

We can use the alternate form of  $\|\vec{v}\|$  as  $\sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$  to rewrite and re-arrange the initial equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 &= \sqrt{(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})}^2 - \sqrt{(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})}^2 \\
&= (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u} + (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{v} - (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u} - (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (-\vec{v}) \\
&= \cancel{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \cancel{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} - \cancel{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - \cancel{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \\
&= 4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the proposition holds. From here we can prove the second part of the question using  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$  when  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{u}$  are orthogonal. We start by proving that  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Rightarrow \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 \\
4(0) &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 \\
0 + \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 \\
\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|
\end{aligned}$$

We then prove that  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftarrow \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|$ . To do this we must first rearrange the length equation we initially proved.

$$\begin{aligned}
4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 \\
\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 &= 4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

We can then substitute it into our initial premise after squaring both sides, and rearrange.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 &= \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 \\
\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 &= 4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 \\
0 &= 4\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \\
0 &= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}
\end{aligned}$$