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4800-6 (Math)  
Metric Spaces (3210)

A metric space  $M$

is a set w/ a  
distance function (metric)

$$d: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \text{ s.t.}$$

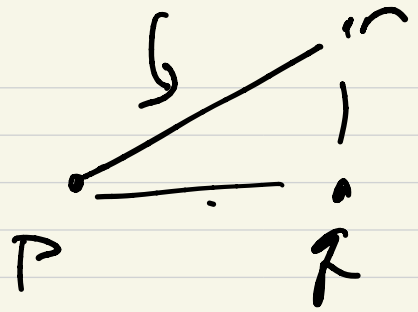
$$(0) \quad d(p, p) = 0$$

$$(1) \quad d(p, q) > 0 \text{ when } p \neq q$$

$$(2) \quad d(p, q) = d(q, p)$$

(3) Triangle inequality

$\Delta$  inequality



$$d(p, r) \leq d(p, q) + d(q, r).$$

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Examples:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has  $\infty$  many metrics.  
 $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$   
 $q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$

(Max metric)

$$d_{\max}(p, q) = \max_i |p_i - q_i|$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} q \\ | \\ p \end{array} \right\} d_{\max}(p, q).$$

$$d((0, 1), (3, 8))$$

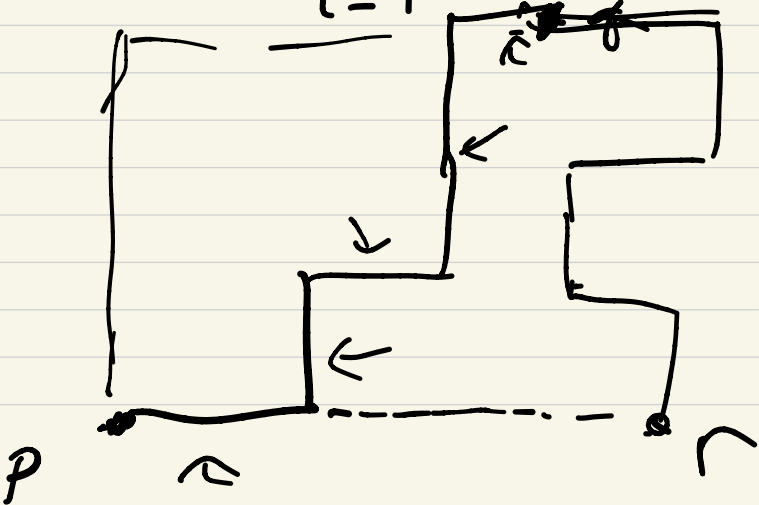
$$= \max \{ |0-3|, |1-8| \}$$

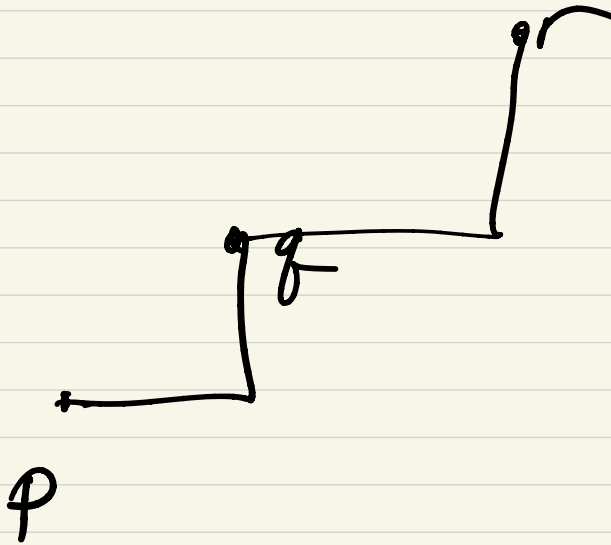
$$= 7.$$

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(Taxicab)  
(Manhattan distance)

