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## VECTOR GEOMETRY

# Chapter Outline

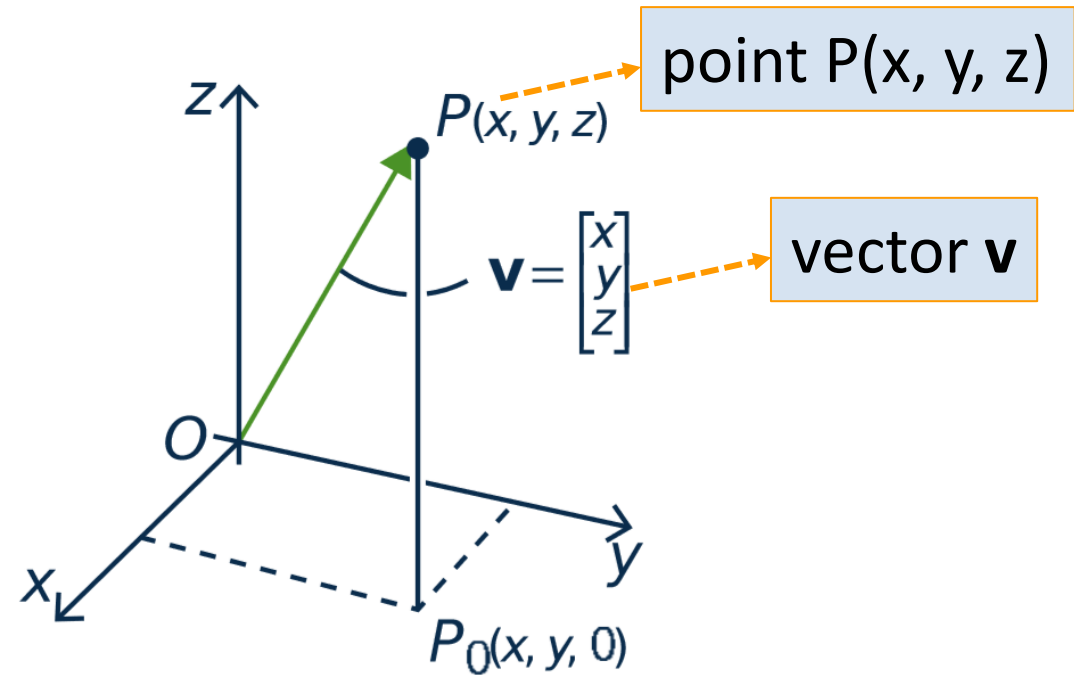
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# 4.1. Vectors and Lines

## Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$

❖ The terms **vector** and **point** are interchangeable.



# Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$

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**Length.**

$$\text{If } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

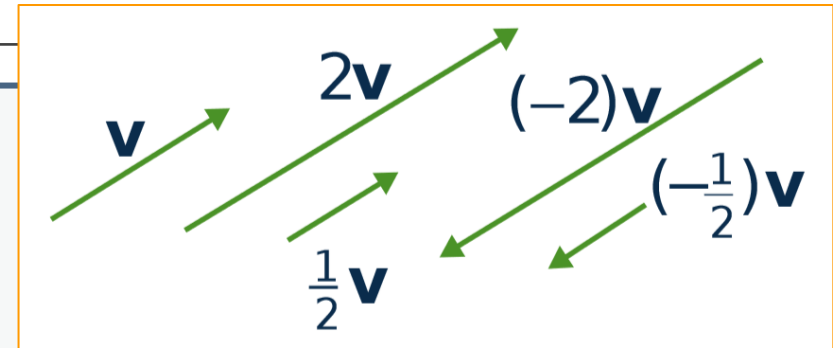
**Ex.**

$$\text{If } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{14}.$$

# Scalar Multiple Law

If  $a$  is a real number and  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  is a vector then:

1. The length of  $a\mathbf{v}$  is  $\|a\mathbf{v}\| = |a|\|\mathbf{v}\|$ .
2. If  $a\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,<sup>9</sup> the direction of  $a\mathbf{v}$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{the same as } \mathbf{v} \text{ if } a > 0, \\ \text{opposite to } \mathbf{v} \text{ if } a < 0. \end{cases}$

