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## Problem Set 1.1, page 8

- 1 The combinations give (a) a line in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  (b) a plane in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  (c) all of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
- 2  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (2, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = (6, -1)$  will be the diagonals of the parallelogram with  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  as two sides going out from  $(0, 0)$ .
- 3 This problem gives the diagonals  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  of the parallelogram and asks for the sides: The opposite of Problem 2. In this example  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (2, -2)$ .
- 4  $3\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (7, 5)$  and  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w} = (2c + d, c + 2d)$ .
- 5  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (-2, 3, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $2\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (\text{add first answers}) = (-2, 3, 1)$ . The vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  are in the same plane because a combination gives  $(0, 0, 0)$ . Stated another way:  $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  is in the plane of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- 6 The components of every  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$  add to zero because the components of  $\mathbf{v}$  and of  $\mathbf{w}$  add to zero.  $c = 3$  and  $d = 9$  give  $(3, 3, -6)$ . There is no solution to  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w} = (3, 3, 6)$  because  $3 + 3 + 6$  is not zero.
- 7 The nine combinations  $c(2, 1) + d(0, 1)$  with  $c = 0, 1, 2$  and  $d = (0, 1, 2)$  will lie on a lattice. If we took all whole numbers  $c$  and  $d$ , the lattice would lie over the whole plane.
- 8 The other diagonal is  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  (or else  $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}$ ). Adding diagonals gives  $2\mathbf{v}$  (or  $2\mathbf{w}$ ).
- 9 The fourth corner can be  $(4, 4)$  or  $(4, 0)$  or  $(-2, 2)$ . Three possible parallelograms!
- 10  $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} = (1, 1, 0)$  is in the base ( $x$ - $y$  plane).  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} = (1, 1, 1)$  is the opposite corner from  $(0, 0, 0)$ . Points in the cube have  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ .
- 11 Four more corners  $(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)$ . The center point is  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . Centers of faces are  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2})$ .
- 12 The combinations of  $\mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} = (1, 1, 0)$  fill the  $xy$  plane in  $xyz$  space.
- 13 Sum = zero vector. Sum =  $-2:00$  vector =  $8:00$  vector.  $2:00$  is  $30^\circ$  from horizontal =  $(\cos \frac{\pi}{6}, \sin \frac{\pi}{6}) = (\sqrt{3}/2, 1/2)$ .
- 14 Moving the origin to  $6:00$  adds  $\mathbf{j} = (0, 1)$  to every vector. So the sum of twelve vectors changes from  $\mathbf{0}$  to  $12\mathbf{j} = (0, 12)$ .

- 15** The point  $\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{w}$  is three-fourths of the way to  $\mathbf{v}$  starting from  $\mathbf{w}$ . The vector  $\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{w}$  is halfway to  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  is  $2\mathbf{u}$  (the far corner of the parallelogram).
- 16** All combinations with  $c + d = 1$  are on the line that passes through  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . The point  $\mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}$  is on that line but it is beyond  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- 17** All vectors  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$  are on the line passing through  $(0, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}$ . That line continues out beyond  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and back beyond  $(0, 0)$ . With  $c \geq 0$ , half of this line is removed, leaving a *ray* that starts at  $(0, 0)$ .
- 18** The combinations  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$  with  $0 \leq c \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq d \leq 1$  fill the parallelogram with sides  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . For example, if  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1)$  then  $c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$  fills the unit square. But when  $\mathbf{v} = (a, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (b, 0)$  these combinations only fill a segment of a line.
- 19** With  $c \geq 0$  and  $d \geq 0$  we get the infinite “cone” or “wedge” between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . For example, if  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1)$ , then the cone is the whole quadrant  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ . *Question:* What if  $\mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{v}$ ? The cone opens to a half-space. But the combinations of  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 0)$  only fill a line.
- 20** (a)  $\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{w}$  is the center of the triangle between  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}$  lies between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  (b) To fill the triangle keep  $c \geq 0, d \geq 0, e \geq 0$ , and  $c + d + e = 1$ .
- 21** The sum is  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{zero\ vector}$ . Those three sides of a triangle are in the same plane!
- 22** The vector  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$  is *outside* the pyramid because  $c + d + e = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} > 1$ .
- 23** All vectors are combinations of  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  as drawn (not in the same plane). Start by seeing that  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$  fills a plane, then adding  $e\mathbf{w}$  fills all of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
- 24** The combinations of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  fill one plane. The combinations of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  fill another plane. Those planes meet in a *line*: *only the vectors  $c\mathbf{v}$*  are in both planes.
- 25** (a) For a line, choose  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} =$  any nonzero vector (b) For a plane, choose  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in different directions. A combination like  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in the same plane.

