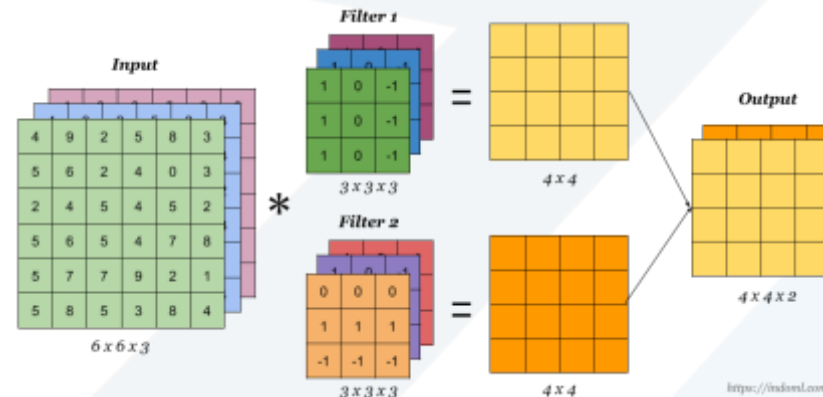


CECC122: Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

Lecture Notes 4: Euclidean Vector Spaces



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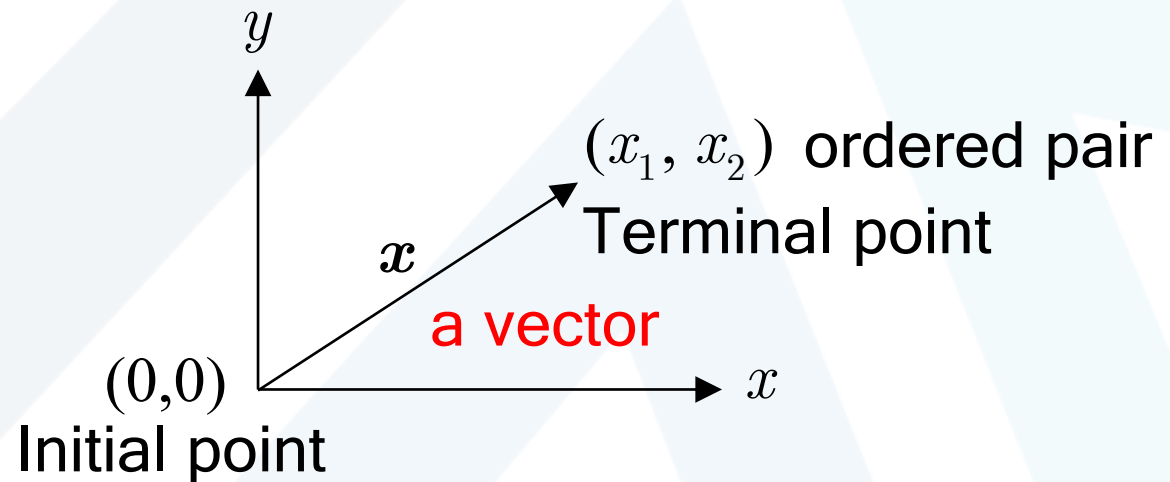
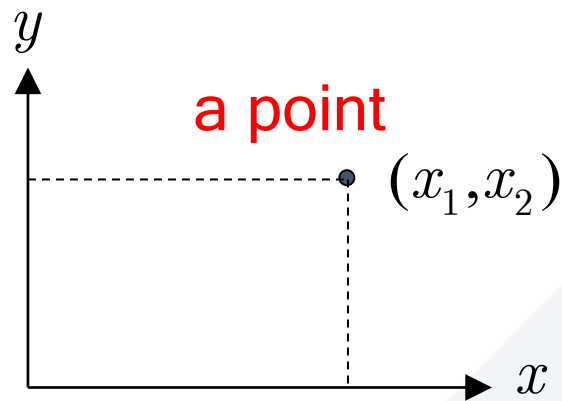
Euclidean Vector Spaces

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1. Vectors in 2-Space, 3-Space, and n -Space

Vectors in the plane

- a vector x in the plane is represented by a directed line segment with its initial point at the origin and its terminal point at (x_1, x_2) .