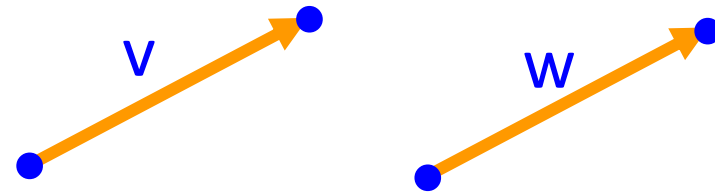


# Equality

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Let  $v \neq 0$  and  $w \neq 0$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Then  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$  if and only if  $v$  and  $w$  have the same direction and the same length.

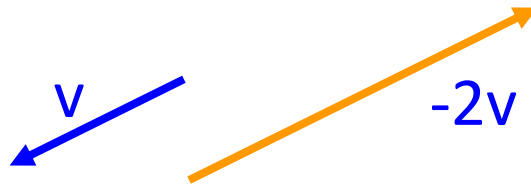


➔ The same geometric vector can be positioned anywhere in space.

# Parallel vectors

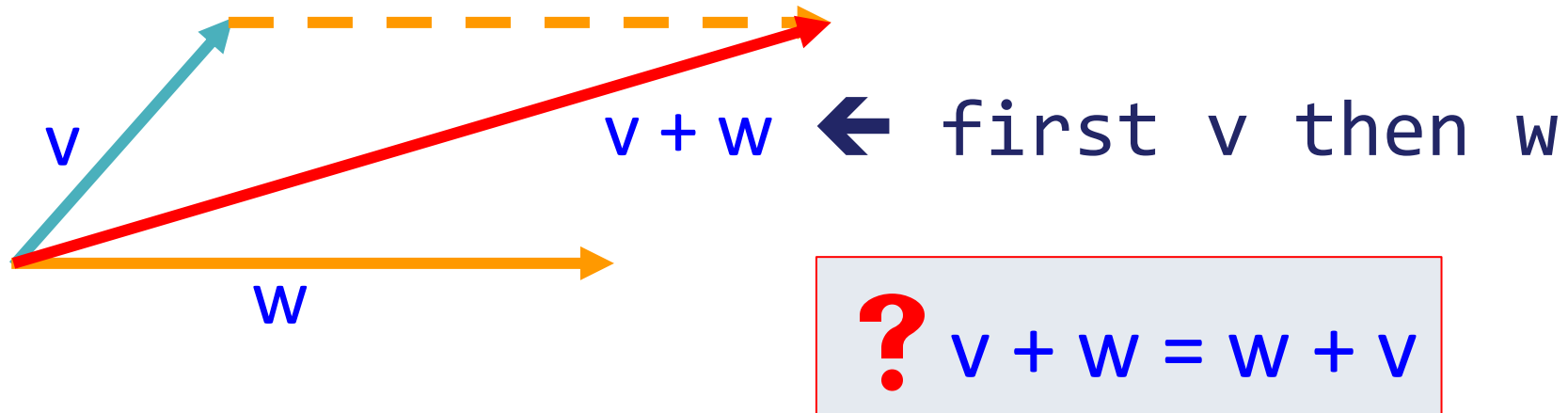
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- ❖ Two nonzero vectors are called *parallel* if they have the same or opposite direction.
- ❖  $v$  and  $w$  are parallel  $\Leftrightarrow v = kw$  for some scalar  $k$