- 26** Two equations come from the two components:  $c + 3d = 14$  and  $2c + d = 8$ . The solution is  $c = 2$  and  $d = 4$ . Then  $2(1, 2) + 4(3, 1) = (14, 8)$ .
- 27** A four-dimensional cube has  $2^4 = 16$  corners and  $2 \cdot 4 = 8$  three-dimensional faces and 24 two-dimensional faces and 32 edges in Worked Example **2.4 A**.
- 28** There are **6** unknown numbers  $v_1, v_2, v_3, w_1, w_2, w_3$ . The six equations come from the components of  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (4, 5, 6)$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = (2, 5, 8)$ . Add to find  $2\mathbf{v} = (6, 10, 14)$  so  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 5, 7)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 0, -1)$ .
- 29** Fact: For any three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  in the plane, some combination  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{w}$  is the zero vector (beyond the obvious  $c = d = e = 0$ ). So if there is one combination  $C\mathbf{u} + D\mathbf{v} + E\mathbf{w}$  that produces  $\mathbf{b}$ , there will be many more—just add  $c, d, e$  or  $2c, 2d, 2e$  to the particular solution  $C, D, E$ .
- The example has  $3\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = 3(1, 3) - 2(2, 7) + 1(1, 5) = (0, 0)$ . It also has  $-2\mathbf{u} + 1\mathbf{v} + 0\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{b} = (0, 1)$ . Adding gives  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (0, 1)$ . In this case  $c, d, e$  equal 3, -2, 1 and  $C, D, E = -2, 1, 0$ .
- Could another example have  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  that could NOT combine to produce  $\mathbf{b}$ ? Yes. The vectors  $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)$  are on a line and no combination produces  $\mathbf{b}$ . We can easily solve  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{w} = 0$  but not  $C\mathbf{u} + D\mathbf{v} + E\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- 30** The combinations of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  fill the plane *unless*  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  lie on the same line through  $(0, 0)$ . Four vectors whose combinations fill 4-dimensional space: one example is the “standard basis”  $(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0)$ , and  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ .
- 31** The equations  $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v} + e\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{b}$  are

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2c - d & = & 1 \\ -c + 2d - e & = & 0 \\ -d + 2e & = & 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{So } d = 2e \\ \text{then } c = 3e \\ \text{then } 4e = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} c = 3/4 \\ d = 2/4 \\ e = 1/4 \end{array}$$

## Problem Set 1.2, page 18

- 1**  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -2.4 + 2.4 = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} = -.6 + 1.6 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 + 1$ ,  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 4 + 6 = 10 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ .
- 2**  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 5$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{5}$ . Then  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| = 0 < (1)(5)$  and  $|\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}| = 10 < 5\sqrt{5}$ , confirming the Schwarz inequality.
- 3** Unit vectors  $\mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = (\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}) = (0.8, 0.6)$ . The vectors  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $(2, -1)$ , and  $-\mathbf{w}$  make  $0^\circ, 90^\circ, 180^\circ$  angles with  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{w}\| = (1/\sqrt{5}, 2/\sqrt{5})$ . The cosine of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = 10/5\sqrt{5}$ .
- 4** (a)  $\mathbf{v} \cdot (-\mathbf{v}) = -1$  (b)  $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 1 + (\quad) - (\quad) - 1 = \mathbf{0}$  so  $\theta = 90^\circ$  (notice  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ) (c)  $(\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} - 4\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 1 - 4 = -3$ .
- 5**  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = (1, 3)/\sqrt{10}$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{w}\| = (2, 1, 2)/3$ .  $\mathbf{U}_1 = (3, -1)/\sqrt{10}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}_1$  (and so is  $(-3, 1)/\sqrt{10}$ ).  $\mathbf{U}_2$  could be  $(1, -2, 0)/\sqrt{5}$ : There is a whole plane of vectors perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}_2$ , and a whole circle of unit vectors in that plane.
- 6** All vectors  $\mathbf{w} = (c, 2c)$  are perpendicular to  $\mathbf{v}$ . They lie on a line. All vectors  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y + z = 0$  lie on a *plane*. All vectors perpendicular to  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$  lie on a *line* in 3-dimensional space.
- 7** (a)  $\cos \theta = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| = 1/(2)(1)$  so  $\theta = 60^\circ$  or  $\pi/3$  radians (b)  $\cos \theta = 0$  so  $\theta = 90^\circ$  or  $\pi/2$  radians (c)  $\cos \theta = 2/(2)(2) = 1/2$  so  $\theta = 60^\circ$  or  $\pi/3$  (d)  $\cos \theta = -1/\sqrt{2}$  so  $\theta = 135^\circ$  or  $3\pi/4$ .
- 8** (a) False:  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are any vectors in the plane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$  (b) True:  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$  (c) True,  $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$  splits into  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2$  when  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ .
- 9** If  $v_2w_2/v_1w_1 = -1$  then  $v_2w_2 = -v_1w_1$  or  $v_1w_1 + v_2w_2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ : perpendicular!  
The vectors  $(1, 4)$  and  $(1, -\frac{1}{4})$  are perpendicular.