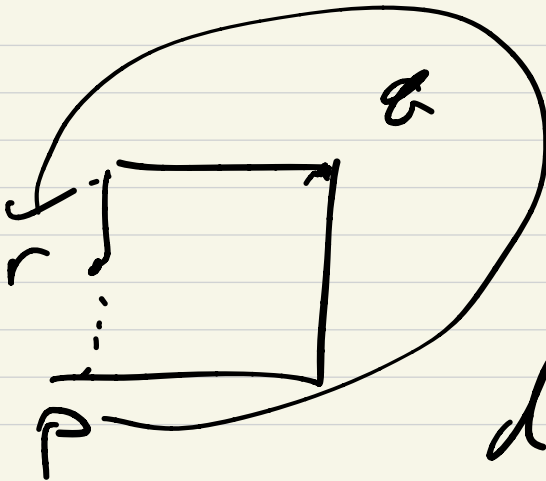
$$d_{\text{Max}}(P, Q) = \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i - q_i|$$





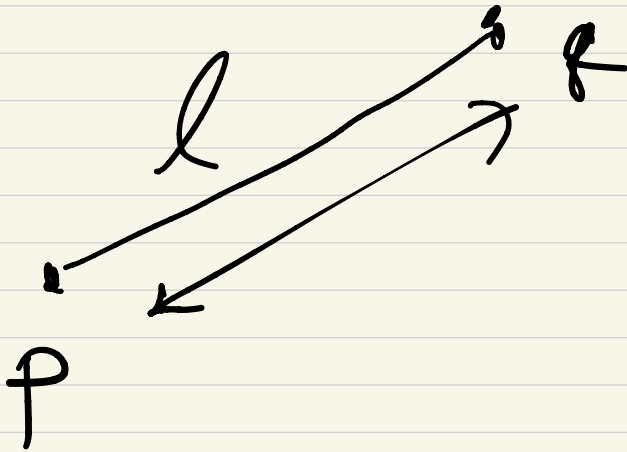
$$d(p, r) = d(p, q) + d(q, r)$$


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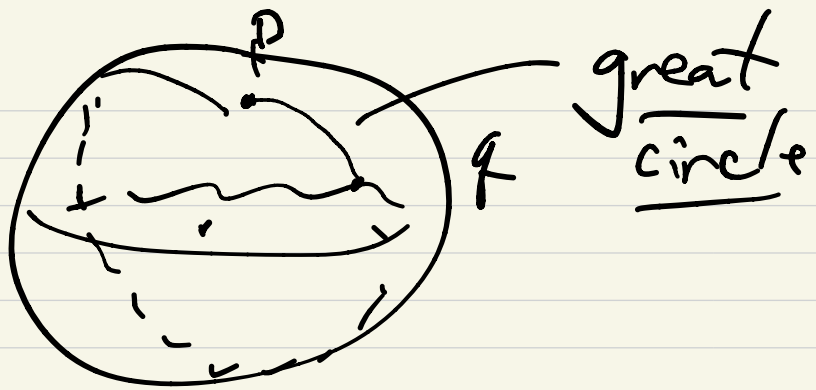


$$d(p, r) < d(p, q) + d(q, r).$$

(Euclidean metric)



$$d(p, q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - q_i)^2}$$



Great circle metric Not!  
on  $S^2$



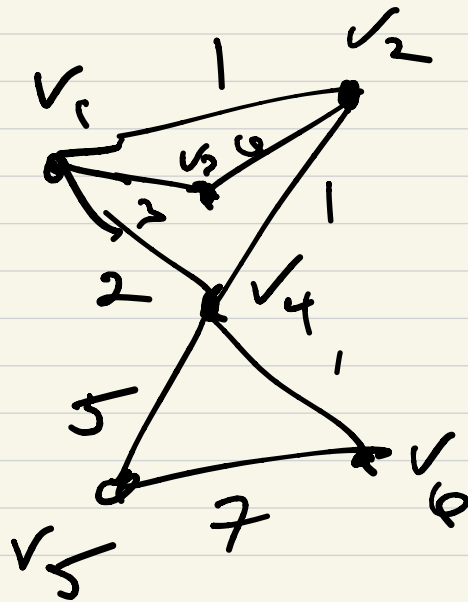
$$d(p, q) =$$

arclength  $(p, q)$   
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(great circle arc)