# The Parallelogram Law

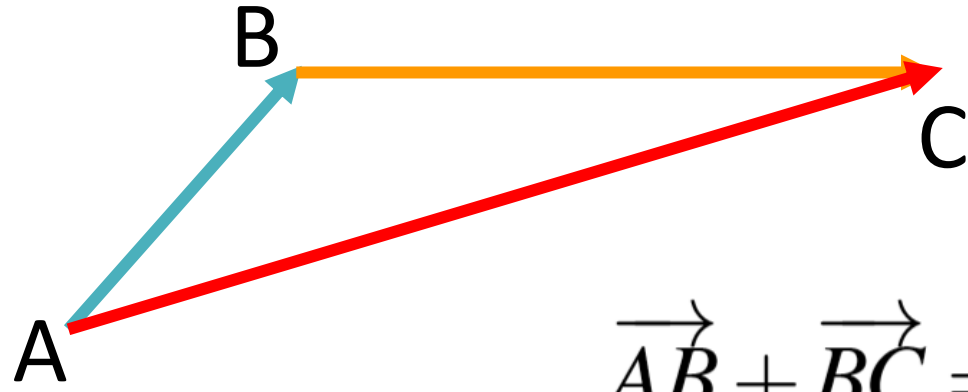
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# Tip-to-tail rule

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$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC}$$

# Distance between two points

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## Theorem 4.1.4

*Let  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  be two points. Then:*

1.  $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ y_2 - y_1 \\ z_2 - z_1 \end{bmatrix}.$

2. *The distance between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is  $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}.$*

# Lines in Space

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- ❖ Given the point  $P_0$  (with vector  $p_0$ ) and the *direction vector*  $d \neq 0$ .
- ❖ Then *line* parallel to  $d$  through the point  $P_0$  is given by:

$$p = p_0 + td,$$

( $t$  is any number)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

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## 4.2 Projections and Planes

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### ❖ The Dot Product

#### Definition 4.4

Given vectors  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , their **dot product**  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is a number defined

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 + z_1z_2 = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w}$$

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## ❖ The Dot Product

### Example 4.2.1

If  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot (-1) = -5$ .

# Properties of dot product

## Theorem 4.2.1

Let  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  denote vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

1.  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is a real number.
2.  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .
3.  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{0} = 0 = \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .
4.  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .
5.  $(k\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = k(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (k\mathbf{w})$  for all scalars  $k$ .
6.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \pm \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \pm \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

**Ex.** Find  $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w})$  if  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 3$ ,  $\|\mathbf{w}\| = 2$ , and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = -1$ .

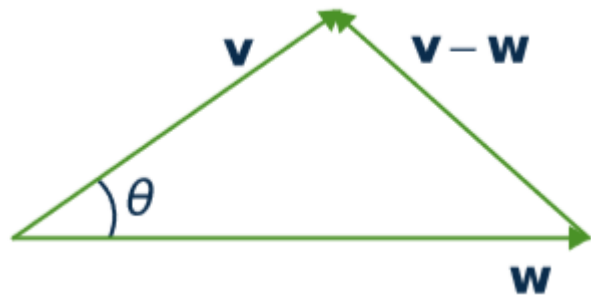
# Angles between vectors

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## Theorem 4.2.2

Let  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  be nonzero vectors. If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ , then

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \cos \theta$$



### Example.

Compute the angle between  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



# Orthogonality

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❖ Two vectors  $v$  and  $w$  are said to be *orthogonal* if

$$v \bullet w = 0$$

## Example 4.2.4

Show that the points  $P(3, -1, 1)$ ,  $Q(4, 1, 4)$ , and  $R(6, 0, 4)$  are the vertices of a right triangle.

**Solution.** The vectors along the sides of the triangle are

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \overrightarrow{QR} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evidently  $\overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot \overrightarrow{QR} = 2 - 2 + 0 = 0$ , so  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and  $\overrightarrow{QR}$  are orthogonal vectors. This means sides  $PQ$  and  $QR$  are perpendicular—that is, the angle at  $Q$  is a right angle.

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**Exercise 4.2.3** Find all real numbers  $x$  such that:

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are orthogonal.

