

# 1ZC3 ENGINEERING MATH II-B (Linear Algebra I)

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## Yesterday NORMS IN $\mathbb{R}^n$

The norm (= magnitude = length) of a vector

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is } \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}.$$

①  $\|\vec{v}\| \geq 0$   
always.

②  $\|\vec{v}\| = 0$   
if & only if  
 $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

③  $\|k\vec{v}\| = |k| \|\vec{v}\|$ .

Unit vector  $\vec{v}$  with  $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$

If  $\vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$ , can normalize  $\vec{w}$  :  $\left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{w}\|}\right)\vec{w}$  (lazy:  $= \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}$ )

unit vector same  
direction as  $\vec{w}$

Special case Standard Unit Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

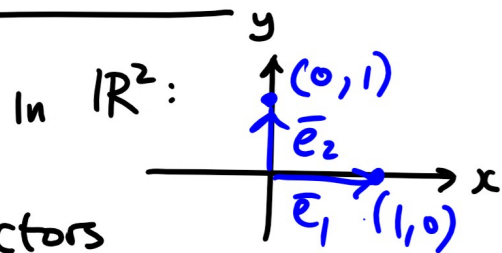
$$\vec{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\vec{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$\vdots$

$$\vec{e}_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

} unit vectors  
in direction of  
coord. axes.



Key Fact about standard unit vectors:

Any vector  $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$  :  $\vec{v} = v_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + v_n(0, \dots, 0, 1)$   
 $= v_1 \vec{e}_1 + v_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + v_n \vec{e}_n.$

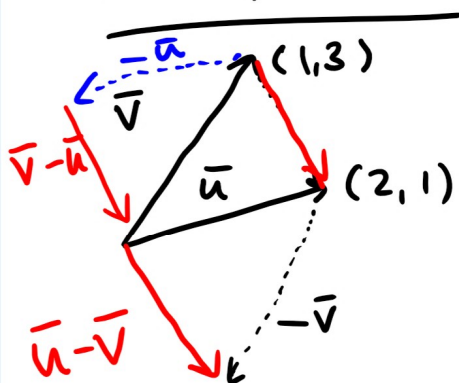
Example

$$\begin{aligned}(3, 5, -27, 6) &= 3\vec{e}_1 + 5\vec{e}_2 - 27\vec{e}_3 + 6\vec{e}_4 \\ &= 3(1, 0, 0, 0) + 5(0, 1, 0, 0) \\ &\quad - 27(0, 0, 1, 0) + 6(0, 0, 0, 1)\end{aligned}$$

Distance between Vectors

Example from  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : Find distance between

$$\vec{v} = (1, 3) \text{ \& \ } \vec{u} = (2, 1)$$



$$\text{Distance} = \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{v} - \vec{u}\|$$

$$= \|(1, 3) - (2, 1)\| = \|(-1, 2)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}.$$

Distance between  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

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

(Makes sense only if  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in same  $\mathbb{R}^n$ !)



In fact  $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$

Example Suppose  $\|\vec{u}\| = 2$ ,  $\|\vec{v}\| = 3$ ,  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = -6$ .  
Find  $d(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$ .

Solution  $= \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})}$

Dot products in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  behave just like regular products of real #s.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \\ &= \sqrt{\|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 - 2(-6) + 3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25} = 5. \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $\uparrow$   $\theta$  angle between  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$ .

Define angle between  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to be

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} \right)$$

Careful: is this in  $[-1, 1]$ ? Yes:

Fact: Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

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

for  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Example Find the angle between  $\vec{u} = (1, 1, 0, 2)$   
&  $\vec{v} = (-1, 0, 0, -1)$

Solution

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = -1 + 0 + 0 - 2 = -3$$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}$$

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

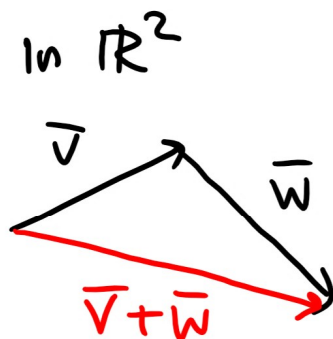
So  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

For all  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  :

① Triangle Inequality

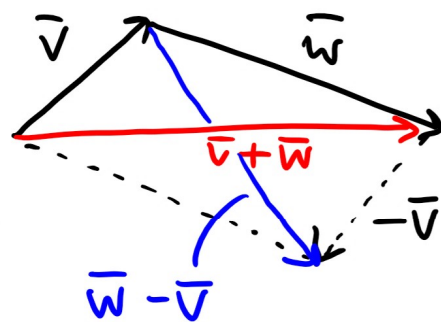
$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$



② Parallelogram Equation

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\|^2 + \|\vec{w} - \vec{v}\|^2 = 2(\|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{w}\|^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) + (\vec{w} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{w} - \vec{v}) \\ &= \|\vec{v}\|^2 + 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \|\vec{w}\|^2 + \|\vec{w}\|^2 - 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\ &= 2(\|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{w}\|^2) \end{aligned}$$



$$\textcircled{3} \quad \bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = \frac{1}{4} \|\bar{v} + \bar{w}\|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \|\bar{w} - \bar{v}\|^2$$

↳ Try it as an Exercise  
(see p. 150; 3.2.7).