

Math 2010A Advanced Calculus I

Differential Calculus of Functions of Several variables.

$$\underbrace{f(x, y), f(x, y, z), \dots, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\text{mainly}} \quad \underbrace{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{n=2, 3 \text{ (most of the times)}}$$

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n = $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \quad (n \text{ copies of } \mathbb{R})$$

$$= \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n \}$$

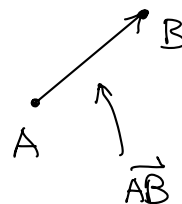
Remarks: (i) In Textbook, "bold face" \mathbf{x} is used to denote a vector.

(ii) In high school, \vec{AB} is a vector with initial point A & terminal point B.

For $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a vector with

initial point $A = O = (0, \dots, 0)$ &

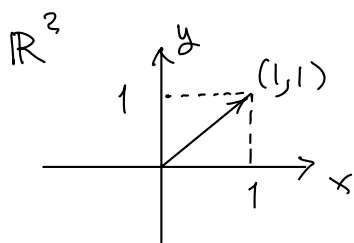
terminal point $B = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$.



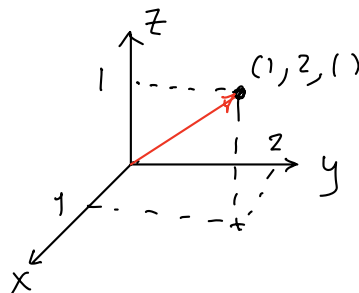
(iii) \mathbb{R}^n is called Cartesian product of n -copies of \mathbb{R} .

(x_1, \dots, x_n) Cartesian/rectangular coordinates of the point.

eg:



\mathbb{R}^3



Basic Operations of Vectors

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$r \in \mathbb{R}$$

Equality

$$\vec{a} = \vec{b} \Leftrightarrow a_i = b_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n.$$

Addition

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_1 + b_1, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$

Scalar Multiplication

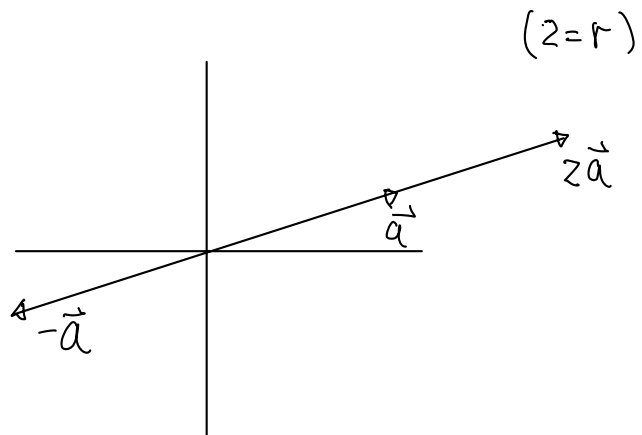
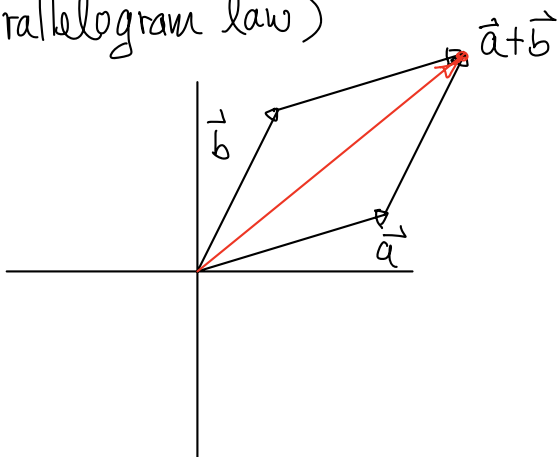
$$r\vec{a} = (ra_1, \dots, ra_n)$$

Subtraction

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = \vec{a} + (-1)\vec{b}$$

$$= (a_1 - b_1, \dots, a_n - b_n)$$

(Parallelogram law)



(Ex: what is $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$?)

Length, Dot (Inner) Product in \mathbb{R}^n

Defn: Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Then dot product (or inner product)

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n$$

(Have to write the dot!)

In particular,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\vec{a}\|^2$$

$\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$ is called the length/magnitude of the vector \vec{a} .

(In textbook, it's denoted by $|\vec{a}|$.)

Remark: Another notation for dot (inner) product

$$\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

Properties of Dot Product

Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$(1) (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$(2) (r\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot (r\vec{b}) = r(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

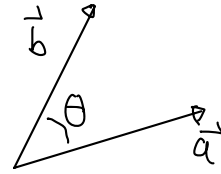
$$(3) \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$(4) \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{"equality holds"} \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} = \vec{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$$

$$(5) \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = \|\vec{a}\|^2$$

$$(6) \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$$

where $\theta =$ angle between \vec{a} & \vec{b}



Hence, if $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \quad (\text{perpendicular})$$

Remarks (i) For $n=2, 3$, (5) & (6) are geometric properties of \mathbb{R}^n .

