

### 3 Vectors

#### 3.1 Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Definition 3.1** (page 20) If  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers (正の整数), an  $m \times n$  matrix (行列) is a rectangular array (長方形に並んだ) of numbers with  $m$  rows (行) and  $n$  columns (列). If  $n$  is a positive integer, an  $n \times 1$  matrix is often called an  $n$ -dimensional column vector and a  $1 \times n$  matrix an  $n$ -dimensional row vector. The collection of all  $n$ -dimensional column (or row) vectors is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The vector whose entries (成分) are all zero is called the zero vector and is denoted by  $\mathbf{0}$ . The number of entries in  $\mathbf{0}$  will be clear from the context.

Equality of (column or row) vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the operations of scalar multiplication (スカラー倍) and vector addition (ベクトルの和) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are defined entry by entry. Thus for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n, c\mathbf{u} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Example 3.1**  $A$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix,  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}', \mathbf{u}''$  are (3-dimensional) column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{v}''$  are (4-dimensional) row vectors, and  $\mathbf{w}$  is a (3-dimensional) row vector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 11 & -1 & 5 & 17 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}'' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}''' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{v} = [3, 1, 2, 4], \mathbf{v}' = [1, 1, 1, 1], \mathbf{v}'' = [11, -1, 5, 17], \mathbf{w} = [3, 1, 11].$$

In order to save space, a column vector such as  $\mathbf{u}$  above is written in the following way as well.

$$\mathbf{u} = [3, 1, 11]^\top = \mathbf{w}^\top \text{ the transpose of } \mathbf{w}.$$

$$(\mathbf{u} + (-1)\mathbf{u}') + \mathbf{u}'' = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{u}''',$$

$$\mathbf{v} + (-3)\mathbf{v}' = [3, 1, 2, 4] + (-3)[1, 1, 1, 1] = [3, 1, 2, 4] + [-3, -3, -3, -3] = [0, -2, -1, 1].$$

**Algebraic Properties of  $\mathbb{R}^n$**  (page 43) For all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c$  and  $d$ :

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| (i) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$                                | (v) $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ |
| (ii) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ | (vi) $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$         |
| (iii) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u}$                 | (vii) $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$                      |
| (iv) $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0} = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}$            | (viii) $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$                            |
- where  $-\mathbf{u}$  denotes  $(-1)\mathbf{u}$

For simplicity of notation, a vector such as  $\mathbf{u} + (-1)\mathbf{v}$  is often written as  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ . These properties are satisfied by row vectors as well.

**Definition 3.2** For (column (or row)) vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

the *inner product* (内積) of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is defined by:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n.$$

When  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are called *orthogonal* (or *perpendicular* 直交する). The *norm* (ノルム) of  $\mathbf{u}$  is  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$ .

For  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]^\top, \mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}, (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}, (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}).$$

Moreover,  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \geq 0$  and  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} &= ([u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]^\top + [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]^\top) \cdot [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]^\top \\ &= [u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n]^\top \cdot [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]^\top \\ &= (u_1 + v_1)w_1 + (u_2 + v_2)w_2 + \dots + (u_n + v_n)w_n \\ &= u_1w_1 + u_2w_2 + \dots + u_nw_n + v_1w_1 + v_2w_2 + \dots + v_nw_n \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1 (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality in pages 377-8)** For  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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

Equality holds if and only if one of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is a scalar multiple of the other.

*Proof.* We may assume that  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  is a non-zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for any real number  $\lambda$ ,

$$0 \leq \|\lambda\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = (\lambda\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\lambda\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \lambda^2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\lambda + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2.$$

It follows from a property of quadratic equations (2次方程式),  $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 - \|\mathbf{u}\|^2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \leq 0$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \geq 0$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}\| \geq 0$ ,  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|\|\mathbf{v}\|$  and the inequalities hold.