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are at an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal unit vectors, then  $(2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$  is:

a)  $-5$

b)  $-1$

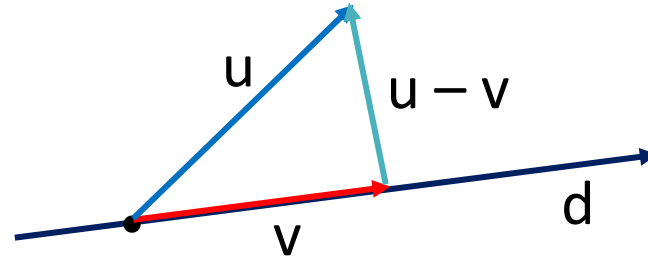
c)  $0$

d)  $1$

e)  $5$

f) not computable with the given data

# Projection



1.  $v \parallel d$
2.  $u - v \perp d$

## Theorem 4.2.4

Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{d} \neq \mathbf{0}$  be vectors.

1. The projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $\mathbf{d}$  is given by  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{d}}{\|\mathbf{d}\|^2} \mathbf{d}$ .
2. The vector  $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{d}$ .

If  $\mathbf{u} = (-2, 1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0, 1)$ , then  $\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}\|$  is:

a)  $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}$

b) 1

c)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

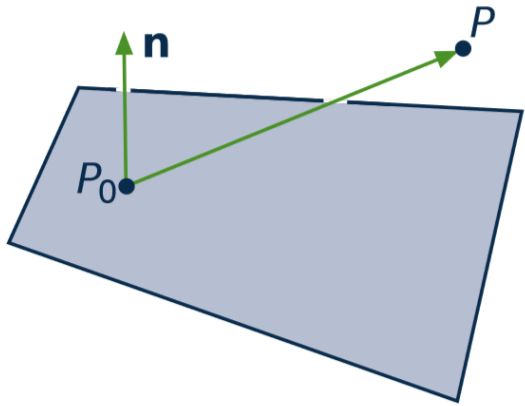
d) 0

e)  $\frac{1}{2}$

# Planes

## Definition 4.7

A nonzero vector  $\mathbf{n}$  is called a **normal** for a plane if it is orthogonal to every vector in the plane.



$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{P_0P} = 0$$



$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

# The Cross Product

## Definition 4.8

Given vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , define the **cross product**  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$  by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2 \\ -(x_1 z_2 - z_1 x_2) \\ x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $\mathbf{u} = (3, -1, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 6, -5)$ , what is  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ ?

a)  $(17, -10, 11)$

b)  $(-19, 11, 17)$

c)  $(-3, -6, -20)$

d)  $(-19, -11, 17)$

e)  $(-17, -10, 11)$

f)  $(3, -6, 20)$

## Determinant Form of the Cross Product

If  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are two vectors, then

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & x_1 & x_2 \\ \mathbf{j} & y_1 & y_2 \\ \mathbf{k} & z_1 & z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the determinant is expanded along the first column.

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e)  $(-17, -10, 11)$

f)  $(3, -6, 20)$



# Properties of cross product

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## Theorem 4.2.5

*Let  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .*

- 1.  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$  is a vector orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .*
- 2. If  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are nonzero, then  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are parallel.*

An equation for the plane passing through the points  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(1, 0, -1)$  and  $(4, -2, 0)$  is:

a)  $x = 1$

b)  $5x + 6y - 3z + 8 = 0$

c)  $5x + 6y - 3z = 8$

d)  $6x - 5y - 3z + 8 = 0$

e)  $2x + 2y - z = 3$

f)  $3x - 2y - 3z = 3$

## 4.3 More on Cross Product

### Theorem 4.3.1

$$\text{If } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ y_0 & y_1 & y_2 \\ z_0 & z_1 & z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\mathbf{u} = (-4, 2, 7)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 2, 3)$ . Then  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$  equals:

- a) 15                      b) -15                      c) 16                      d) -16                      e) 17

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a) 15

b)  $-15$

c) 16

d)  $-16$

e) 17

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### Theorem 4.3.3: Lagrange Identity<sup>11</sup>

If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are any two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$$\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2$$

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Let  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|^2$  is:

- a) 0                      b) 1                      c) 2                      d) 3                      e)  $\sqrt{2}$

### Theorem 4.3.4

*If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are two nonzero vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , then*

