

1.3 Vectors + Vector Equations

Vectors \mathfrak{R}^n

- A vector is a matrix with one column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Vectors notations: \vec{a} , \vec{u} , ...

- \mathfrak{R} : all real numbers

$$\mathfrak{R}^2: \text{ all real vectors } \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with 2 rows}$$

$$\mathfrak{R}^3: \text{ all real vectors } \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with 3 rows}$$

$$\mathfrak{R}^n: \text{ all real vectors with n rows}$$

Vector Algebra

- $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ \vec{u}, \vec{v} have the same number of rows

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots, u_n = v_n$$

- $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $c\vec{u}$:

$$(-2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

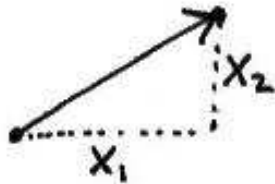
- $\vec{0}$ (zero vector):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

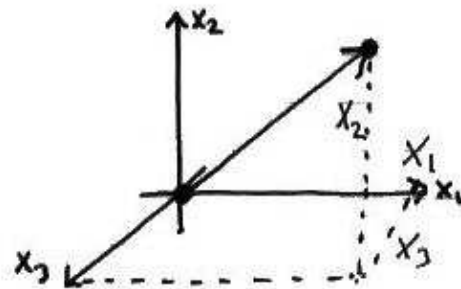
Geometric Interpretation

Vectors are represented by arrows

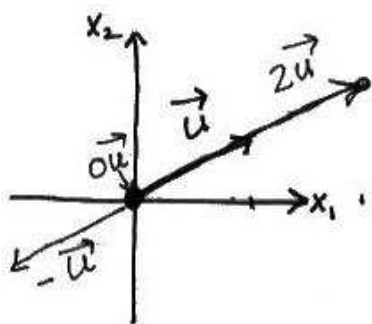
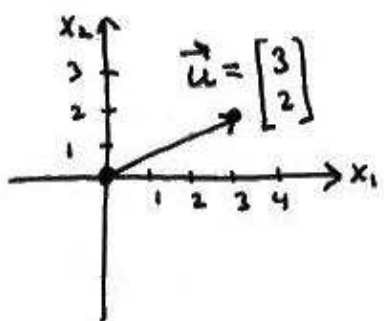
$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} :$$



$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} :$$

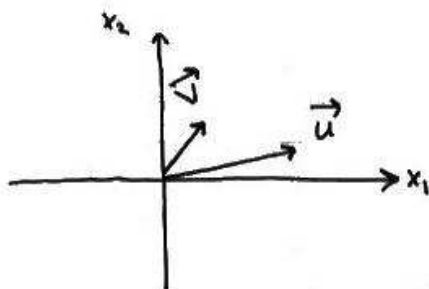


Ex: In R^2

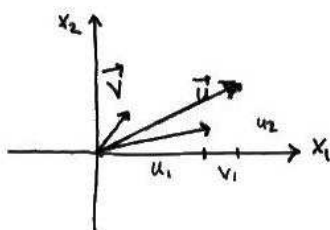


Scalar multiple of \vec{u} lie along the same line as \vec{u}

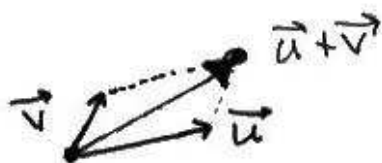
Adding two vectors \vec{u}, \vec{v}



$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Parallel diagram Law:



Create a parallel diagram using \vec{u}, \vec{v} as sides.

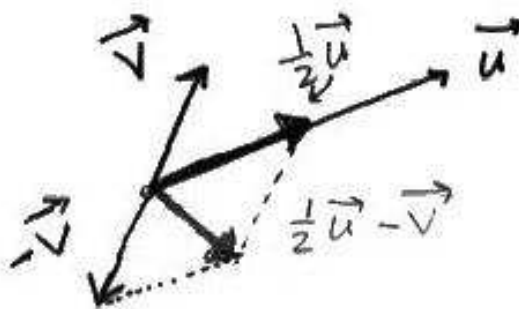
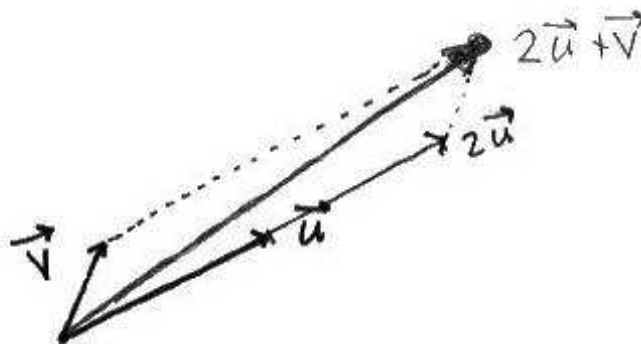
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Combinations of Vectors using Addition + Substraction

