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- \mathbb{R}^n or real n -space is the collection of all n -tuples $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ where $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}$. We refer to elements of \mathbb{R}^n as vectors.

- We define addition between vectors in \mathbb{R}^n as follows:

$$(u_1, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

- Scalar multiples of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n is defined, for $r \in \mathbb{R}$ by

$$r(v_1, \dots, v_n) = (rv_1, \dots, rv_n)$$

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For two vectors $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ and $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n we define the dot product

$$(u_1, \dots, u_n) \cdot (v_1, \dots, v_n) = u_1 v_1 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

and the angle θ between non-zero vectors u and v by

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

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- Theorems 3.2.6 and 3.2.7 express in n -space two geometric results: for all vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 = 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2) \text{ and}$$

$$u \cdot v = \frac{1}{4} \|u + v\|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \|u - v\|^2$$

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- We say that a set of vectors is orthogonal if any two distinct vectors in the set are orthogonal and the set is orthonormal if all the vectors have length 1.

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Theorem (Pythagoras)

In \mathbb{R}^n , if u and v are orthogonal then

$$\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 = \|u + v\|^2$$