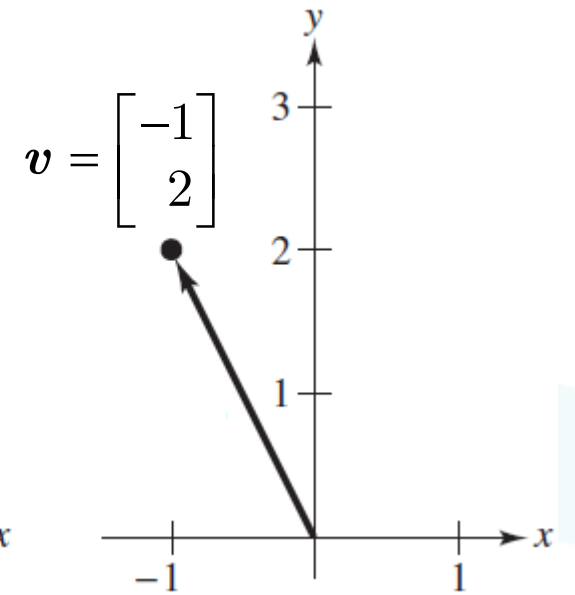
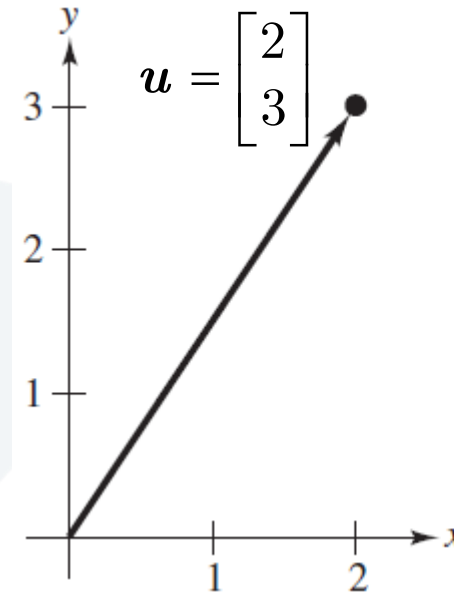
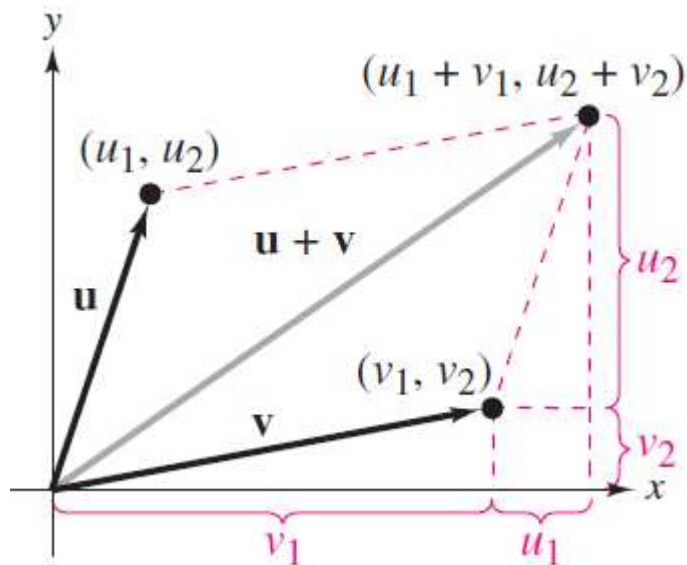