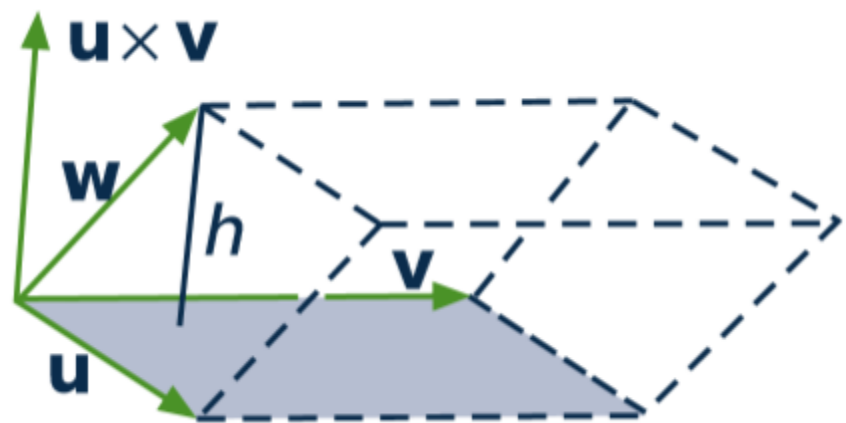
- 1.  $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin \theta = \text{area of the parallelogram determined by } \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}.$*
- 2.  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are parallel if and only if  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}.$*

The area of a parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, -3, 1)$  is:

- a)  $\sqrt{3}$                       b) 3                      c)  $-3$                       d)  $3\sqrt{3}$                       e) 27                      f) 9

Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $A(-1, 5, 0)$ ,  $B(1, 0, 4)$  and  $C(1, 4, 0)$ .

- a) 1                      b) 2                      c) 3                      d) 4                      e) 5                      f) 6
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Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, -1, 3)$ .

- a)  $-2$                       b)  $4$                       c)  $6$                       d)  $8$                       e)  $16$                       f)  $2$



The volume of the pyramid with vertices  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 8, 14)$ ,  $(-6, 7, -3)$  and  $(4, 0, 2)$  is:

a) 35

b) 45

c) 60

d) 70

e) 75

f) 85

# Linear Operators on $\mathbb{R}^3$

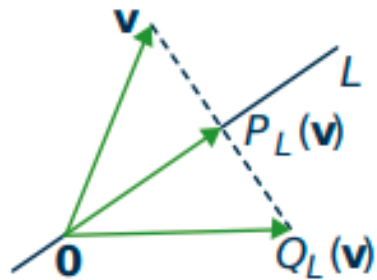
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# Reflections and Projections

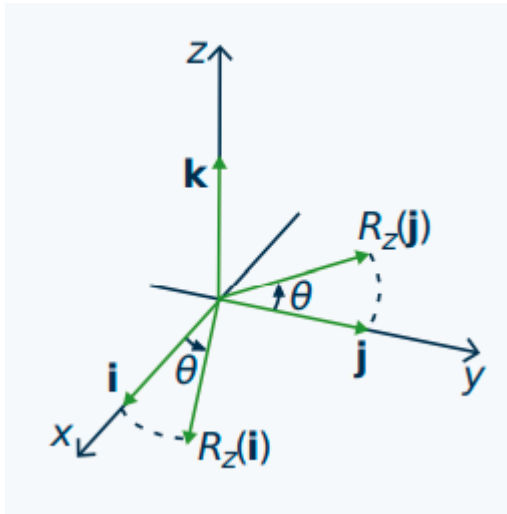
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$Q_m$  has matrix  $\frac{1}{1+m^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1-m^2 & 2m \\ 2m & m^2-1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $P_m$  has matrix  $\frac{1}{1+m^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & m \\ m & m^2 \end{bmatrix}$ .



