

Methods 2 Portfolio 1

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1)

a)

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$(1, 1, 1) \cdot (2, 3, 1) \tag{1}$$

$$= \sum (2, 3, 1) \tag{2}$$

$$= 6 \tag{3}$$

b)

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$$

$$(1, 1, 1) \cdot (-1, -1, 2) \tag{4}$$

$$= \sum (-1, -1, 2) \tag{5}$$

$$= 0 \tag{6}$$

c)

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$$

$$(2, 3, 1) \cdot (-1, -1, 2) \tag{7}$$

$$= \sum (-2, -3, 2) \tag{8}$$

$$= -3 \tag{9}$$

d)

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$(1, 1, 1) \times (2, 3, 1) \tag{10}$$

$$= ((1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 3), (1 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 1), (1 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 2)) \tag{11}$$

$$= (-2, 1, 1) \tag{12}$$

e)

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{w}$$

$$(1, 1, 1) \times (-1, -1, 2) \quad (13)$$

$$= ((2 \cdot 1 - (-1 \cdot 1)), ((1 \cdot -1) - 1 \cdot 2), ((1 \cdot -1) - (1 \cdot -1))) \quad (14)$$

$$= (3, -3, 0) \quad (15)$$

f)

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$$

$$(2, 3, 1) \times (-1, -1, 2) \quad (16)$$

$$= ((3 \cdot 2 - (-1 \cdot 1)), ((1 \cdot -1) - 2 \cdot 2), ((2 \cdot -1) - (3 \cdot -1))) \quad (17)$$

$$= (7, -5, 1) \quad (18)$$

2)

“Vectors are *orthogonal* (or *perpendicular*) when their dot product is zero: $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y} \iff \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0$. A *unit vector* is a vector with norm 1: $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$.”

a)

“Find a unit vector that is perpendicular to both $\vec{u} = (1, 0, 1)$ and $\vec{v} = (1, 2, 0)$. To find the unit vector where \vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthogonal, we calculate the cross product between the two vectors according to the “right hand rule”

$$(1, 0, 1) \times (1, 2, 0) \quad (19)$$

$$= ((0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 2), (1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0), (1 \cdot 2 - 0 \cdot 1)) \quad (20)$$

$$= (-2, 1, 2) \quad (21)$$

b)

“Find a vector that is orthogonal both to $\vec{u}_1 = (1, 0, 1)$ and $\vec{u}_2 = (1, 3, 0)$, and whose dot product with the vector $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 0)$ is equal to 8.”

$$\vec{u}_3 = \vec{u}_1 \times \vec{u}_2 \quad (22)$$

$$= (1, 0, 1) \times (1, 3, 0) \quad (23)$$

$$= ((0 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 1), (1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0), (1 \cdot 3 - 0 \cdot 1)) \quad (24)$$

$$= (-3, 1, 3) \quad (25)$$

The cross product \vec{u}_3 is orthogonal to \vec{u}_1 and \vec{u}_2 . Since the vector does not need to be a unit vector we can extend the unit vector \vec{u}_3 so that it will meet the requirement of $\vec{u}_3 \cdot \vec{v} = 8$ where $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 0)$.

The dot product of the cross vector \vec{u}_3 and the vector \vec{v} is at this point -2 but we can extend the vector for it to be 8

$$(-3 \cdot 1) \cdot x + (1 \cdot 1) \cdot x + (3 \cdot 0) \cdot x = 8 \Leftrightarrow \quad (26)$$

$$-3 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x = 8 \Leftrightarrow \quad (27)$$

$$-2x = 8 \Leftrightarrow \quad (28)$$

$$x = \frac{8}{-2} \Leftrightarrow \quad (29)$$

$$x = -4 \quad (30)$$

Therefore the vector \vec{u}_3 must be multiplied by -4

$$\vec{u}_3 \cdot -4 \quad (31)$$

$$= (-3, 1, 3) \cdot -4 \quad (32)$$

$$= (12, -4, -12) \quad (33)$$

The vector (12,-4,-12) is therefore orthogonal with \vec{u}_1 and \vec{u}_2 and also its dot product with \vec{v} is 8

3)

“Prove the geometric formula for the dot product $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \varphi$, where φ is the angle between the vectors \vec{x} and \vec{y} .”

Proof that:

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

We apply the cosinus relation:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \cos(A)$$

In the cosinus relation a is equivalent to $\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2 \cdot \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

Using the properties of the dot product, the left side can be written as:

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 = (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad (34)$$

$$= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} - \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} \quad (35)$$

$$= \|\vec{x}\|^2 - 2 \cdot \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + \|\vec{y}\|^2 \quad (36)$$

Our equation is then:

$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 - 2 \cdot \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + \|\vec{y}\|^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2 \cdot \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

Which can be reduced to:

$$-2 \cdot \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = -2 \cdot \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

divide by -2 to reduce further:

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

Which is the equation sought to be solved.

4)

“For the matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

calculate X^n for $n = 2, 3, 4, 5$. Write a rule for calculating higher values of n .”

Calculating X^2

$$X^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculating X^3

$$X^3 = X^2 \cdot X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculating X^4

$$X^4 = X^3 \cdot X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculating X^5

$$X^5 = X^4 \cdot X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

For calculating higher numbers of n in the matrix it follows the fibonacci numbers: Let $n \geq 1$ and f_n be the fibonacci numbers then

$$X^n = \begin{bmatrix} f_{n-1} & 0 & f_n \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_n & 0 & f_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$