$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

x_1 = first component of x

x_2 = second component of x

- Vector Addition

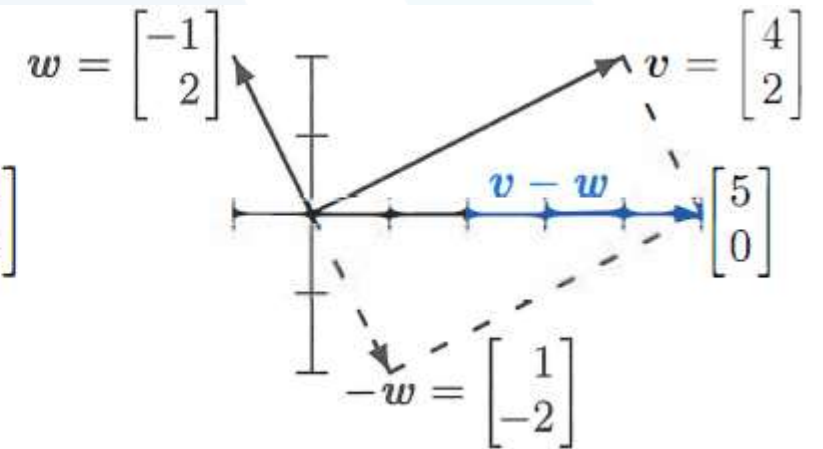
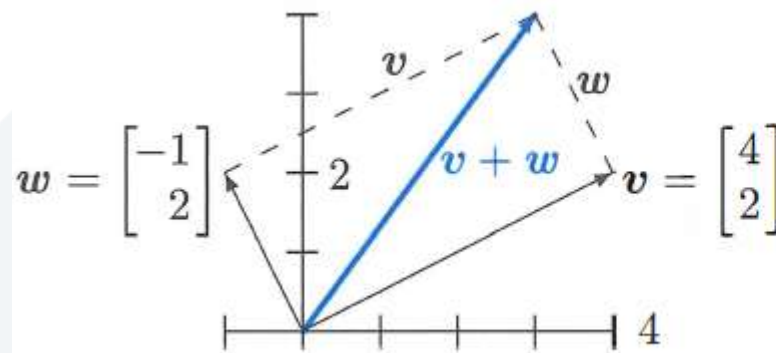
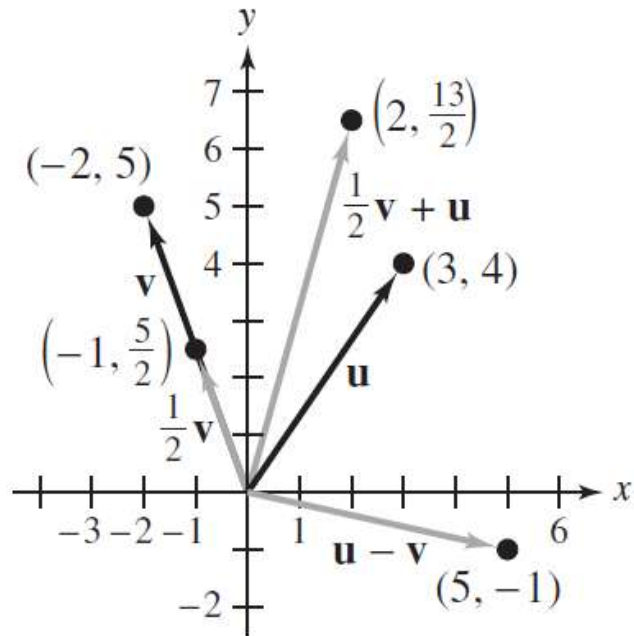
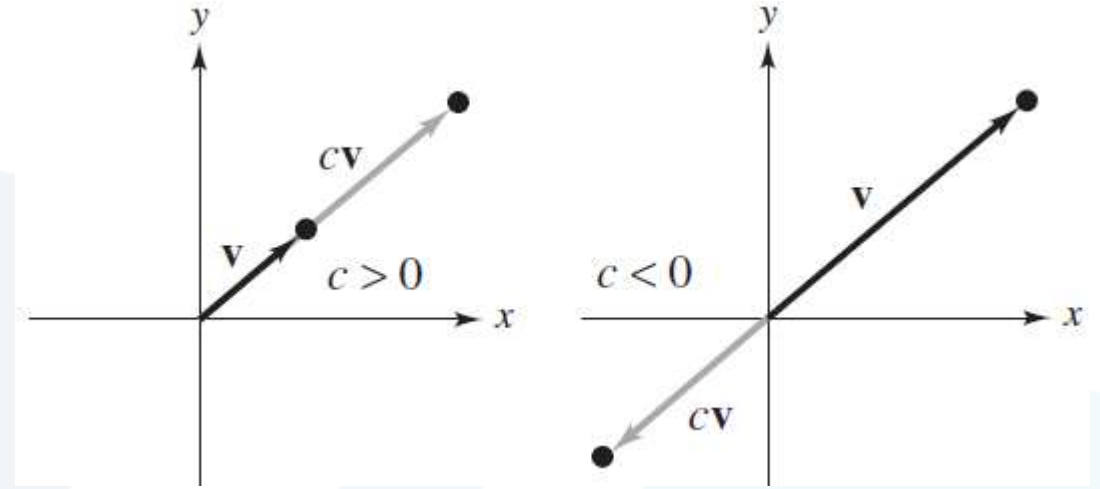


$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ Scalar Multiplication

$$c\mathbf{v} = c \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cv_1 \\ cv_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\mathbf{v} = (-1)\mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{v})$$



Vectors in the n -space

$R^1 = 1$ -space = set of all real number

$R^2 = 2$ -space = set of all ordered pair of real numbers (x_1, x_2)

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

\vdots

$R^n = n$ -space = set of all ordered n -tuple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

- **Notes:** An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as:

(1) a **point** in R^n with the x_i 's as its coordinates.

(2) a vector \mathbf{x} in R^n with the x_i 's as its components.

(3) a vector \mathbf{x} in R^n will be represented also as $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Operations on Vectors in R^n

Let $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ two vectors in R^n , and if c is any scalar

- **Equal:** $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots, u_n = v_n$
- **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):** $c\mathbf{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n)$
- **Note:** The **sum** of two vectors and the **scalar multiple** of a vector in R^n are called the **standard operations** in R^n .
- **Negative:** $-\mathbf{u} = (-u_1, -u_2, \dots, -u_n)$
- **Difference:** $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, \dots, u_n - v_n)$
- **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} .

- Example 1: Vector operations in R^3

Let $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 0, 1)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 5)$ in R^3 .