# Rotations

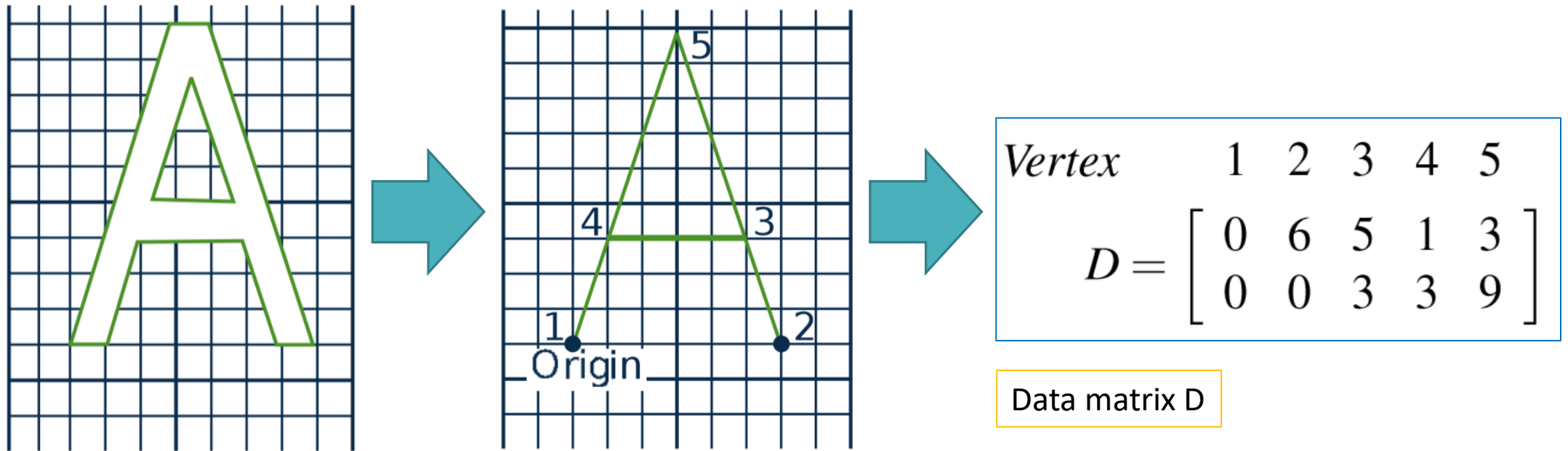
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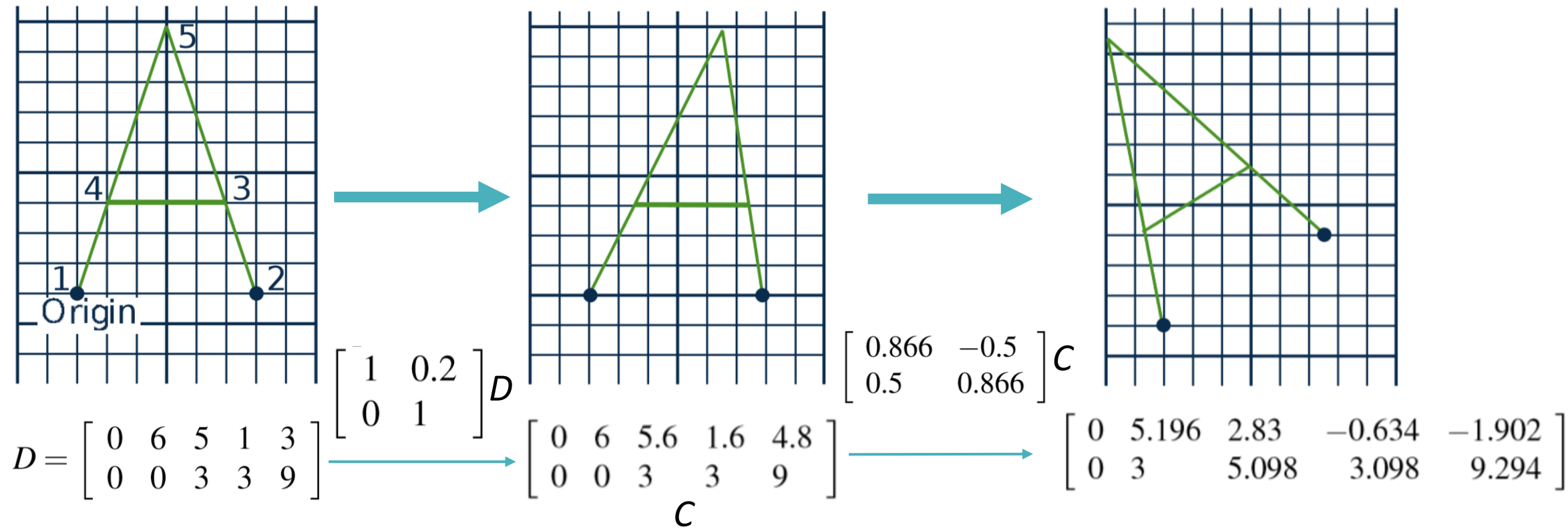
$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{z,\theta}(\mathbf{i}) & R_{z,\theta}(\mathbf{j}) & R_{z,\theta}(\mathbf{k}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 4.5 An application in Computer Graphics

