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DATA 470 — Fall 2025

Quiz #1

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1. A vector has:

- ☐ A direction, a magnitude, and a starting point
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- ☐ A starting point
- ☐ None of these

2. Is the value $[5.2 \ 6.3 \ \pi \ 4.9]$ a vector or a scalar?

A vector.

3. What is the result of the following operations? (Note: if any of the operations are impossible/undefined, simply write “*u cant do dat*” instead of giving a mathematical answer.)

(a) $[4 \ -1 \ 1] + [0 \ 2 \ 3]$
 $[4 \ 1 \ 4]$

(b) $[2 \ 2] \cdot [9 \ 1 \ 6]$
u cant do dat

(c) $8 \cdot [2 \ 2]$
 $[16 \ 16]$

(d) $[3 \ 3] + 6$
u cant do dat

(e) $[3 \ 1] - [1 \ 3]$
 $[2 \ -2]$

(f) $[36 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 5 \ 91] \cdot [0 \ 15 \ 41 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0]$
 $36 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 15 + 0 \cdot 41 + 0 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 1 + 91 \cdot 0 = 5$

4. What special word can be used to describe these two vectors? (Hint: it has ten letters and starts with an **o**.) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Orthogonal.

5. What's the Euclidean (ℓ^2) norm of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2.$$

6. What's the Manhattan/taxicab (ℓ^1) norm of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4.$$

7. Normalize this vector (using the Euclidean, or ℓ^2 , norm): $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now double-check: is it normalized?

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{1} = 1. \checkmark$$