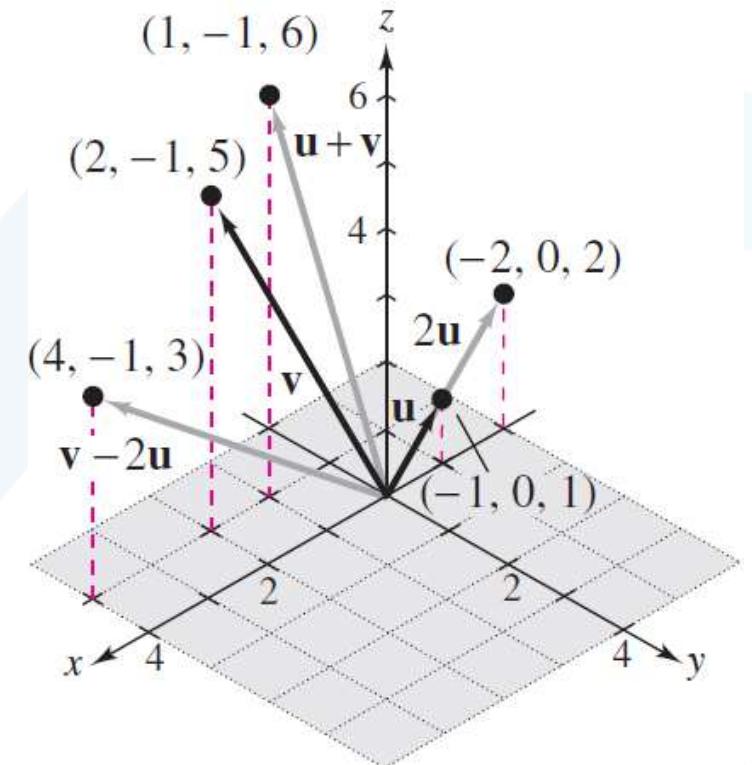
Perform each vector operation:

- (a) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ (b) $2\mathbf{u}$ (c) $\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{u}$

(a) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (-1, 0, 1) + (2, -1, 5) = (1, -1, 6)$

(b) $2\mathbf{u} = 2(-1, 0, 1) = (-2, 0, 2)$

(c) $\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 5) - (-2, 0, 2) = (4, -1, 3)$



■ **Theorem 1: (Properties of vector addition and scalar multiplication)**

Let u , v , and w be vectors in R^n , and let c and d be scalars

(1) $u + v$ is a vector in R^n

Closure under addition

(2) $u + v = v + u$

Commutative property of addition

(3) $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$

Associative property of addition

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

Additive identity property

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

Additive inverse property

(6) cu is a vector in R^n

Closure under scalar multiplication

(7) $c(u + v) = cu + cv$

Distributive property

(8) $(c + d)u = cu + du$

Distributive property

(9) $c(du) = (cd)u$

Associative property of multiplication

(10) $1(u) = u$

Multiplicative identity property

■ **Example 2: Vector operations in R^4**

Let $u = (2, -1, 5, 0)$, $v = (4, 3, 1, -1)$ and $w = (-6, 2, 0, 3)$ be vectors in R^4 .
Solve x for each of the following: (a) $x = 2u - (v + 3w)$, (b) $3(x + w) = 2u - v + x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad x &= 2u - (v + 3w) = 2u - v - 3w \\ &= (4, -2, 10, 0) - (4, 3, 1, -1) - (-18, 6, 0, 9) \\ &= (4 - 4 + 18, -2 - 3 - 6, 10 - 1 - 0, 0 + 1 - 9) \\ &= (18, -11, 9, -8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad 3(x + w) &= 2u - v + x \Leftrightarrow 3x + 3w = 2u - v + x \Leftrightarrow 3x - x = 2u - v - 3w \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2x = 2u - v - 3w \Leftrightarrow x = u - \frac{1}{2}v - \frac{3}{2}w \\ x &= (2, 1, 5, 0) + (-2, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (9, -3, 0, -\frac{9}{2}) \\ &= (9, -\frac{11}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, -4) \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem 2: (Properties of additive identity and additive inverse)**

Let v be a vector in R^n , and c be a scalar. Then the properties below are true:

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

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

(3) $0v = \mathbf{0}$ (4) $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$

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

(6) $-(-v) = v$

Linear combination

- The vector x is called a **linear combination** of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k if it can be expressed in the form $x = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$ where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are scalars.

- **Example 3: linear combination**

Given $x = (-1, -2, -2)$, $u = (0, 1, 4)$, $v = (-1, 1, 2)$, and $w = (3, 1, 2)$ in R^3 . Find a , b , and c such that $x = au + bv + cw$.

$$\begin{aligned} -b + 3c &= -1 \\ a + b + c &= -2 \\ 4a + 2b + 2c &= -2 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -2, c = -1 \quad \text{Thus } x = u - 2v - w$$

- **Example 4: not a linear combination**

Given $x = (1, -2, 2)$, $u = (1, 2, 3)$, $v = (0, 1, 2)$, and $w = (-1, 0, 1)$ in R^3 . Prove that x is not a linear combination of u , v and w .

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-J. Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x \neq au + bv + cw$$

2. Norm, Dot Product, and Distance in R^n

- **Norm (Length) of a Vector:** The norm of a vector $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ in R^n is given by: $\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$

- **Example 5: Norm of a vector**

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

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

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

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

(v is a unit vector)

- **Notes:** Properties of length

(1) $\|v\| \geq 0$

(2) $\|v\| = 1 \Rightarrow v$ is called a **unit vector**

(3) $\|v\| = 0$ iff $v = 0$

- **Notes:**

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

(2) 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 $u = cv$

(1) $c > 0 \Rightarrow u$ and v have the **same direction**.

