

# Linear Algebra MAT313 Spring 2024

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### Lesson 1 Linear Systems and Vectors

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Carefully **take notes on pencil and graph paper** while watching the lesson videos. Pause the lesson to **try classwork before watching the solutions** video going over that classwork. If you work with any classmates, be sure to write their names on the problems you completed together.

Next **take photos of your notes and completed classwork** and a **selfie** taken holding up the first page of your work. **Copy and paste the photos** into a **googledoc** (not a pdf) with the name:

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**After the deadline**, I will send **feedback** on your notes, classwork, and homework and then you will have the **opportunity to resubmit** (if necessary) adding missing work and correcting errors. **After this lesson's notes, classwork and homework are completed correctly**, then you may continue to the next lesson. **After Lessons 1-3 are completed correctly**, **then you may take Quiz 1**.

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### Linear Algebra Welcome Video Playlist

(if you have not watched it yet, please watch it now)

The videos and classwork today will take more than two hours but the homework is shorter than usual. **There are 10 HW problems**. Usually a lesson including homework will take 6 hours.

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This lesson has two parts  
and each part has its own playlist:

[Part I: Linear Systems](#)

[Part II Vectors](#)

## **Part I: Linear Systems**

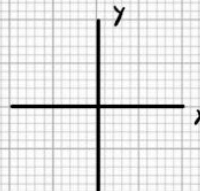
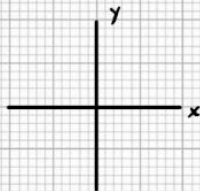
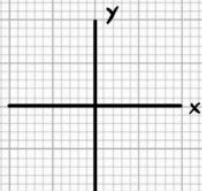
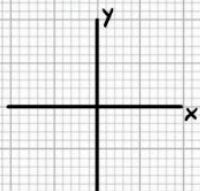
[Lesson 1 Playlist 313S23-L1-P1](#) with 12 videos and 20 classwork problems. If you wish you may first watch the videos about linear systems and take a break before watching the videos about vectors.

Class notes including solutions to classwork followed by homework:

We begin with Linear Equations

## Examples of Linear Equations

①  $x+y=4$     ②  $x-y=4$     ③  $x+y=8$     ④  $2x+2y=8$



one equation  
two variables:  $x$  and  $y$   
graph the solution to each of these

①  $x+y=4$

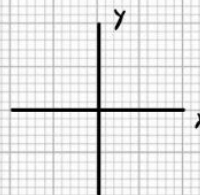
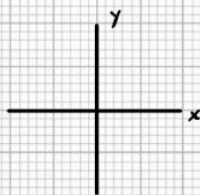
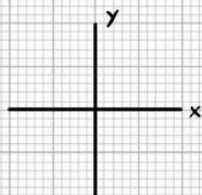
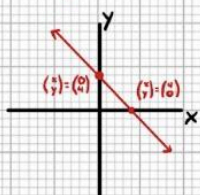
$y=4-x$  (basic algebra) slope  $= -1$   
 $y=-x+4$  y intercept  $= 4$

$y=mx+b$  ← will not use this in this course because it does not work with more variables

graph by finding  
two points on the line  
and drawing the line between them

## Examples of Linear Equations

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one equation  $ax+by=c$  The solution is a line in the plane.  
two variables:  $x$  and  $y$   
graph the solution to each of these

①  $x+y=4$  Solve graphically (know it is a line)

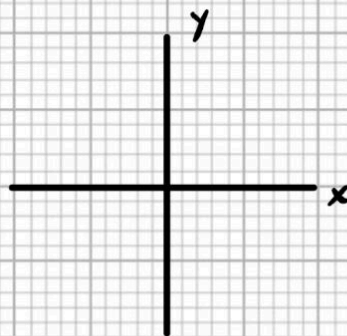
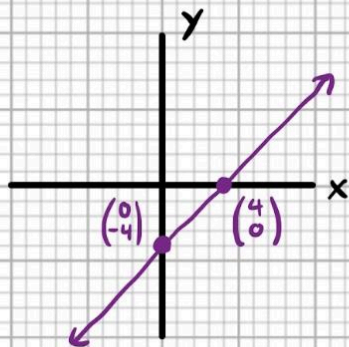
$x$	$y$
0	4
4	0

$0+y=4$   
 $x+0=4$

Classwork  
Use this method  
(1) (2) (3) + (4)