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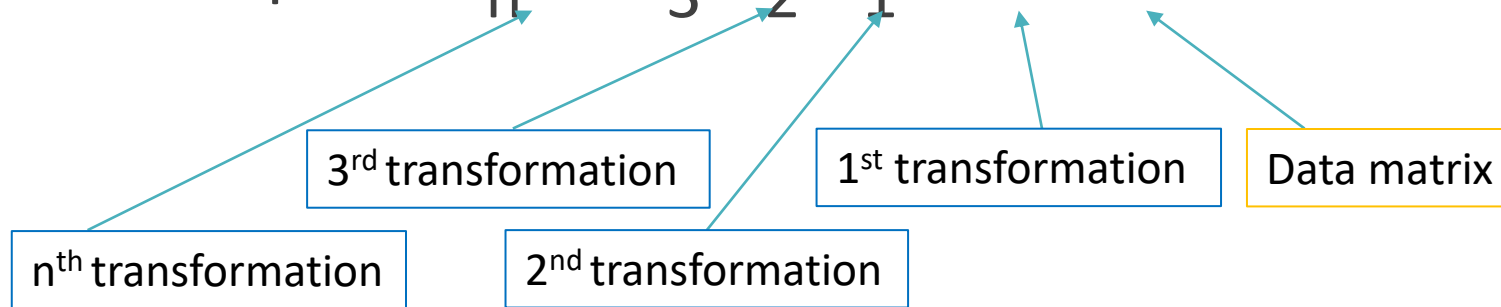
# How to change image?



# Computer graphics

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- ❖ Image  $\rightarrow$  matrix  $D$
- ❖ Matrices of transformations  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$
- ❖ Compute  $A_n \dots A_3 A_2 A_1 D$



# Matrices of Translations

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- ❖ Need a clever way to give these matrices (Read yourself in the text book)



# Homogeneous coordinate

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$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous coordinate of  $v$

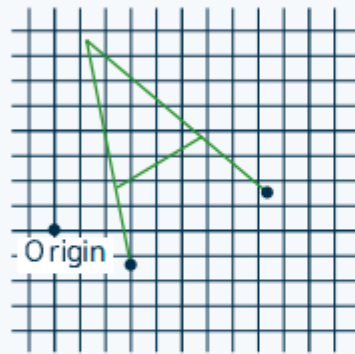
Then translation by  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix}$  can be achieved by multiplying by a  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 1 & q \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+p \\ y+q \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{v}) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Example 4.5.1

Rotate the letter A in Figure 4.5.2 through  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  about the point  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

#### Solution.



**Figure 4.5.6**

Using homogenous coordinates for the vertices of the letter results in a data matrix with three rows:

$$K_d = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we write  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , the idea is to use a composite of transformations: First translate the letter by  $-\mathbf{w}$  so that the point  $\mathbf{w}$  moves to the origin, then rotate this translated letter, and then translate it

by  $\mathbf{w}$  back to its original position. The matrix arithmetic is as follows (remember the order of composition!):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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