(2) $c < 0 \Rightarrow u$ and v have the **opposite direction**.

- **Theorem 3: (Length of a scalar multiple)**

Let v be a vector in R^n and c be a scalar, then $\|cv\| = |c|\|v\|$

- **Theorem 4: (Unit vector in the direction of v)**

If v is a nonzero vector in R^n , then the vector $u = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$ has length 1 and has the same direction as v .

This vector u is called the **unit vector in the direction of v** .

- **Note:** The process of finding the unit vector in the direction of v is called **normalizing** the vector v .

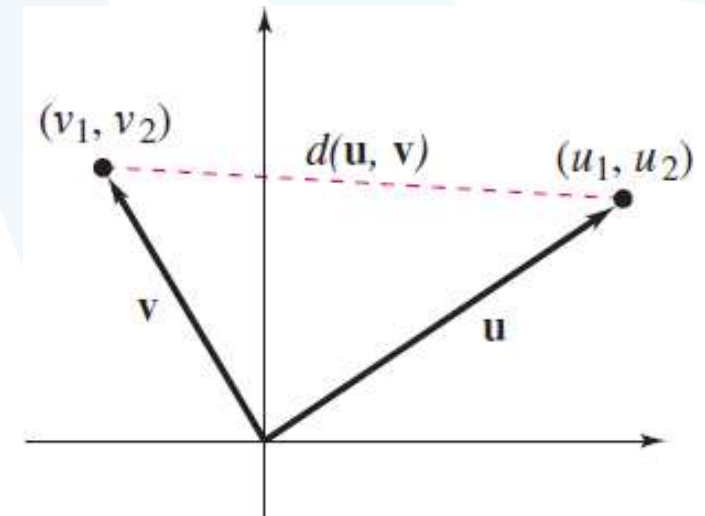
- **Example 6: Finding a unit vector**

Find the unit vector in the direction of $v = (3, -1, 2)$.

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

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

- **Distance between two vectors:** The **distance** between two vectors u and v in R^n is: $d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$
- **Notes:** (Properties of distance)
 - (1) $d(u, v) \geq 0$
 - (2) $d(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$
 - (3) $d(u, v) = d(v, u)$



- **Example 7: Distance between 2 vectors**

The distance between $u = (0, 2, 2)$ and $v = (2, 0, 1)$ is

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

- **Dot product in R^n :** The dot product of $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ and $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ is the scalar quantity: $u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$

- **Theorem 5: (Properties of the dot product)**

If $u, v,$ and w are vectors in R^n and c is a scalar, then:

$$(1) u \cdot v = v \cdot u \qquad (2) u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$$

$$(3) c(u \cdot v) = (cu) \cdot v = u \cdot (cv) \qquad (4) v \cdot v = \|v\|^2$$

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

- **Example 8: Finding the dot product of two vectors**

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

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

- **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**.

- **Example 9: Finding dot product**

$$u = (2, -2), v = (5, 8), w = (-4, 3)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Example 10: Using the properties of the dot product**

Given $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 39$, $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -3$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 79$. Find $(\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}) \cdot (3\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$

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

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

$$= 3(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 6(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

$$= 3(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + 7(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

$$= 3(39) + 7(-3) + 2(79) = 254$$

- **Theorem 6: (The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)**

If u and v are vectors in R^n , then $|u \cdot v| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$

- **Example 11: (An example of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)**

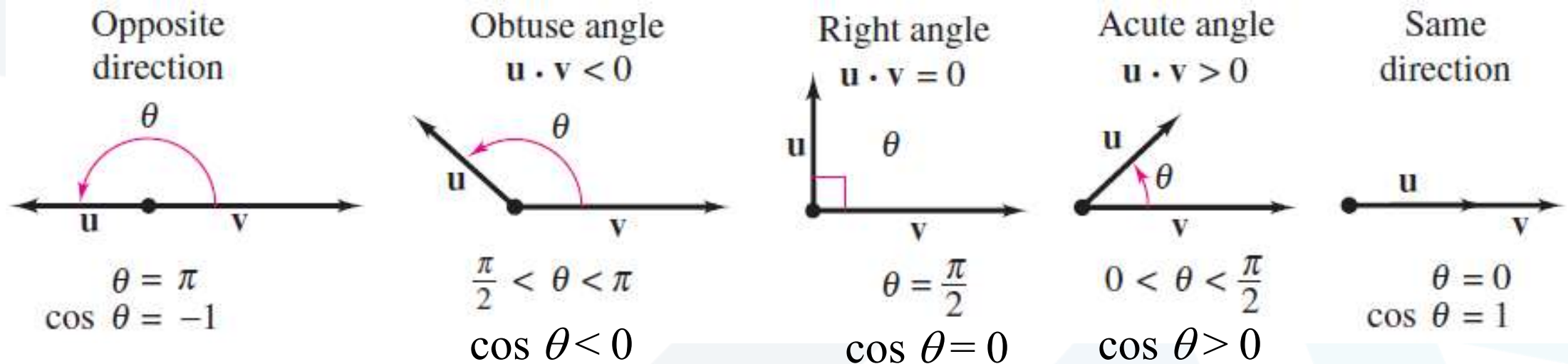
Verify the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for $u = (1, -1, 3)$ and $v = (2, 0, -1)$

