

# 1 Vectors, Coordinates, Dimension

1. What is  $(2, 4) + (9, -2)$ ?  
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2. What is  $(-1, 5, 2) - (0, -2, 5)$ ?  
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3. What is  $(4, -5, 7) + (-3, -4)$ ?  
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4. What is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ?  
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5. If  $v = (5, 5, -1)$ , what is  $-v$ ?  
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6. Does  $(-6, -7)$  equal  $(-7, -6)$ ?  
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7. What does the equation  $x = 3$  represents in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? How about in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?  
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8. Find the equation of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that passes through  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(1, 3)$ . What is the slope of the line? What is the  $y$ -intercept?  
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9. What is the equation of the circle centered at the origin and the radius 3?  
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10. What is the equation of the circle centered at  $(2, -1)$  and the radius 4?  
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11. What is the equation of the sphere centered at  $(2, -1, 3)$  and the radius 1?  
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12. What is the center and the radius of the circle given by the equation  $x^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 16$ ?

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13. What is the center and the radius of the circle given by the equation  $x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 6y = 12$ ?

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14. What is the center and the radius of the sphere given by the equation  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = x + y + z$ ?

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## 2 Inner Products

1. What is  $(2, 4) \cdot (9, -2)$ ?

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2. What is  $(-1, 5) \cdot (0, -2)$ ?

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3. What is  $(-1, 5, 2) \cdot (0, -2, 5)$ ?

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4. If you were to assign a number between 0 and  $\pi$  to the angle between  $(-1, 5)$  and  $(0, -2)$ , would it be less than, equal to, or greater than  $\pi/2$ ?

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5. If you were to assign a number between 0 and  $\pi$  to the angle between  $(-1, 5, 2)$  and  $(0, -2, 5)$ , would it be less than, equal to, or greater than  $\pi/2$ ?

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## Solutions

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1. You can add two vectors with coordinates by adding each coordinate -  $(2, 4) + (9, -2) = (11, 2)$ .
2.  $(-1, 5, 2) - (0, -2, 5) = (-1 - 0, 5 - (-2), 2 - 5) = (-1, 7, 3)$ .
3. Sum of vectors with different dimensions is not defined.
4.  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ .
5.  $-(5, 5, -1) = (-5, -5, -(-1)) = (-5, -5, 1)$ .
6. No.
7. In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , it is a line that is perpendicular to  $x$ -axis (parallel to  $y$ -axis) and passes through  $(3, 0)$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , it is a plane that is parallel to  $yz$ -plane and passes through  $(3, 0, 0)$ .
8. The slope of the line is  $(3 - 1)/(1 - (-1)) = 1$ , so the equation has a form of  $y = x + b$  for a  $y$ -intercept  $b$ . Since it passes  $(-1, 1)$ , we have  $1 = (-1) + b$  and  $b = 2$ . So the equation of the line is  $y = x + 2$  and its  $y$ -intercept is 1.
9.  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$ .
10.  $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 4^2$ .
11.  $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 1)^2 + (x - 3)^2 = 1$ .
12. It has a form of  $(x - 0)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 4^2$ , so the center is  $(0, -1)$  and the radius is 4.

13. Once you complete the squares, you will get

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 6y &= 12 \\ \Leftrightarrow (x - 2)^2 - 2^2 + (y + 3)^2 - 3^2 &= 12 \\ \Leftrightarrow (x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 &= 2^2 + 3^2 + 12 = 25 = 5^2. \end{aligned}$$

So the center is  $(2, 3)$  and the radius is 5.

14. Once you complete the squares, you will get

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= x + y + z \\ \Leftrightarrow x^2 - x + y^2 - y + z^2 - z &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{3}{4} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So the center is  $(1/2, 1/2, 1/2)$  and the radius is  $\sqrt{3}/2$ .

## Inner products

1.  $2 \times 9 + 4 \times (-2) = 10$
2.  $(-1) \times 0 + 5 \times (-2) = -10$
3.  $(-1) \times 0 + 5 \times (-2) + 2 \times 5 = 0$
4. The cosine of the angle  $\theta$  is

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(-1, 5) \cdot (0, -2)}{\|(-1, 5)\| \|(0, -2)\|} = \frac{-10}{\sqrt{26} \times 2} < 0.$$

Now, for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , from the graph of cosine, we have

$$\cos \theta \begin{cases} > 0 & 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ = 0 & \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ < 0 & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

so the angle is between  $\pi/2$  and  $\pi$ . Actually, you can find that only the sign of the dot product is important, not the lengths of vectors.

5. Similarly, we have

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(-1, 5, 2) \cdot (0, -2, 5)}{\|(-1, 5, 2)\| \|(0, -2, 5)\|} = 0$$

so the angle is exactly  $\pi/2$ .