- 10** Slopes  $2/1$  and  $-1/2$  multiply to give  $-1$ : then  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$  and the vectors (the directions) are perpendicular.
- 11**  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} < 0$  means angle  $> 90^\circ$ ; these  $\mathbf{w}$ 's fill half of 3-dimensional space.
- 12**  $(1, 1)$  perpendicular to  $(1, 5) - c(1, 1)$  if  $(1, 1) \cdot (1, 5) - c(1, 1) \cdot (1, 1) = 6 - 2c = 0$  or  $c = 3$ ;  $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{w} - c\mathbf{v}) = 0$  if  $c = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} / \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ . Subtracting  $c\mathbf{v}$  is the key to constructing a perpendicular vector.
- 13** The plane perpendicular to  $(1, 0, 1)$  contains all vectors  $(c, d, -c)$ . In that plane,  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0, -1)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1, 0)$  are perpendicular.
- 14** One possibility among many:  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 0, 1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, -1, -1)$  and  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  are perpendicular to each other. "We can rotate those  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  in their 3D hyperplane and they will stay perpendicular."
- 15**  $\frac{1}{2}(x + y) = (2 + 8)/2 = 5$  and  $5 > 4$ ;  $\cos \theta = 2\sqrt{16}/\sqrt{10}\sqrt{10} = 8/10$ .
- 16**  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = 9$  so  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 3$ ;  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}/3 = (\frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{3})$  is a unit vector in 9D;  $\mathbf{w} = (1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)/\sqrt{2}$  is a unit vector in the 8D hyperplane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- 17**  $\cos \alpha = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\cos \beta = 0$ ,  $\cos \gamma = -1/\sqrt{2}$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  the cosines with  $(1, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  are  $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = (v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2) / \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 1$ .
- 18**  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 4^2 + 2^2 = 20$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = (-1)^2 + 2^2 = 5$ . Pythagoras is  $\|(3, 4)\|^2 = 25 = 20 + 5$  for the length of the hypotenuse  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (3, 4)$ .
- 19** Start from the rules (1), (2), (3) for  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$  and  $(c\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . Use rule (2) for  $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . By rule (1) this is  $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ . Rule (2) again gives  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . Notice  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ! The main point is to feel free to open up parentheses.
- 20** We know that  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . The Law of Cosines writes  $\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\|\cos \theta$  for  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . Here  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . When  $\theta < 90^\circ$  this  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is positive, so in this case  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is larger than  $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|^2$ .  
Pythagoras changes from equality  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  to *inequality* when  $\theta < 90^\circ$  or  $\theta > 90^\circ$ .