$$u \cdot u = 11, \quad u \cdot v = -1, \quad v \cdot v = 5$$

$$|u \cdot v| = |-1| = 1, \quad \|u\| \|v\| = \sqrt{u \cdot u} \sqrt{v \cdot v} = \sqrt{11} \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{55}, \quad |u \cdot v| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$$

- **The angle between two vectors in R^n :**

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



- **Note:** The angle between the zero vector and another vector is not defined.
- **Example 12:** Finding the angle between $\mathbf{u} = (-4, 0, 2, -2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (2, 0, -1, 1)$

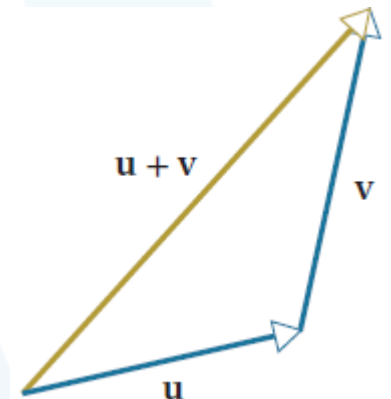
$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{24}$$

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

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

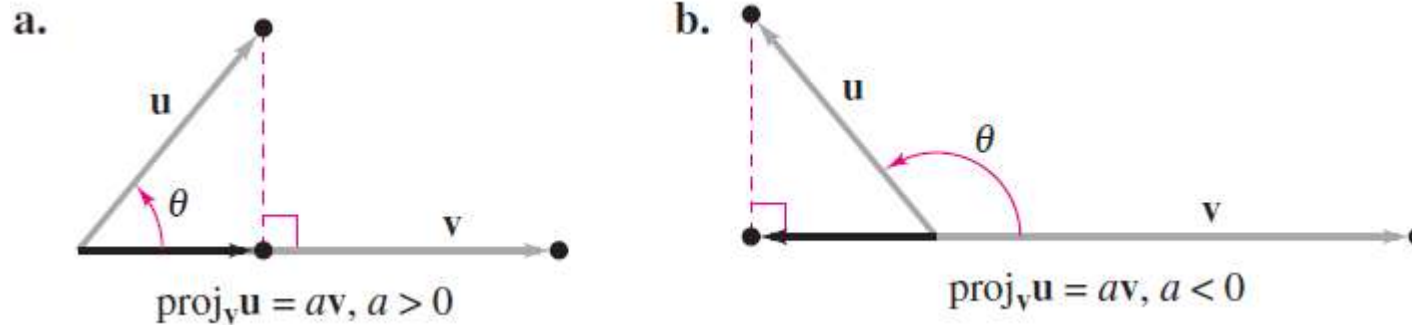
$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{24} \sqrt{6}} = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{144}} = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi$$

- **Note:** u and v have opposite directions ($u = -2v$).
- **Orthogonal vectors:** Two vectors u and v in R^n are orthogonal if $u \cdot v = 0$.
- **Note:** The vector 0 is said to be orthogonal to every vector.
- **Theorem 7: (The Triangle inequality)**
If u and v are vectors in R^n , then $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$
- **Note: Equality** occurs in the triangle inequality if and only if the vectors u and v have the **same direction**.



Orthogonal projections

- Let u and v be two vectors in R^n , such that $v \neq 0$. Then the orthogonal projection of u onto v is given by $\text{proj}_v u = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = av$



- Note:** If v is a unit vector, then $v \cdot v = \|v\|^2 = 1$. The formula for the orthogonal projection of u onto v takes the following simpler form:

$$\text{proj}_v u = (u \cdot v)v$$

- Example 13: (Finding an orthogonal projection in R^3)

Find the orthogonal projection of $u = (6, 2, 4)$ onto $v = (1, 2, 0)$.

$$u \cdot v = (6)(1) + (2)(2) + (4)(0) = 10$$

$$v \cdot v = 1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 = 5$$

$$\text{proj}_v u = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = \frac{10}{5} (1, 2, 0) = (2, 4, 0)$$