# Metric Graphs

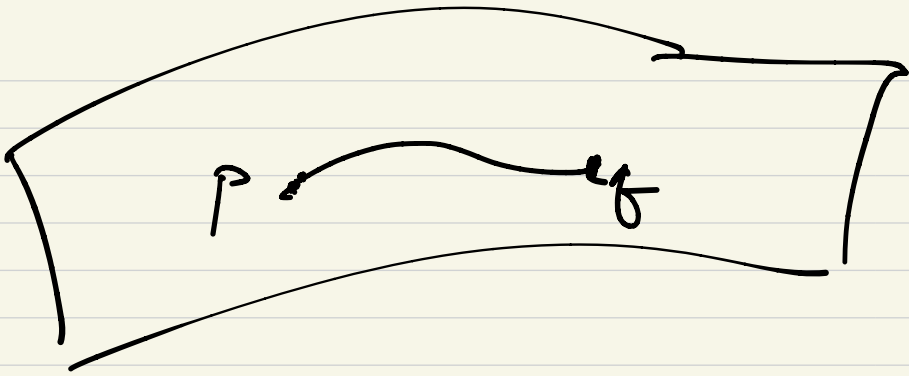
Connected  
Graph



Attach lengths to each  
edge.  $d(v_1, v_5) = \underline{2+5}$

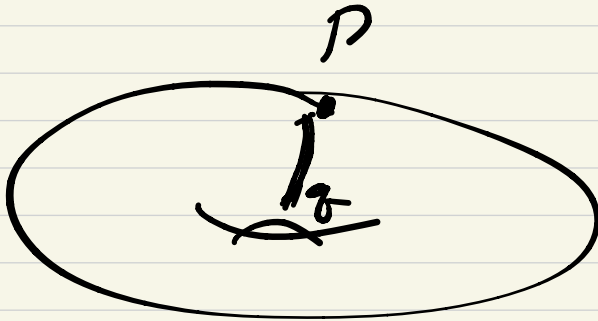
$d(v_i, v_j) =$  length of  
shortest path





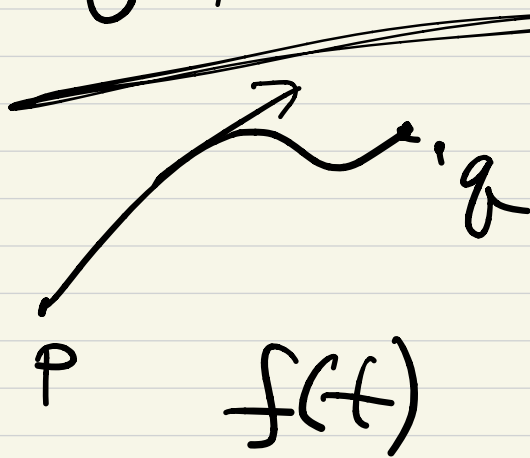
## Metric on manifold

- Define lengths of paths.
- $d(p, q) = \underline{\text{length of shortest path.}}$



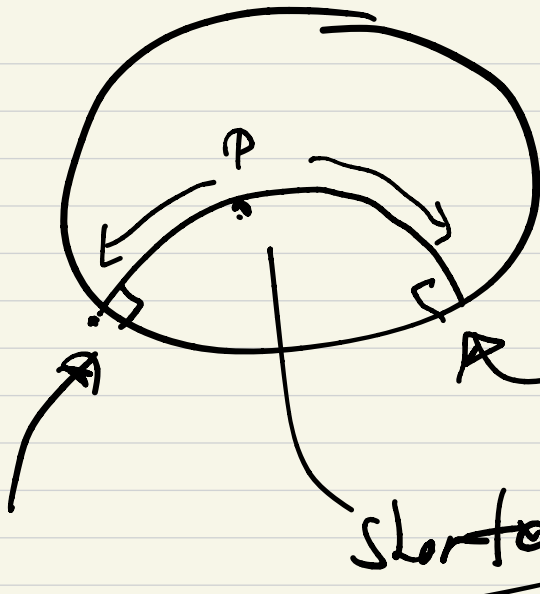
length of path in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$= \int_0^1 \underbrace{\|f'(t)\|}_{\text{speed}} dt$$



$$f(0) = P, \quad f(1) = Q$$

(1)



hyperbolic  
metric  
on D  
shortest path

Category of Metric Sp

Objects: Metric spaces  $(M, d)$

Morphisms: Distance decreasing

functions,  $f: M \rightarrow N$

Example:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\underline{f(p) = \frac{1}{2} p}$$