②  $x - y = 4$



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$0 - y = 4$   
 $y = -4$

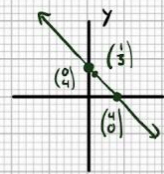
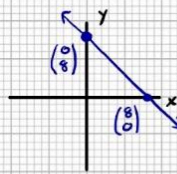
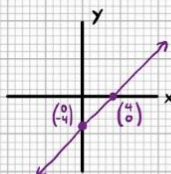
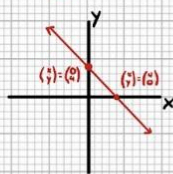
x	y
0	-4
4	0

$(0, -4)$

$x - 0 = 4$   
 $x = 4$

### Examples of Linear Equations

- ①  $x + y = 4$     ②  $x - y = 4$     ③  $x + y = 8$     ④  $2x + 2y = 8$



All points here solve the equation

③  $x + y = 8$

x	y
0	8
8	0

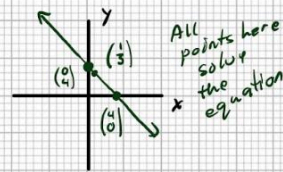
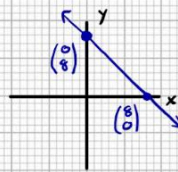
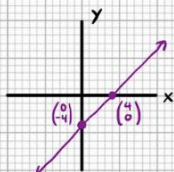
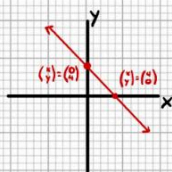
④  $2x + 2y = 8$

x	y
1	3
4	0

Next Solve systems of linear equations.

## Examples of Linear Equations

- ①  $x+y=4$     ②  $x-y=4$     ③  $x+y=8$     ④  $2x+2y=8$



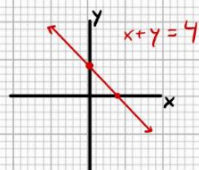
All points here solve the equation

## Examples of Systems of Linear Equations

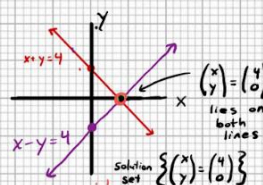
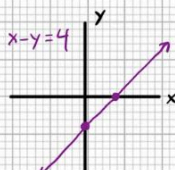
- ⑤  $x+y=4$  AND  $x-y=4$   
solutions to both equations

$$\begin{cases} x+y=4 \\ x-y=4 \end{cases}$$

Find points that lie on both lines.



and



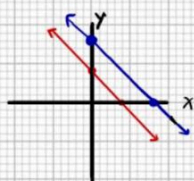
Check  $x=4$   $y=0$  solves the system  
 $4+0=4$  ✓  $4-0=4$  ✓

Solution set  $\{(x,y) = (0,4)\}$

- ⑥  $x+y=4$  AND  $x+y=8$

$$\begin{cases} x+y=4 \\ x+y=8 \end{cases}$$

Pause + solve graphically

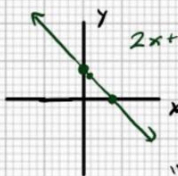
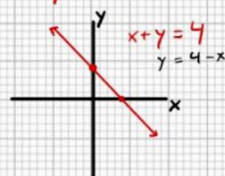


$x+y=4$   
 $x+y=8$   
are parallel  
never meet

no solution

$\emptyset$   
empty set

- ⑦  $x+y=4$  AND  $2x+2y=8$



Pause + solve!  
The same line.  
Every point on the line is a solution!  
 $\{(x,y) = (x, 4-x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Notice  $2x+2y=8$

divide both sides by 2

$$x+y=4$$

multiply both sides by 2  
 $2x+2y=8$

$$x+y=4 \iff 2x+2y=8$$

iff symbol  
"if and only if"



⑧  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $x - 2y = 0$

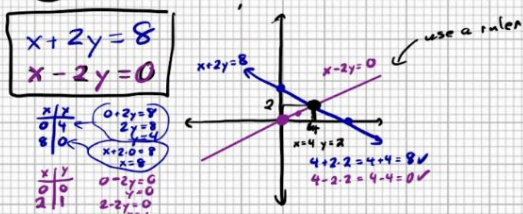
pause  
+  
try  
solutions  
are  
in the  
class notes.