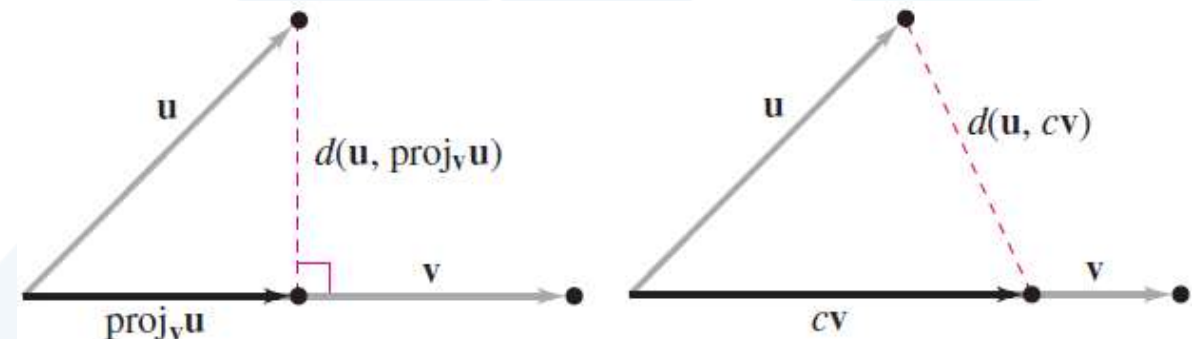
- Note: $u - \text{proj}_v u = (6, 2, 4) - (2, 4, 0) = (4, -2, 4)$ is orthogonal to $v = (1, 2, 0)$

- Theorem 8: (Orthogonal Projection and Distance)

If u and v are vectors in R^n , such that

$v \neq 0$. Then

$$d(u, \text{proj}_v u) < d(u, cv), \quad c \neq \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v}$$



- Theorem 9: (The Pythagorean theorem)**

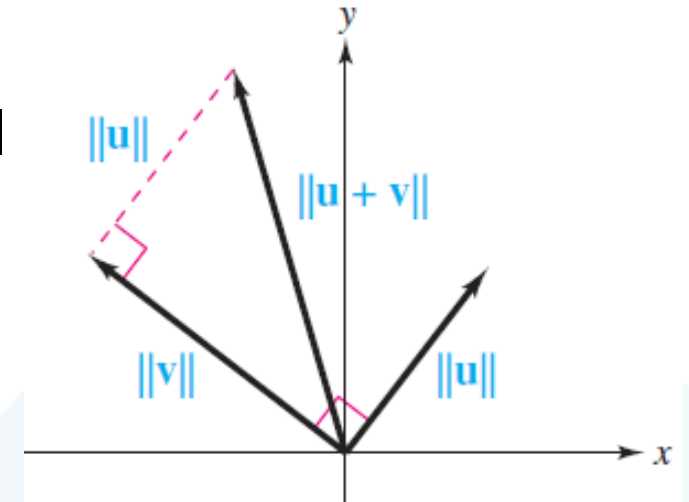
If u and v are vectors in R^n , then u and v are orthogonal if and only if: $\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$

- Dot product and matrix multiplication:**

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

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

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



3. Basis, Spanning Sets and Linear Independence

- **Definition:** Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is a non empty set of vectors in R^n and let the vector equation $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = \mathbf{0}$.
 - (1) If the equation has only the **trivial solution** ($c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$), then S is called **linearly independent (LI)**.
 - (2) If the equation has a **non trivial solution** (i.e. not all zeros), then S is called **linearly dependent (LD)**.
- **Notes:**
 - (1) $\mathbf{0} \in S \Rightarrow S$ is linearly dependent. (2) $v \neq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \{v\}$ is linearly independent.
 - (3) $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ if S_1 is linearly dependent $\Rightarrow S_2$ is linearly dependent.
if S_2 is linearly independent $\Rightarrow S_1$ is linearly independent.

- Example 14: (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in R^3 is LI or LD

$$S = \{v_1 = (1, 2, 3), v_2 = (0, 1, 2), v_3 = (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 - 2c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-J. Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is LI

- Independence of two vectors:** Two vectors u and v in R^n are linearly dependent if and only if one is a scalar multiple of the other.

(1) $S = \{v_1, v_2\} = \{(1, 2, 0), (-2, 2, 1)\}$ is LI because v_1 and v_2 are not scalar multiples of each other.

(2) $S = \{v_1, v_2\} = \{(4, -4, -2), (-2, 2, 1)\}$ is LD because $v_1 = -2v_2$

- **Theorem 10: (dependence in R^n)**

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be a set of different vectors in R^n . If $n < k$, then the set S is linearly dependent.

- **Note:** Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be a set of k vectors that are LI in R^n , then $k \leq n$.

- **Theorem 11: (Independence in R^n)**

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be n vectors in R^n . Let A be the $n \times n$ matrix whose columns are given by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Then vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are linearly independent \Leftrightarrow matrix A is invertible.

Spanning sets

- **Definition:** Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be a set of k vectors in R^n . The set S is a **spanning set** of R^n if every vector in R^n can be written as a **linear combination** of vectors in S . In such cases it is said that S spans or generates the n -space R^n .

