

In  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = |x|$ .

EXAMPLE.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max \{|3|, |4|, |-2|\} = 4$$

Since the norm of a vector gives “its distance from  $\mathbf{0}$ ,” the distance between two vectors is the norm of their difference.

$$\text{If } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix},$$

the  $l_2$  distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and the  $l_\infty$  distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|$$

EXAMPLE.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_\infty = \max \{|2|, |5|, |-2|\} = 5$$