

**Homework 1**  
**Re-Imaging the World through Linear Algebra**  
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1. Use the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  to verify the following algebraic properties of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - a.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
  - b.  $k(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = k\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}$  for each scalar  $k$ .
2. Use the vector  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  to verify the following algebraic properties of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - a.  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
  - b.  $k(k'\mathbf{u}) = (kk')\mathbf{u}$  for all scalars  $k$  and  $k'$ .
3. Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (2, -7, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (-3, 0, 4)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (0, 5, -8)$ . Compute a.)  $3\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v}$  and b.)  $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v} - 5\mathbf{w}$ .
4. Verify that the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 4, 2)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (3, -3, 3)$  are orthogonal to each other.
5. Compute the Euclidean norm of the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 4, 2)$  and the distance between them.
6. The 1-norm of a real vector is defined by  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|$ . Compute the 1-norm of the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 2, 1)$ .
7. The  $\infty$ -norm of a real vector is defined by  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_\infty = \max_i |v_i|$ . Compute the  $\infty$ -norm of the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 2, 1)$ .
8. Decide which of the following statements are TRUE and which are FALSE. For the TRUE ones, you have to give a proof. For the FALSE ones, you have to give a counterexample. Here we are considering  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , and  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] = (u_1, \dots, u_n, v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is the vector formed by concatenating them.
  - a.  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_1 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_1 = \|[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]\|_1$
  - b.  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \|[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]\|_2^2$
  - c.  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_\infty + \|\mathbf{v}\|_\infty = \|[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]\|_\infty$
9. Compute the following:

$$4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. Find the values of  $x, y, z$ , and  $w$  so that the following matrix equality holds:

$$3 \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 6 \\ -1 & 2w \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & x+y \\ z+w & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$