- **Example 15: (A spanning set for R^3)**

The set $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ spans R^3 because any vector $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ in R^3 can be written as:

$$u = u_1(1, 0, 0) + u_2(0, 1, 0) + u_3(0, 0, 1) = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$$

- **Note:** Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be a set of k vectors in R^n that spans R^n , then $k \geq n$.

- **Example 16: (A spanning set for R^3)**

Show that the set $S_1 = \{v_1 = (1, 2, 3), v_2 = (0, 1, 2), v_3 = (-2, 0, 1)\}$ spans R^3

We must determine whether an arbitrary vector $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ in R^3 can be as a linear combination of v_1, v_2 and v_3 .

$$u \in R^3 \Rightarrow u = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 - 2c_3 = u_1 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 = u_2 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = u_3 \end{cases}$$

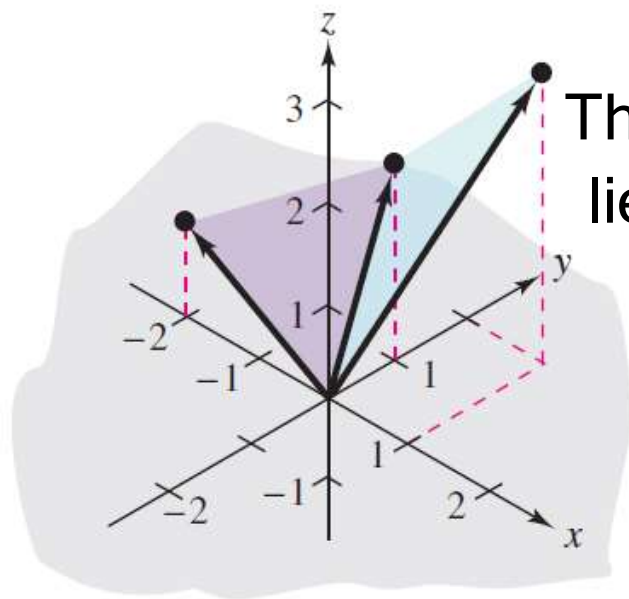
$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow Ax = b$ has exactly one solution for every u in R^3 .

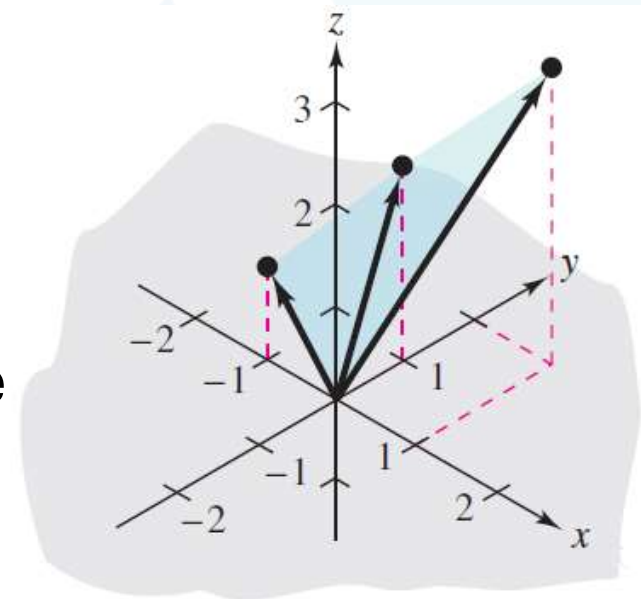
$\Rightarrow \text{spans}(S_1) = R^3$

■ **Example 17: (A Set Does Not Span R^3)**

From **Example 4**: the set $S_2 = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 1)\}$ does not span R^3 because $w = (1, -2, 2)$ is in R^3 and cannot be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors in S_2 .



The vectors in S_1 do not lie in a common plane



The vectors in S_2 lie in a common plane

$$S_1 = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 1)\}$$

Basis

- **Definition:** Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a set of n vectors in R^n . The set S form a **basis** for $R^n \Leftrightarrow$
 - v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n span R^n and
 - v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are linearly independent.
- The **standard** basis for R^3 : $\{i, j, k\} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$.
- A **nonstandard** Basis for R^3 : $S_1 = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$.
- **Notes:**
 - (1) Any n linearly independent vectors in R^n form a basis for R^n .
 - (2) Any n vectors which span R^n form a basis for R^n .
 - (3) Every basis of R^n contains exactly n vectors.

- **Theorem 12: (Uniqueness of basis representation)**

If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for R^n , then every vector in R^n can be **written** in one and only **one way** as a **linear combination** of vectors in S .

- **Example 18: (Basis for R^3)**

Show that the set $S = \{v_1 = (1, 2, 1), v_2 = (2, 9, 0), v_3 = (3, 3, 4)\}$ form a basis for R^3 .

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$$

$Ax = b$ has exactly one solution for every $u \Rightarrow \text{spans}(S) = R^3$.

$Ax = 0$ has exactly one (trivial) solution $\Rightarrow S$ is linearly independent.

$\Rightarrow S$ form a basis for R^3 .