⑨  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $2x + 4y = 16$

⑩  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $2x + 4y = 0$

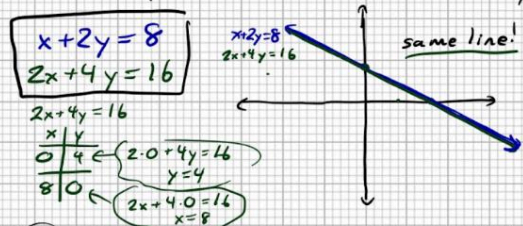
⑧  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $x - 2y = 0$

## Solutions



Solution Set =  $\{(x, y) = (4, 2)\}$   
only one point

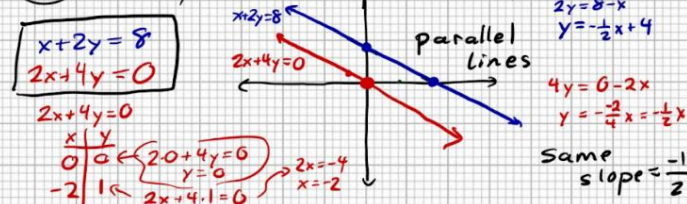
⑨  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $2x + 4y = 16$



a line  
Solution Set =  $\{(x, y) = (x, 4 - \frac{1}{2}x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$x+2y=8$   
 $2y=8-x$   
 $y=4-\frac{1}{2}x$

⑩  $x + 2y = 8$  AND  $2x + 4y = 0$



Solution Set =  $\emptyset$   
no solution

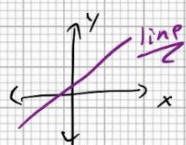
$2y=8-x$   
 $y=-\frac{1}{2}x+4$

$4y=0-2x$   
 $y=-\frac{2}{4}x=-\frac{1}{2}x$

same slope =  $-\frac{1}{2}$

## Definition of a Linear Equation

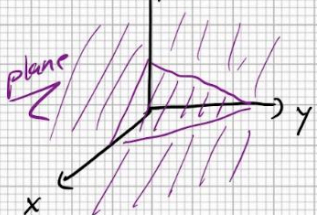
a linear equation with two variables:



$ax + by = c$  where  $a, b, c$  are given real numbers <sup>coefficients</sup> and  $x, y$  are unknown variables  
the solution is always a line.

with three variables:

$ax + by + cz = d$  where  $a, b, c, d$  are given <sup>coefficients</sup> and  $x, y, z$  are unknown



Solution set is a plane (will discuss more later)

more generally we will have  $m$  variables with  $m$  very large.

Defn a linear equation with  $m$  variables

$x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_m$  are unknown variables

each has a coefficient  $a_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + \dots + a_mx_m = d$$

we are given  $a_1, a_2 \dots a_m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $d \in \mathbb{R}$

find  $x_1 \dots x_m$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

Sum notation:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_j = d$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad m\text{-vector}$$



$$(11) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_1=2 \quad a_2=4 \quad a_3=6 \\ d=10$$

Rewrite  $\sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_j = d$  using these values:  
check if true or false

Solution:

Try  
before  
looking  
at the  
solution

$$(11) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_1=2 \quad a_2=4 \quad a_3=6 \\ d=10$$

Rewrite  $\sum_{j=1}^3 a_j x_j = d$  using these values:  
and check if true or false

Solution:  $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 = d$  by sum notation  
stop at  $\frac{3}{9}$  top of the sum

$$2 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 8 + 6 \cdot 9 = 10 \quad \text{false}$$

$$(12) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1=1 \quad a_2=3 \quad a_3=5 \quad a_4=7$$

Find the value of  $d$

$$d = \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j x_j$$

solutions in notes



(12)  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$   $a_1=1$   $a_2=3$   $a_3=5$   $a_4=7$   
Find the value of  $d$

$d = \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j x_j$  solutions in notes

Try before looking at the solution!