**Definition 3.3** Suppose  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Then the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are a real number  $\theta$  such that  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  satisfying

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|\|\mathbf{v}\|}.$$

**Definition 3.4** Let  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, u_3]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [v_1, v_2, v_3]^\top$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then the *vector product* (or *exterior product* ベクトル積、外積) of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= [u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1]^\top \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} u_2 & v_2 & u_3 & v_3 & u_1 & v_1 \\ u_3 & v_3 & u_1 & v_1 & u_2 & v_2 \end{array} \right]^\top, \text{ where } \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc. \end{aligned}$$

The following hold:  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$ .

## 3.2 Exercises

- For (i) and (ii), compute each of (a) - (e) below.
  - $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
  - $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
  - $\|\mathbf{u}\|, \|\mathbf{v}\|, \|\mathbf{w}\|$
  - angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$
  - a nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$
  - $\mathbf{u} = [3, 1, 11]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [1, 1, -1]^\top$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = [2, 1, 5]^\top$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} = [1, 1, 1, 1]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [1, 1, -1, -1]^\top$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = [1, -1, 1, -1]^\top$ .
- For all vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , show the following.
  - $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .
  - (The Triangular Inequality)  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$ .
  - $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$  if and only if one of the vectors is a positive scalar multiple of the other.
  - (Pythagoras' Theorem)  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.
- Let  $\mathbf{u} = [3, 2, -1]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [0, 2, -3]^\top$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = [2, 6, 7]^\top$ . Compute
  - $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$
  - $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$
  - $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w}$
  - $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$
  - $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w})$
  - $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) - 2\mathbf{w}$
- Let  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, u_3]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [v_1, v_2, v_3]^\top$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show
  - $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$ .
- Find a vector that is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} = [-6, 4, 2]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [3, 1, 5]^\top$
  - $\mathbf{u} = [-2, 1, 5]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [3, 0, -3]^\top$
- Find the scalar triple product  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} = [-1, 2, 4]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [3, 4, -2]^\top, \mathbf{w} = [-1, 2, 5]^\top$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} = [3, -1, 6]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [2, 4, 3]^\top, \mathbf{w} = [5, -1, 2]^\top$ .
- Suppose that  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = 3$ . Find
  - $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v})$
  - $(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{u}$
  - $\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$
  - $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$
  - $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$
  - $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{w})$
- Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show the following.
  - $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2$ .
  - $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w}$ , and  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{u}$ .

First try Exercises 1 (i), (ii) and 3 (a), (b).

### 3.3 Related Problems in Final Exams

**Final 2012 1(b)** Find  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [3, 2, -3]^\top$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = [1, 2, 1]^\top$ .

$$[\text{Soln. } \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = [8, -6, 4]^\top]$$

**Final 2013 1(c)** Find  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [3, 1, -2]^\top$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = [1, 2, 4]^\top$ .

$$[\text{Soln. } \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = [8, -14, 5]^\top]$$

**Final 2014 1** Let  $\mathbf{u} = [2, 1, -3]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = [0, 1, 2]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = [1, 3, 1]^\top$ .

(a) Find  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ . [Soln.  $[5, -4, 2]^\top$ ]

(b) Find  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . Note that  $|(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}|$  is the volume of a parallelepiped defined by  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ . [Soln.  $-5$ .]

**Final 2015 1** Let  $\mathbf{u} = [1, 4, 9]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = [1, 8, 27]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = [1, 2, 3]^\top$ .

(a) Find  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ . [Soln.  $[36, -18, 4]^\top$ ]

(b) Find  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . Note that  $|(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}|$  is the volume of a parallelepiped defined by  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ . [Soln.  $12$ .]

**Final 2010 1(a)** Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be as follows.

$$\mathbf{u} = [4, -8, 1]^\top, \mathbf{v} = [2, 1, -2]^\top, \mathbf{w} = [3, -4, 12]^\top.$$

The vector  $\mathbf{p} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$  is a scalar multiple of  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{p}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
Find  $\mathbf{p}$ . [Soln.  $[-4/9, -2/9, 4/9]^\top$ ]

**Proposition.** Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|$  is the area of the parallelogram (平行四边形) determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $|(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}|$  is the volume of the parallelepiped (平行六面体) determined by  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .