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1 VECTORS

1.1 Generalities

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1.1 definition. A **scalar** is a one-component quantity that is invariant under rotations of the coordinate system, which describes the magnitude of something

1.2 definition. A **vector** is a two-component quantity, with magnitude (a positive real number) and direction

1.3 remark. If a vector has both a magnitude and direction of 0, then that vector is the zero vector. The zero vector can be thought as having no direction, or all directions

1.4 definition. Equality: Two vectors are equal if they have the same magnitude and the same direction

1.5 remark. Every vector is unique

Proof. Let \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} be two vectors with magnitude λ and the same direction. Hence by 1.4, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ \square

1.6 notation. Generally, in printed text \vec{v} or \mathbf{v} . Handwritten \underline{v} . Magnitude $|\mathbf{v}|$

1.7 definition. Unit vector is a vector of magnitude 1. There is exactly one for any given direction

1.8 notation. Generally, for a given vector \mathbf{v} , $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

1.9 proposition. Parallelogram $\vec{AB} = \vec{DC}$, i.e Traversing left-up is the same as up-right (see proof below)

Proof. It follows from the fact that the opposite sides of a parallelogram are parallel and of equal length. Hence they are equal, by 1.4 \square

1.10 proposition. Negative vectors $\vec{AB} = u \iff \vec{BA} = -u$ (see proof below)

Proof. It follows from the fact that they have the same magnitude but opposite directions \square

1.11 proposition. Zero vector $\vec{AA} = 0$ (see proof below)

Proof. For any point A , $|AA| = 0$ and so $\vec{AA} = 0$ \square

1.2 Addition and Scalar Multiplication

1.12 definition. Addition Let $\mathbf{u} = \vec{PQ}$, $\mathbf{v} = \vec{QR}$. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \vec{PR}$. nose-to-tail

1.13 remark. As per usual subtraction is simply, $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{v})$

1.14 definition. Scalar Multiplication For a vector \mathbf{u} , and a scalar λ . $\lambda\mathbf{u}$ scales the vector's magnitude by λ , and if $\lambda < 0$ inverts its direction

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Properties of Addition and Multiplication

1.15 proposition. Commutative $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ (see proof below)

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] + [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] \\ &= [u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n] \text{ vector addition} \\ &= [v_1 + u_1, v_2 + u_2, \dots, v_n + u_n] \text{ commutative addition of real numbers} \\ &= [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] + [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] \\ &= \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}\end{aligned}$$

□

1.16 proposition. Associative $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ (see proof below)

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} &= ([u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] + [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]) + [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n] \\ &= [u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n] + [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n] \text{ (1.10)} \\ &= [(u_1 + v_1) + w_1, (u_2 + v_2) + w_2, \dots, (u_n + v_n) + w_n] \text{ commutative property of scalars} \\ &= [u_1 + (v_1 + w_1), u_2 + (v_2 + w_2), \dots, u_n + (v_n + w_n)] \text{ associative addition of real numbers} \\ &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] + [v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \dots, v_n + w_n] \\ &= \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

□

1.17 proposition. Distributive $\lambda(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \lambda\mathbf{u} + \lambda\mathbf{v}$ (see proof below)

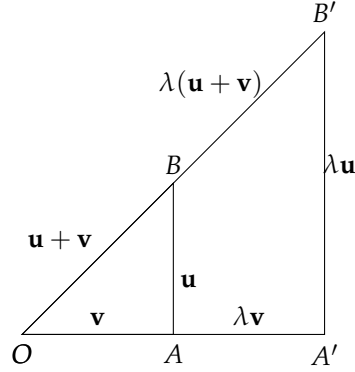
Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= \lambda([u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n] \text{ vector addition}) \\ &= [\lambda(u_1 + v_1), \lambda(u_2 + v_2), \dots, \lambda(u_n + v_n)] \text{ scalar multiplication} \\ &= [\lambda u_1 + \lambda v_1, \lambda u_2 + \lambda v_2, \dots, \lambda u_n + \lambda v_n] \text{ distributive for real numbers} \\ &= \lambda\mathbf{u} + \lambda\mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