(ii) For $n \geq 4$, $\|\vec{a}\|$ in (5) & (6) is defined before and the θ in (6) is the definition

$$\theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|} \right) \quad \text{for high dimensional vectors}$$

(iii) If $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$, then \vec{u} is called a unit vector.

$$\text{eg: } \hat{i} = (1, 0, 0)$$

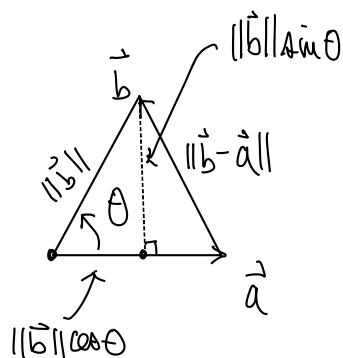
$$\hat{j} = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\hat{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

} are unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Pf of (6) (for $n \leq 3$)

(Assume $0 < \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$)



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

From the figure

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\|^2 &= (\|\vec{a}\| - \|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta)^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2\sin^2\theta \\ &= \dots = \|\vec{a}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta + \|\vec{b}\|^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \quad \times$$

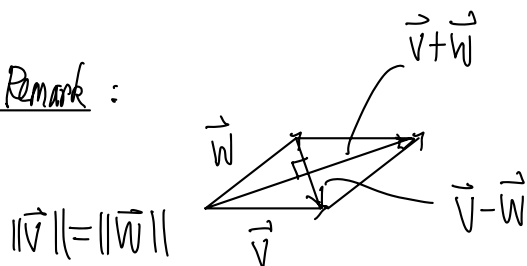
eg: Suppose \vec{v} & \vec{w} are vectors of the same length.

Show that $(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = 0$.

Soln: $(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} - \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}$

$$= \|\vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{w}\|^2 = 0 \quad \text{by assumption that } \|\vec{v}\| = \|\vec{w}\|, \quad \times$$

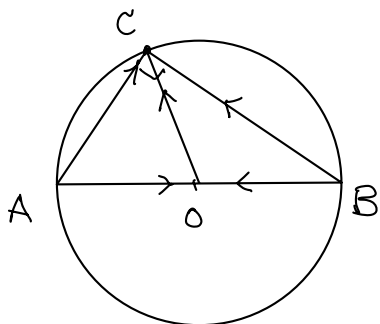
Remark:



Geometric meaning:

Diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular.

eg:



AB is diameter, C on the circle

Show that $\angle ACB = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solu: $\vec{AC} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OC}$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{BO} + \vec{OC}$$

$$AB = \text{diameter} \Rightarrow \vec{AO} = -\vec{BO}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{AC} \cdot \vec{BC} &= (\vec{AO} + \vec{OC}) \cdot (\vec{BO} + \vec{OC}) \\ &= (\vec{AO} + \vec{OC}) \cdot (-\vec{AO} + \vec{OC}) \\ &= -\|\vec{AO}\|^2 + \|\vec{OC}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{because } A \text{ \& } C \text{ are on the circle} \\ \text{\& } O = \text{center.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACB = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \#$$

Two inequalities (Au's Book §1.2)

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \leq \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|$

$$\text{i.e. } \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2}$$

Equality holds

$$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\vec{a} = r\vec{b} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{b} = r\vec{a}$$

for some $r \in \mathbb{R}$

PF: Case 1 If $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$ or $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$, then both sides are 0, equality holds $\Leftrightarrow \vec{a} = 0\vec{b}$ or $\vec{b} = 0\vec{a}$.

Case 2 $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ & $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$

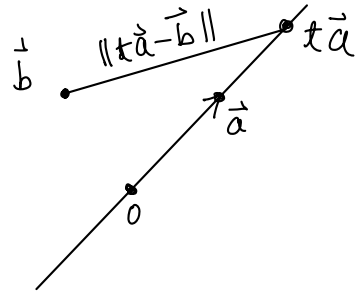
Let $f(t) = \|t\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 \geq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Then $0 \leq f(t) = (t\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot (t\vec{a} - \vec{b})$
 $= t^2 \|\vec{a}\|^2 - 2t\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \|\vec{b}\|^2$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (-2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 - 4\|\vec{a}\|^2 \|\vec{b}\|^2 \leq 0$$

(discriminant of the quadratic)

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \leq \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|$$



Equality holds $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow f(t)$ has a repeated root $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|r\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 = f(r) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{b} = r\vec{a} \quad \#$$

Remark: Cauchy-Schwarz inequality \Rightarrow

$$-1 \leq \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|} \leq 1 \quad (\text{provided } \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0})$$

\Rightarrow The formula $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|} \right)$ defining the angle

between \vec{a} & \vec{b} (in dim. $n \geq 4$) is well-defined.

(If $n \leq 3$, we've proved the formula)