SOLUTION

(12)  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$   $a_1=1$   $a_2=3$   $a_3=5$   $a_4=7$   
Find the value of  $d$

$d = \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j x_j = \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j x_j = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 + a_4 x_4$

$= 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 6 + 7 \cdot 8$

$= 2 + 12 + 30 + 56 = 44 + 56 = 100$

stop at 4

$d=100$

Defn: A system of  $n$  linear equations  
with  $m$  unknown variables

$$\begin{array}{l} a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 + \dots + a_{1,m}x_m = d_1 \quad \leftarrow \text{equation 1} \\ a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 + \dots + a_{2,m}x_m = d_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{equation 2} \\ \dots \\ a_{n,1}x_1 + a_{n,2}x_2 + \dots + a_{n,m}x_m = d_n \quad \leftarrow \text{equation } n \end{array}$$

Can also use sum notation

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{i,j}x_j = d_i \quad \text{for } i=1 \text{ to } n$$



⑬  $a_{1,1} = 1$     $a_{1,2} = 2$     $a_{1,3} = 3$     $d_1 = 10$   
 $a_{2,1} = 4$     $a_{2,2} = 5$     $a_{2,3} = 6$     $d_2 = 11$

Rewrite the system  $\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{ij} x_j = d_i$  for  $i=1,2$

with  $x_1 = x$   
 $x_2 = y$   
 $x_3 = z$

pause + try

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 $x_3 = z$

pause + try

2 equations:

$i=1$     $\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{1j} x_j = d_1$

$i=2$     $\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{2j} x_j = d_2$

$a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 + a_{1,3} x_3 = d_1$   
 $1x + 2y + 3z = 10$

$a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 + a_{2,3} x_3 = d_2$   
 $4x + 5y + 6z = 11$

$1x + 2y + 3z = 10$   
 $4x + 5y + 6z = 11$

(14) Rewrite the system

$$5x + 2y = 10$$

$$2x - 4y = 0$$

$$x + y = 8$$

using sum notation

and tell us the value of each  $a_{ij}$ ,  $d_i$ ,  $x_j$

use sum notation

coefficients  
 $a_{ij}$   
 $i^{\text{th}}$  equation  
 $j^{\text{th}}$  variable  $x_j$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j = d_i \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } n$$

pause + solve

(14) Rewrite the system

$$5x + 2y = 10 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2x - 4y = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$1x + 1y = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

using sum notation

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use sum notation

coefficients

$a_{ij}$   
 $i^{\text{th}}$  equation  
 $j^{\text{th}}$  variable  $x_j$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j = d_i \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } n$$

2 ← because we have  $m=2$  variables  $x_1=x$   $x_2=y$   
 $\sum_{j=1}^2 a_{ij} x_j = d_i \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } n=3$   
 because we have 3 equations

equation  $i=1$      $a_{1,1}=5$      $a_{1,2}=2$      $d_1=10$

equation  $i=2$      $a_{2,1}=2$      $a_{2,2}=-4$      $d_2=0$

equation  $i=3$      $a_{3,1}=1$      $a_{3,2}=1$      $d_3=8$

↑  
 because  $x=1 \cdot x$



If you wish you can do the first five homework problems now and do Part II another day.

## Lesson 1 Homework

**HW1** Graph and Solve  
(write the solution set)

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 12 \\ 4x + 9y &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

**HW2** Graph and Solve

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 12 \\ 4x + 6y &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

**HW3** Graph and Solve

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 12 \\ 4x + 6y &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

**HW4**

Rewrite the system  
as a sum

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y + 4z &= 5 \\ 6x + 7y + 8z &= 9 \\ x - y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j = d_i \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } n$$

with  $x_1 = x$   $x_2 = y$   $x_3 = z$

What is  $m$ ? What is  $n$ ?

What are the  $a_{ij}$  and  $d_i$ ?

**HW5**

Write the system  $\sum_{j=1}^4 a_{ij} x_j = d_i$  for  $i=1$  to  $3$

with  $x_1 = x$   $x_2 = y$   $x_3 = z$   $x_4 = w$

$d_i = i^2$  (that is  $d_1 = 1$   $d_2 = 2^2 = 4$   $d_3 = 3^2 = 9$ ...)

and  $a_{ij} = (i+j)$  ( $a_{1,1} = 1+1=2$   $a_{1,2} = 1+2=3$ ...)

