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CHAPTER 1

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{C}^n

1.1 VECTORS IN \mathbb{R}^n

1.1 A vector u in the vector space \mathbb{R}^n is an ordered set of n real numbers: $u = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$. The real number a_k is called the k th component or coordinate of u . Compare this with the definition of a vector in physics.

| Physics defines a vector u to be a quantity with magnitude and direction, represented by means of an arrow or directed line segment emanating from a reference point O . In Fig. 1-1 a planar vector u is identified with the coordinates of its endpoint, $P(4, 2)$. That is, $u = (4, 2)$ —in accord with the above definition of a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 .

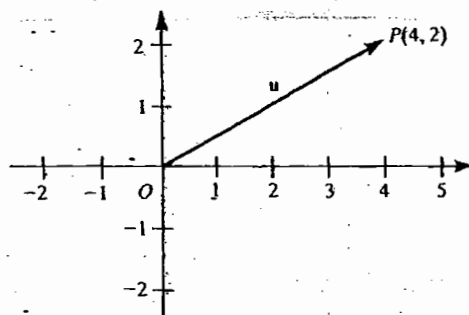


Fig. 1-1

1.2 State the difference between a row vector and a column vector.

| A column vector u is a vector whose components are arranged vertically:

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

A row vector is a vector whose components are arranged horizontally, as in Problem 1.1. [In this chapter, vectors will normally be written as row vectors.]

1.3 To which vector space \mathbb{R}^n does each vector belong?

- (a) $(3, -2, 5, 8)$ (b) $(3, 6 + 2i)$ (c) $(\pi, 2, 5\pi)$

| (a) \mathbb{R}^4 , since there are four components. (b) None, since not all the components are real numbers. (c) \mathbb{R}^3 { π and 5π are real numbers}.

1.4 For vectors u and v in \mathbb{R}^n , when is $u = v$?

| The vectors u and v are equal if and only if the corresponding components are equal.

1.5 Let $u_1 = (1, 2, 3)$, $u_2 = (2, 3, 1)$, $u_3 = (1, 3, 2)$, $u_4 = (2, 3, 1)$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . Which of the vectors, if any, are equal?

| Only u_2 and u_4 are componentwise equal.