$$d(f(p), f(q)) =$$

$$d\left(\frac{1}{2} p, \frac{1}{2} q\right) = \frac{1}{2} d(p, q)$$

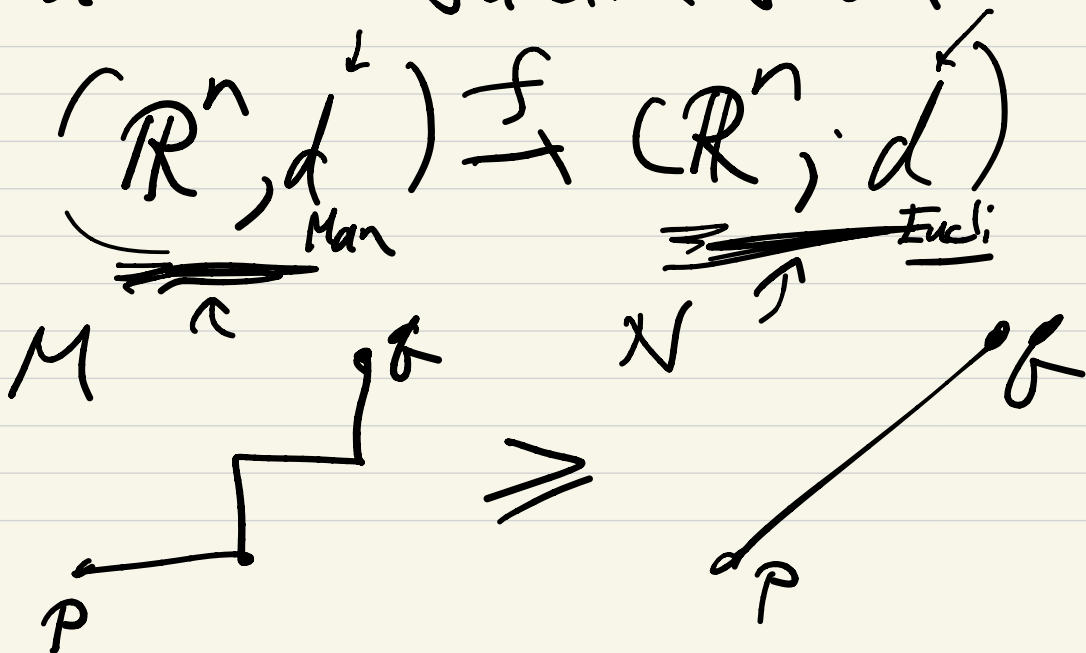
$$f^{-1}(q) = \underset{p}{2q}$$

not distance decreasing

$\underline{\underline{\text{Met}}} = \text{Metric space,}$   
 $+$   
 $\left( \underline{\text{Distance decreases}} \right)$   
 $\underline{\text{for}}$

Ex.  $(f(x) = x)$   
 $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

as a function from



A symmetry in Met

is a distance-preserving  
isometry

bijection  $f: (M, d) \rightarrow (M, d)$ .

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Study: Symmetries of

$(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$

$\hat{=}$  Euclidean.

Start with  $(\mathbb{R}, |p-q|)$

$$d(p, q) = |p - q|$$

$$\sqrt{(p-q)^2} = |p-q|$$

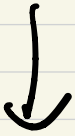
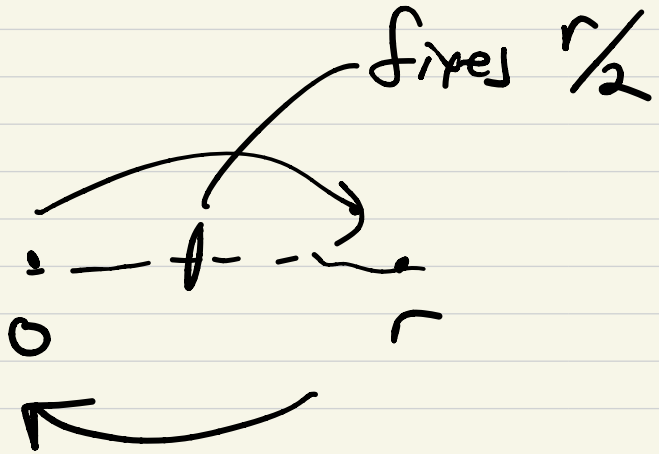
Examples of symmetries  
of  $\mathbb{R}$  :  $\iff$