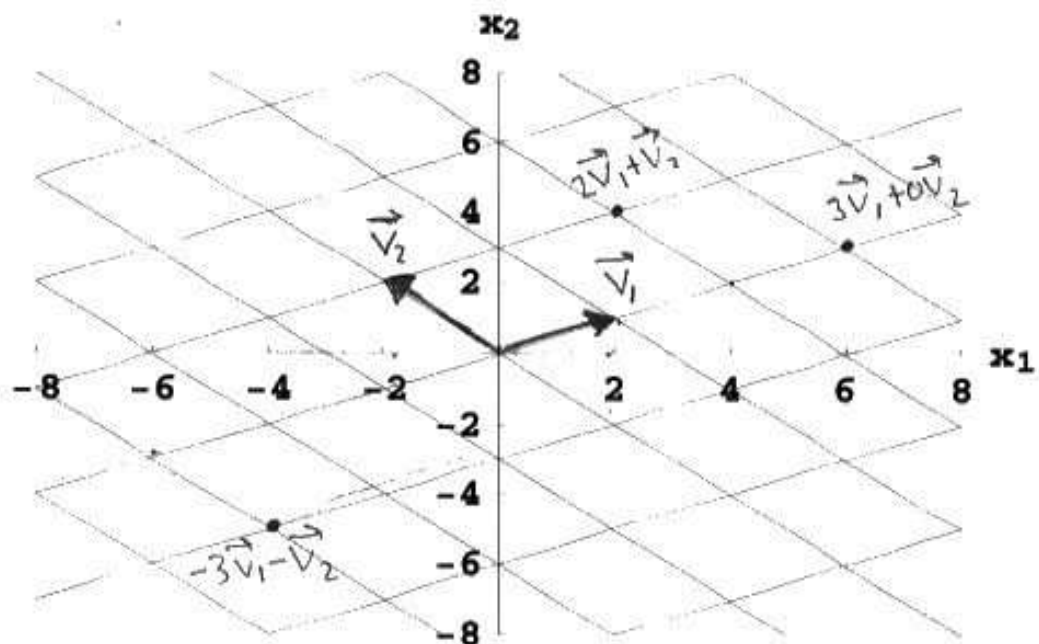
$$2\vec{u} + \vec{v}:$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\vec{u} - \vec{v}:$$



EXAMPLE: Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Express each of the following as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 :

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$



Linear Combinations (Creating new vectors from old vectors)

A linear combination of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ with scalar weights c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p is the vector:

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p$$

Ex:

$$\vec{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find 3 different linear combinations of \vec{V}_1 and \vec{V}_2 .

$$C_1\vec{V}_1 + C_2\vec{V}_2$$

$$0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Is $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination of \vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2 ?

$$C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ 2C_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -C_2 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_1 - C_2 \\ 2C_1 + C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_1 - C_2 = 4$$

$$2C_1 + C_2 = 5$$

$$-2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 \\ \underline{(3C_2 = -3)} \end{array}$$

This echelon form matrix represents a consistent system of equations. So C_1, C_2 exist so that

$$C_1 \vec{V}_1 + C_2 \vec{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

So yes, $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is a combination of \vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2 .

Vector Equations + Linear Systems

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{r} X_1 + 3X_2 = 7 \\ 2X_1 - 5X_2 = 0 \end{array} \quad \text{Linear System}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 + 3X_2 \\ 2X_1 - 5X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ 2X_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3X_2 \\ -5X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

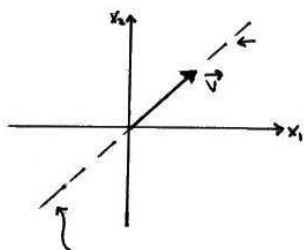
$$X_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + X_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Vector Equation}$$

Linear systems can be converted to a vector equation, and vice-versa.

Generating Sets of Vectors (Span)

Ex: $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Using \vec{V} , we can generate other vectors by multiplying \vec{V} by scalars:

All multiples of \vec{V} lie along this lines

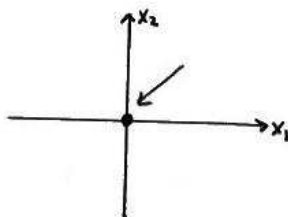


the multiples of \vec{V} generate this line. called the span of \vec{V} , or span $\{\vec{V}\}$ for short.

Ex: $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. But if \vec{V} is the zero vector, the multiples of \vec{V} are still $\vec{0}$.