- 21**  $2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} \leq 2\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\|$  leads to  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$ . This is  $(\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|)^2$ . Taking square roots gives  $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$ .
- 22**  $v_1^2 w_1^2 + 2v_1 w_1 v_2 w_2 + v_2^2 w_2^2 \leq v_1^2 w_1^2 + v_1^2 w_2^2 + v_2^2 w_1^2 + v_2^2 w_2^2$  is true (cancel 4 terms) because the difference is  $v_1^2 w_2^2 + v_2^2 w_1^2 - 2v_1 w_1 v_2 w_2$  which is  $(v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1)^2 \geq 0$ .
- 23**  $\cos \beta = w_1/\|\mathbf{w}\|$  and  $\sin \beta = w_2/\|\mathbf{w}\|$ . Then  $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = \cos \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \beta \sin \alpha = v_1 w_1/\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| + v_2 w_2/\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\|$ . This is  $\cos \theta$  because  $\beta - \alpha = \theta$ .
- 24** Example 6 gives  $|u_1|U_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 + U_1^2)$  and  $|u_2|U_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(u_2^2 + U_2^2)$ . The whole line becomes  $.96 \leq (.6)(.8) + (.8)(.6) \leq \frac{1}{2}(.6^2 + .8^2) + \frac{1}{2}(.8^2 + .6^2) = 1$ . True:  $.96 < 1$ .
- 25** The cosine of  $\theta$  is  $x/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , near side over hypotenuse. Then  $|\cos \theta|^2$  is not greater than 1:  $x^2/(x^2 + y^2) \leq 1$ .
- 26–27** (with apologies for that typo!) These two lines add to  $2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{w}\|^2$ :
- $$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$$
- $$\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$$
- 28** The vectors  $\mathbf{w} = (x, y)$  with  $(1, 2) \cdot \mathbf{w} = x + 2y = 5$  lie on a line in the  $xy$  plane. The shortest  $\mathbf{w}$  on that line is  $(1, 2)$ . (The Schwarz inequality  $\|\mathbf{w}\| \geq \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{5}$  is an equality when  $\cos \theta = 0$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 2)$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{5}$ .)
- 29** The length  $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|$  is between 2 and 8 (triangle inequality when  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 5$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\| = 3$ ). The dot product  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is between  $-15$  and  $15$  by the Schwarz inequality.
- 30** Three vectors in the plane could make angles greater than  $90^\circ$  with each other: for example  $(1, 0), (-1, 4), (-1, -4)$ . Four vectors could *not* do this ( $360^\circ$  total angle). How many can do this in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  or  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ? Ben Harris and Greg Marks showed me that the answer is  $n + 1$ . The vectors from the center of a regular simplex in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  to its  $n + 1$  vertices all have negative dot products. If  $n + 2$  vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  had negative dot products, project them onto the plane orthogonal to the last one. Now you have  $n + 1$  vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  with negative dot products. Keep going to 4 vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ : no way!
- 31** For a specific example, pick  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, -3)$  and then  $\mathbf{w} = (-3, 1, 2)$ . In this example  $\cos \theta = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}/\|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| = -7/\sqrt{14}\sqrt{14} = -1/2$  and  $\theta = 120^\circ$ . This always happens when  $x + y + z = 0$ :

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = xz + xy + yz = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + z)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

This is the same as  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|$ . Then  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**32** Wikipedia gives this proof of geometric mean  $G = \sqrt[3]{xyz} \leq$  arithmetic mean  $A = (x + y + z)/3$ . First there is equality in case  $x = y = z$ . Otherwise  $A$  is somewhere between the three positive numbers, say for example  $z < A < y$ .

Use the known inequality  $g \leq a$  for the *two* positive numbers  $x$  and  $y + z - A$ . Their mean  $a = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + z - A)$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(3A - A) =$  same as  $A$ ! So  $a \geq g$  says that  $A^3 \geq g^2 A = x(y + z - A)A$ . But  $(y + z - A)A = (y - A)(A - z) + yz > yz$ . Substitute to find  $A^3 > xyz = G^3$  as we wanted to prove. Not easy!

There are many proofs of  $G = (x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n)^{1/n} \leq A = (x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n)/n$ . In calculus you are maximizing  $G$  on the plane  $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = n$ . The maximum occurs when all  $x$ 's are equal.

**33** The columns of the 4 by 4 “Hadamard matrix” (times  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) are perpendicular unit vectors:

$$\frac{1}{2}H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**34** The commands  $V = \mathbf{randn}(3, 30)$ ;  $D = \mathbf{sqrt}(\mathbf{diag}(V' * V))$ ;  $U = V \setminus D$ ; will give 30 random unit vectors in the columns of  $U$ . Then  $\mathbf{u}' * U$  is a row matrix of 30 dot products whose average absolute value should be close to  $2/\pi$ .