Reflect across 0 :  $f(x) = -x$

Translation :  $f(x) = x + r$   
any real #

Try:  $f(x) = -x + r$

Reflection: across  $r/2$



$$f_r(x) = x + r$$

$$f_s(x) = -x + 2s$$



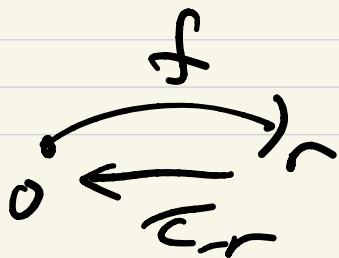


Prop: Every symmetry  
of  $\mathbb{R}$  is either  $\tau_r$  or  $\mathcal{F}_s$  //.

PF: Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  
a symmetry, let  $f(0) = r$ .

Then

$$g(x) = \left( \tau_r \circ f \right)(0) = \tau_r(r) = 0.$$



Claim: If  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is a symmetry and

$g(0) = 0$ , then

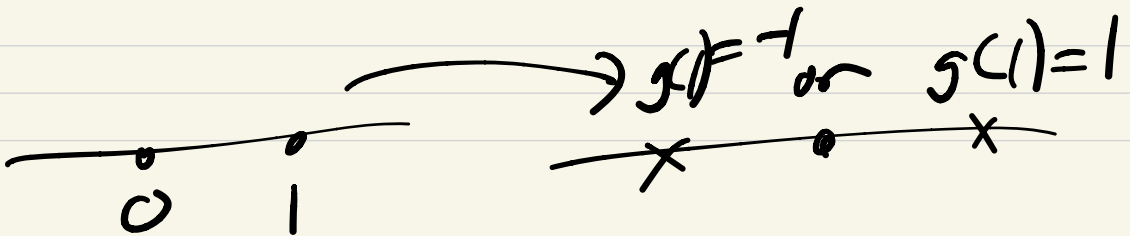
$g(p) = p$  (identity)

or

$g(p) = -p$  (reflection)

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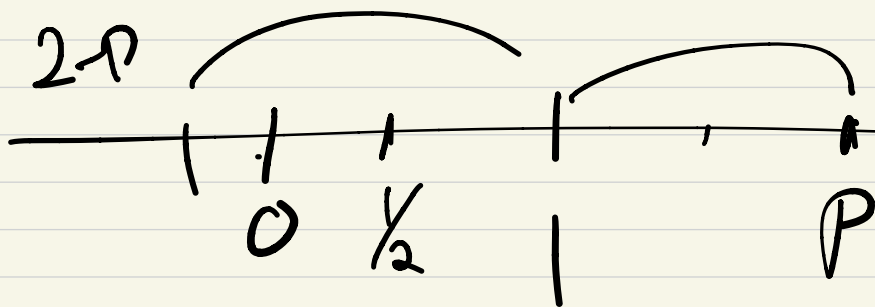
Pf:  $g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g(1) = \pm 1$



But if  $g(0) = 0$

and  $g(1) = 1$

then  $g(p) = p$  for all  $p$ .



$$g(p) = \frac{\pm p}{2} \quad (\text{preserving distance to } 0)$$

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$$g(p) = p \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - (p-1) = 2-p$$

Similarly if  $g(0) = 0$

$$g(1) = -1,$$

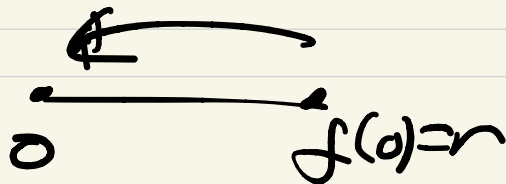
then

$$(f_0 \circ g)(0) = 0$$

$$g(1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f_0 \circ g(p) = p$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{g(p) = -p} \quad \square$$