## Part II Vectors

Watch [Playlist 313S23-L1-P2.](#)



## Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^m$

$m=2$  vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Example

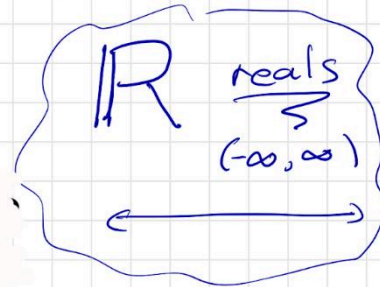
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$m=3$  vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

seen in vector calculus

vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$



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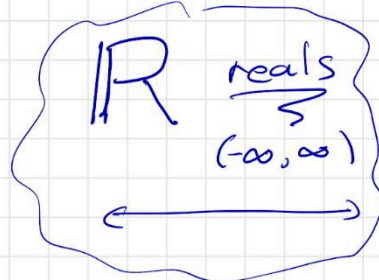
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seen in vector calculus

vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$



Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^8$$

we will have  $m=10,000$   
or higher

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \quad \vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \\ z_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$y_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  "entry" of vector  $\vec{y}$   
"component"

### Addition of Vectors:

Definition: Given  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  then

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m + y_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$\in$  in  
symbol

Rewrite

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(15)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+4 \\ 2+5 \\ 3+6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

(16)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+0 \\ 3+0 \\ 5+0 \\ 7+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$

## Definition: Scalar Multiplication of Vectors

Given a vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  
a scalar  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

we define the scalar product

$$t \vec{v} = t \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tv_1 \\ tv_2 \\ \vdots \\ tv_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Rescales  
the vector  
by  $t$

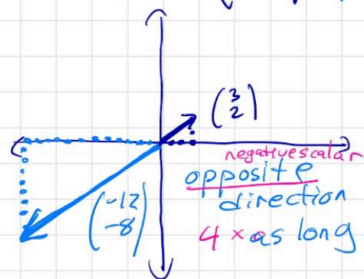
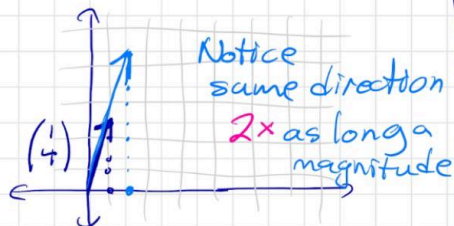
(17)  $2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = ?$  graph      (18)  $-4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = ?$  graph  
pause + try

we define the scalar product

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Rescales  
the vector  
by  $t$

(17)  $2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$       (18)  $-4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \cdot 3 \\ -4 \cdot 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$





Definition: Subtraction of vectors: Given  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^m$

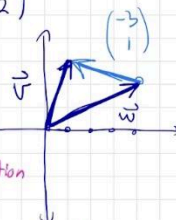
$$\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{v} + \underbrace{(-1)\vec{w}}_{\substack{\text{scalar} \\ \text{product} \\ \text{(reverses} \\ \text{direction)}}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

(19) Graph  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
and find  $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$   
(pause + try)

Solution:

(19) Graph  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
and find  $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$

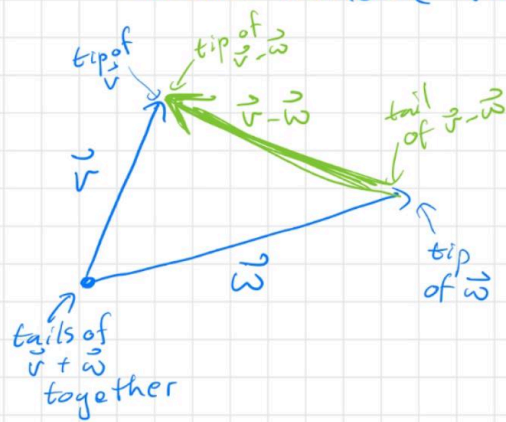
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} - \vec{w} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by our } \vec{v} + \vec{w} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by defn of subtraction} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (-1)4 \\ (-1)2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by defn of scalar mult.} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by arithmetic } \begin{matrix} (-1)4 = -4 \\ (-1)2 = -2 \end{matrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + (-4) \\ 3 + (-2) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by defn of vector addition} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{by arithmetic } \begin{matrix} 1 - 4 = -3 \\ 3 - 2 = 1 \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

