then

$$|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \quad (|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \text{ denotes the absolute value of } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

- Ex 7: (An example of the Cauchy - Schwarz inequality)

Verify the Cauchy - Schwarz inequality for $\mathbf{u}=(1, -1, 3)$
and $\mathbf{v}=(2, 0, -1)$

Sol: $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -1, \quad \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 11, \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 5$

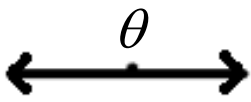
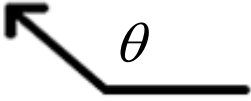
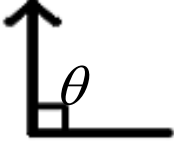
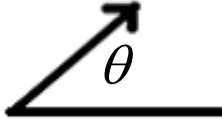
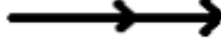
$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| = |-1| = 1$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \cdot \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{11} \cdot \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{55}$$

$$\therefore |\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

- The angle between two vectors in R^n :

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Opposite direction	$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} < 0$	$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$	$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} > 0$	Same direction
				
$\theta = \pi$	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$	$0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\theta = 0$
$\cos = -1$	$\cos < 0$	$\cos = 0$	$\cos > 0$	$\cos = 1$

- Note:

The angle between the zero vector and another vector is not defined.

■ Ex 8: (Finding the angle between two vectors)

$$\mathbf{u} = (-4, 0, 2, -2) \quad \mathbf{v} = (2, 0, -1, 1)$$

Sol:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{24}$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{2^2 + (0)^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (-4)(2) + (0)(0) + (2)(-1) + (-2)(1) = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{24} \sqrt{6}} = -\frac{12}{\sqrt{144}} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pi \quad \therefore \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \text{ have opposite directions. } (\mathbf{u} = -2\mathbf{v})$$

- **Orthogonal vectors:**

Two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in R^n are orthogonal if

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

- **Note:**

The vector $\mathbf{0}$ is said to be orthogonal to every vector.

- Ex 10: (Finding orthogonal vectors)

Determine all vectors in R^n that are orthogonal to $\mathbf{u}=(4, 2)$.

Sol:

$$\mathbf{u} = (4, 2) \quad \text{Let } \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (4, 2) \cdot (v_1, v_2)$$

$$= 4v_1 + 2v_2$$

$$= 0$$

$$[4 \quad 2 \quad 0] \rightarrow \left[1 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \frac{-t}{2}, \quad v_2 = t$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{-t}{2}, t \right), \quad t \in R$$

- **Thm 5.5: (The triangle inequality)**

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in R^n , then $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$

Pf:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 &= (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{u}\|\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &= (\|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

- **Note:**

Equality occurs in the triangle inequality if and only if the vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} have the same direction.

- **Thm 5.6: (The Pythagorean theorem)**

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in R^n , then \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal if and only if

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

- Dot product and matrix multiplication:

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

(A vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ in R^n is represented as an $n \times 1$ column matrix)

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad \cdots \quad u_n] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = [u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \cdots + u_n v_n]$$

5.4 Cross Product

- **Cross product in R^3 :**

The **cross product** of $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ is the vector quantity

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \left(\begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$$

- **Ex 11: (Finding the cross product of two vectors)**

The cross product of $\mathbf{u}=(1, 2, 0)$ and $\mathbf{v}=(3, -2, 4)$ is

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (8, -4, -8)$$

- Thm 5.10: Relationships involving cross product and dot product

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be 3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , then:

- (a) $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$ ($\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{u})
- (b) $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$ ($\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{v})
- (c) $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2$ (Lagrange's identity)
- (d) $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w}$ (relationship between cross and dot products)
- (e) $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{u}$ (relationship between cross and dot products)

- Thm 5.11: Properties of involving cross product

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be 3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 and k a scalar, then:

- (a) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$
- (b) $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$
- (c) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$
- (d) $k(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = (k\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times (k\mathbf{v})$
- (e) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- (f) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

- **Thm 5.12: Scalar triple product**

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be 3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , then:

$$V = \mathbf{w} \bullet (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} = \text{Volume of the parallelepiped determined by the 3 vectors}$$