Start with  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\tau_{-r} \circ f(p) = p$$

$$\tau_{-r} \circ f(p) = -p$$

$$\Rightarrow f(p) = p + r = \tau_r$$

$$f(p) = -p + r = \tau_{r/2}$$



# Dot product:

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

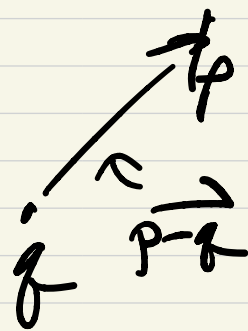
$$\vec{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = v_1 w_1 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

$$\cdot: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

• commutative

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{v}|^2$$



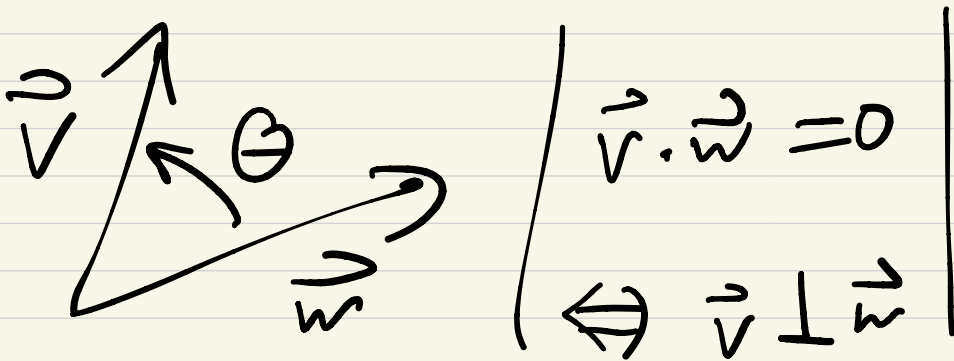
$$d(p, q)^2 = (\vec{p-q}) \cdot (\vec{p-q})$$

- is bilinear:

$$(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{w}$$

- computes angles between vectors

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



[seeking symmetries of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ]

Prop: [that fix 0]

(a) If  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are

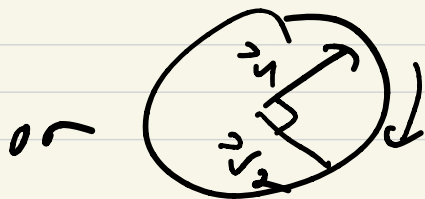
mutually perpendicular unit  
vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n$$

is a symmetry of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

(it is also linear!)

Ex:  $\mathbb{R}^2$





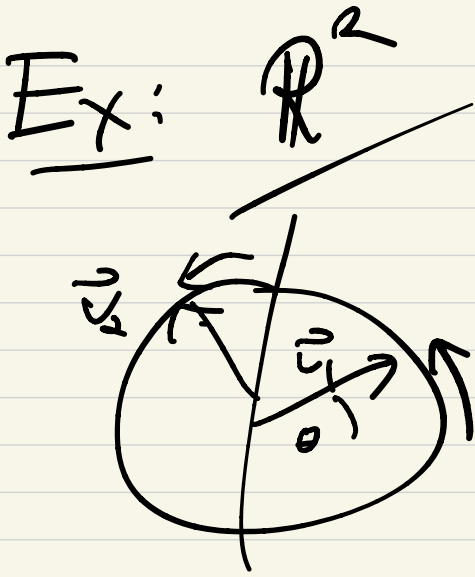
with matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_1 & \underline{v}_2 & \dots & \underline{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

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(b) These are the only symmetries of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that fix the origin !



$$v_1 = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$$

$$v_2 = (\cos(\theta + \pi/2), \sin(\theta + \pi/2))$$

or

$$v_2 = (\cos(\theta - \pi/2), \sin(\theta - \pi/2))$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \overset{\text{"-sh}(\theta)}{\cos(\theta + \pi/2)} \\ \sin(\theta) & \overset{\text{"}}{\sinh(\theta + \pi/2)} \\ \uparrow & \overset{\text{"}}{\cos(\theta)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{det} = 1$$

= matrix for rotation by  $\theta$

$$= \Phi_{\theta}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sinh(\theta) \\ \sinh(\theta) & -\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

= matrix for reflecting across  $y = \tan(\theta/2)x$

Example: In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

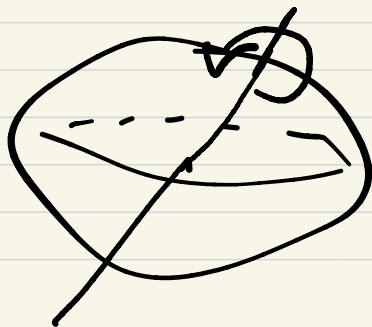
every symmetry

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3$$

where

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

is a rotation around a fixed axis.



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