Justified my steps

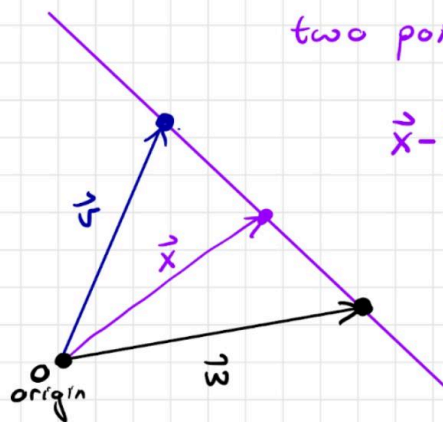
In fact  $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$  is always a vector  
whose tip is at the tip of  $\vec{v}$   
and whose tail is at the tip of  $\vec{w}$



For more about vector addition and scalar multiplication, see **Additional Resources** at the end of this lesson

## Lines written in Vector Notation

Find a formula for a line through  
two points  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix}$

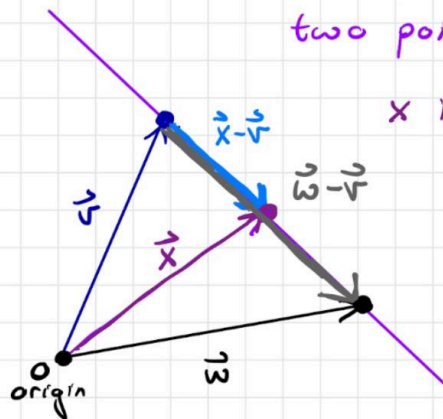


$$\vec{x} - \vec{v}$$

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$\vec{x}$  is a typical point on the line



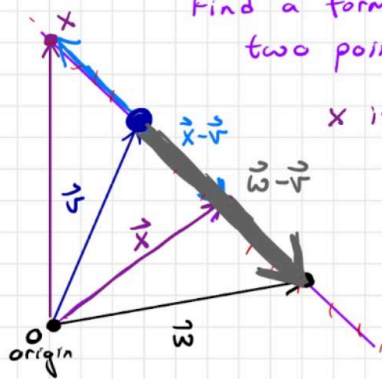
$$\vec{x} - \vec{v} = t(\vec{w} - \vec{v})$$



## Lines written in Vector Notation

Find a formula for a line through two points  $\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix}$

$x$  is a typical point on the line



$$\vec{x} - \vec{r} = t(\vec{w} - \vec{r})$$

$$\left\{ \vec{x} = \vec{r} + t(\vec{w} - \vec{r}) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

position  
vector  
 $\vec{r}$   
on the line

direction  
vector  
 $(\vec{w} - \vec{r})$   
where  $\vec{w}$  is  
also on the line

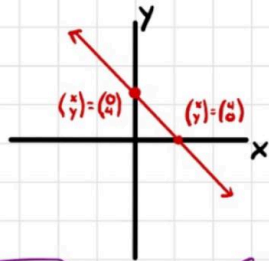
as we change the value  
of  $t$  we get different  
points  $x$  lying on the line

② Write this line in vector notation  
 $x + y = 4$

Solution below

First choose two points to be  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{w}$ .

(20) Write this line in vector notation  
 $x + y = 4$  using  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$



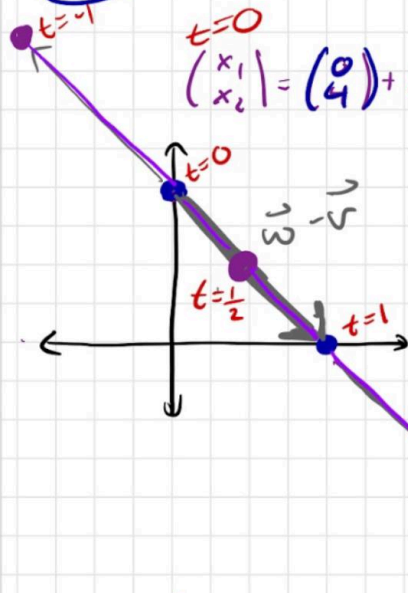
$$\left\{ \vec{x} = \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{position}} + t \underbrace{(\vec{w} - \vec{v})}_{\text{direction}} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 4-0 \\ 0-4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(20b) Plot the vectors for  $t=0, t=1, t=-1, t=2, t=-2$  and  $t=\frac{1}{2}$



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ position } \vec{v}$$

$$t=1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \vec{w}$$

$$t=-1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t=2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t=\frac{1}{2} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

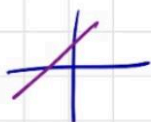
$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and even  $\mathbb{R}^m$

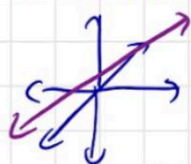
$$\{ \vec{x} = \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{position}} + t \underbrace{(\vec{w} - \vec{v})}_{\text{direction}} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

works in all dimensions.