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**1**  $3\mathbf{s}_1 + 4\mathbf{s}_2 + 5\mathbf{s}_3 = (3, 7, 12)$ . The same vector  $\mathbf{b}$  comes from  $S$  times  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 4, 5)$ :



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\text{row 1}) \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ (\text{row 2}) \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ (\text{row 2}) \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 2** The solutions are  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 0, y_3 = 0$  (right side = column 1) and  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 3, y_3 = 5$ . That second example illustrates that the first  $n$  odd numbers add to  $n^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1 = B_1 \\ y_1 + y_2 = B_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = B_3 \end{array} \quad \text{gives} \quad \begin{array}{l} y_1 = B_1 \\ y_2 = -B_1 + B_2 \\ y_3 = -B_2 + B_3 \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ : **independent** columns in  $A$  and  $S$ !

- 4** The combination  $0\mathbf{w}_1 + 0\mathbf{w}_2 + 0\mathbf{w}_3$  always gives the zero vector, but this problem looks for other *zero* combinations (then the vectors are *dependent*, they lie in a plane):  $\mathbf{w}_2 = (\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_3)/2$  so one combination that gives zero is  $\mathbf{w}_1 - 2\mathbf{w}_2 + \mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ .
- 5** The rows of the 3 by 3 matrix in Problem 4 must also be *dependent*:  $\mathbf{r}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_3)$ . The column and row combinations that produce  $\mathbf{0}$  are the same: this is unusual. Two solutions to  $y_1\mathbf{r}_1 + y_2\mathbf{r}_2 + y_3\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{0}$  are  $(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) = (1, -2, 1)$  and  $(2, -4, 2)$ .

**6**  $c = \mathbf{3}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 & \mathbf{3} \end{bmatrix}$  has column 3 = column 1 - column 2

$c = -\mathbf{1}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\mathbf{1} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has column 3 = - column 1 + column 2

$c = \mathbf{0}$   $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  has column 3 = 3 (column 1) - column 2

- 7** All three rows are perpendicular to the solution  $\mathbf{x}$  (the three equations  $\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{r}_3 \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$  tell us this). Then the whole plane of the rows is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{x}$  (the plane is also perpendicular to all multiples  $c\mathbf{x}$ ).

$$\mathbf{8} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 0 = b_1 \quad x_1 = b_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 = b_2 \quad x_2 = b_1 + b_2 \\ x_3 - x_2 = b_3 \quad x_3 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \\ x_4 - x_3 = b_4 \quad x_4 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

- 9** The cyclic difference matrix  $C$  has a line of solutions (in 4 dimensions) to  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{when } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \\ c \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \text{any constant vector.}$$

$$\mathbf{10} \quad \begin{array}{l} z_2 - z_1 = b_1 \quad z_1 = -b_1 - b_2 - b_3 \\ z_3 - z_2 = b_2 \quad z_2 = -b_2 - b_3 \\ 0 - z_3 = b_3 \quad z_3 = -b_3 \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \Delta^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

- 11** The forward differences of the squares are  $(t+1)^2 - t^2 = t^2 + 2t + 1 - t^2 = 2t + 1$ . Differences of the  $n$ th power are  $(t+1)^n - t^n = t^n - t^n + nt^{n-1} + \dots$ . The leading term is the derivative  $nt^{n-1}$ . The binomial theorem gives all the terms of  $(t+1)^n$ .

- 12** Centered difference matrices of *even size* seem to be invertible. Look at eqns. 1 and 4:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{First} \\ \text{solve} \\ x_2 = b_1 \\ -x_3 = b_4 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b_2 - b_4 \\ b_1 \\ -b_4 \\ b_1 + b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 13** *Odd size*: The five centered difference equations lead to  $b_1 + b_3 + b_5 = 0$ .

$$x_2 = b_1$$

$$x_3 - x_1 = b_2$$

$$x_4 - x_2 = b_3$$

$$x_5 - x_3 = b_4$$

$$-x_4 = b_5$$

Add equations 1, 3, 5

The left side of the sum is zero

The right side is  $b_1 + b_3 + b_5$

There cannot be a solution unless  $b_1 + b_3 + b_5 = 0$ .

- 14** An example is  $(a, b) = (3, 6)$  and  $(c, d) = (1, 2)$ . We are given that the ratios  $a/c$  and  $b/d$  are equal. Then  $ad = bc$ . Then (when you divide by  $bd$ ) the ratios  $a/b$  and  $c/d$  must also be equal!