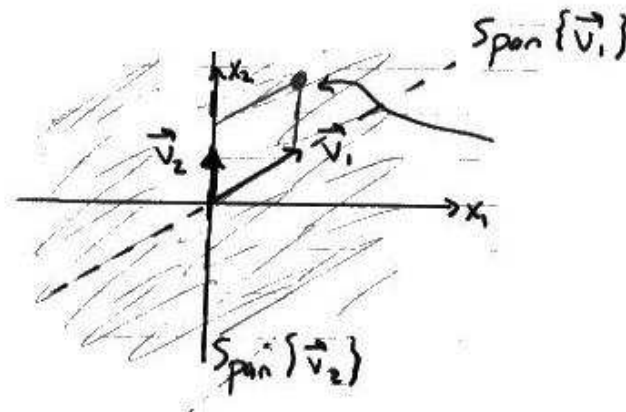
The multiples of \vec{V} generate only this one point,

The span $\{\vec{V}\}$ is the origin.



Ex: $\vec{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

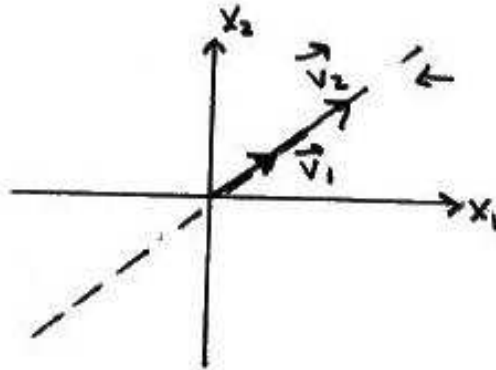
Every vector in \mathbb{R}^2 is the sum of a vector $C_1\vec{V}_1$ and a vector $C_2\vec{V}_2$



The combinations $C_1\vec{V}_1 + C_2\vec{V}_2$ now generate all points in the plane. Here, $\text{Span} \{\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2\} = \mathbb{R}^2$

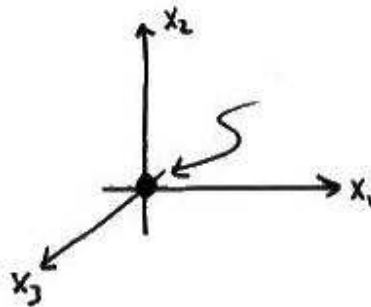
Ex: $\vec{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$ But here, \vec{V}_1 and \vec{V}_2 lie along the same line. Combinations of \vec{V}_1 and \vec{V}_2 just generate move vectors along the same line.

$\text{Span}\{\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2\}$ is a line through origin.

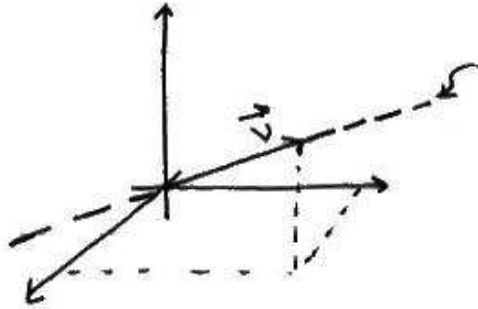


Ex: In \mathbb{R}^2 , we saw that the span of vectors may generate a point, a line through the origin, or all of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 .

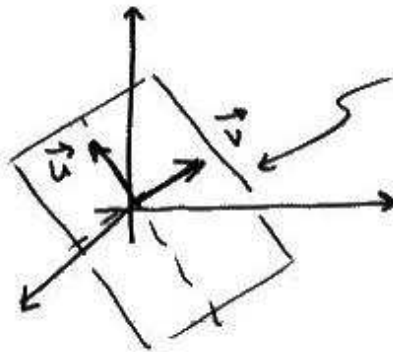
In \mathbb{R}^3 , the multiples $\vec{0}$, $\text{Span}\{\vec{0}\}$ is the origin (a point):



If \vec{V} is not $\vec{0}$, the multiples \vec{V} , $\text{span}\{\vec{V}\}$, form a line through the origin:



If \vec{U}, \vec{V} are nonzero vectors that don't lie along the same line, the combinations $\vec{U}, \vec{V}, \text{Span}\{\vec{U}, \vec{V}\}$ form a plane through the origin:



If $\vec{U}, \vec{V}, \vec{W}$, are 3 vectors in different directions, $\text{span}\{\vec{U}, \vec{V}, \vec{W}\}$ is all of \mathbb{R}^3 :



Ex:

$$\text{Is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in Span } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} ?$$

$$\text{Is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ a combination of } \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) ?$$

$$C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Check to see if weights C_1, C_2 exist by reducing an appropriate augmented matrix to echelon form.)