$m=2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



$m=3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



$m=4$  and higher

cannot be drawn

but we can still describe the set.

Example in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

Find the line through  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution: try first if you wish

$$\text{Direction } \vec{w} - \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0-1 \\ 1-2 \\ 5-3 \\ 8-4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

check  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are on the line

$$\text{at } t=0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \vec{v} \text{ on line}$$

$$\text{at } t=1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-1 \\ 2-1 \\ 3+2 \\ 4+4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \vec{w} \text{ on line}$$

$$\text{at } t=2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-2 \\ 2-2 \\ 3+4 \\ 4+8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on the line.}$$



Check to verify that you have watched all the videos in both playlists before doing your homework.

#### Additional Resources:

Rootmath Linear Algebra Section 1.1: about vector addition and scalar multiplication:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA738885C1D6E75A4>

[Lines for Linear Algebra videos and notes](#)

#### Homework:

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Include photos of your notes and then **do the ten homework problems below** showing all work:

**HW1**

Graph and Solve

$$2x + 3y = 12$$

$$4x + 6y = 24$$

**HW2**

Graph and Solve

$$2x + 3y = 12$$

$$4x + 6y = 36$$

**HW3**

Graph and Solve  
(write the solution set)

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 12 \\ 4x + 9y &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

**HW4**

Rewrite the system

$$\begin{aligned} 5x + 1y + 2z &= 3 \\ 4x + 2y + 1z &= 4 \\ x - y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

as a sum

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j = d_i \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } n$$

$$\text{with } x_1 = x \quad x_2 = y \quad x_3 = z$$

What is  $m$ ? What is  $n$ ?

What are the  $a_{i,j}$  and  $d_i$ ?

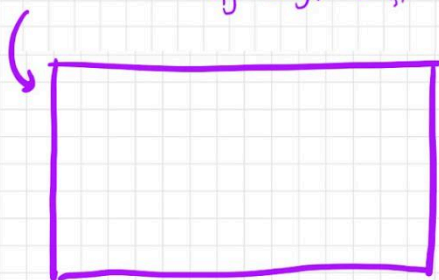
**HW5**

Write the system  $\sum_{j=1}^4 a_{ij} x_j = d_i$  for  $i=1, 2, 3$

$$\text{with } x_1 = x \quad x_2 = y \quad x_3 = z \quad x_4 = w$$

$$d_i = i^2 \quad (\text{that is } d_1 = 1 \quad d_2 = 2^2 = 4 \quad d_3 = 3^2 = 9 \dots)$$

$$\text{and } a_{i,j} = (i+j) \quad (a_{1,1} = 1+1=2 \quad a_{1,2} = 1+2=3 \dots)$$



**HW6** Let  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

find  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} =$

$\vec{w} - \vec{v} =$

$-3\vec{v} =$

$5\vec{v} + 2\vec{w} =$

$x\vec{v} + y\vec{w} =$

**HW7** Plot the line with  
position  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and direction  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Write it using set notation.

**HW8** Plot the line through

$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Write it using set notation.



**HW 9** Find the solution set for the line with position  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and direction  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  (No plot needed) and find the points on the line at  $t=0$ ,  $t=1$ , and  $t=2$ .

**HW 10** Find the line through  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and write the solution set (do not plot)

To submit homework follow the directions at the top of this document.

Do not continue to the next lesson until I have checked this work and given feedback.

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**Extra work** if this lesson was not too difficult for you:

Read [Beezer Preliminaries on Complex numbers](#) and then practice at [IXL](#) and then do the following 5 problems:

Find  $(2-3i) + (4+5i) =$   
 $(2+5i) - (5-2i) =$   
 $(2-3i)(4+5i) =$   
 $(2+3i)(2-3i) =$   
 $\frac{2+3i}{4+5i} =$

Submit this in your Lesson 1 googledoc at well. If this lesson was difficult for you then you may do this later in the course. We will only need complex numbers later.