□

Proof. 2, by a diagram

Let \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} be two non-zero vectors, and A, B, C be 3 distinct points. Then:



Let the "prime" triangle represent a λ fold enlargement of the original triangle representing the original vectors and their addition. Hence we have that,

$$\begin{aligned} OB' &= \lambda(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = OA' + A'B' \\ &= \lambda\mathbf{v} + \lambda\mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

□

1.3 Parallel and Position vectors

1.18 definition. Parallel: Let \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} be two non-zero vectors. Then, \mathbf{v} is parallel to \mathbf{u} iff $\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ (i.e. if they share the same or opposite directions) and $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|}\mathbf{u}$

1.19 notation. $\mathbf{u} \parallel \mathbf{v}$

1.20 remark. The non-zero vector is parallel to all vectors

Proof. The first part of the definition is self-evident as any scalar multiple of a vector will only alter its magnitude and/or reverse its direction. For the second part, we have that:

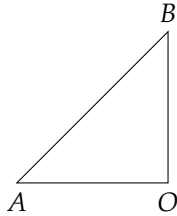
$$\left| \frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|}\mathbf{u} \right| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|}|\mathbf{u}| = 1$$

Hence, we've shown that $\frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|}\mathbf{u}$ is a unit vector of \mathbf{u} , which means that it only varies in magnitude, and is therefore parallel. □

1.21 definition. Position: Let O denote the origin, the vector from O to any point P (\vec{OP}) is called the position vector. For any points A and B , $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$

1.22 notation. \mathbf{r}_p

Proof.



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OB} \\ &= (-\mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{b} \\ &= \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$

□

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1.4 Collinearity and the section formula

1.23 definition. Collinear points lie on a straight line

1.24 remark. One can test whether points are collinear by finding if their directed line segments, i.e. the vector formed starting at a point and ending at the other, are parallel.

1.25 example. Let $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{u}$, $\vec{BC} = 2\mathbf{u}$, $\vec{AC} = \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{u}$. Hence they are all parallel to \mathbf{u} , it follows then that they are collinear.

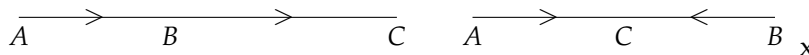
1.26 remark.

$$AB : BC = \beta : \alpha \implies \alpha \vec{AB} = \vec{BC}$$

Setting $\lambda = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$,

$$\vec{AB} = \lambda \vec{BC} \quad AB : BC = \lambda : 1$$

Since A, B and C are collinear, we can deduce the distance between the points using their ratio ($\lambda = \frac{|AB|}{|BC|}$). Furthermore, for $\lambda > 0$ we have that the vectors have the same direction, hence B lies between A and C . Note however that this is not true for $\lambda < 0$

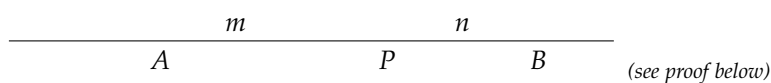


1.27 proposition. Section Formula Let A, B and P be collinear points, s.t:

$$AP : PB = m : n$$

Then, P has position vector

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{a}}{m + n}$$



(see proof below)

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Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} n\vec{AP} &= m\vec{PB} \\ n(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a}) &= m(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}) \\ (m + n)\mathbf{p} &= m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{p} &= \frac{m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{a}}{m + n} \end{aligned}$$

□

special case of 1.27, where $m = n = 1$

TODO: Applications of the section formula

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1.28 corollary. The midpoint of AB has position vector $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$

1.5 Scalar/Dot Product

1.29 definition. Scalar Product of two unit vectors is the cosine of the angle between them. We obtain the scalar product of any two non-zero, non-unit vectors by scaling them by their magnitudes.

1.30 notation. $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \cos \theta \quad \& \quad \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta$$

1.31 remark. Note that $\theta \in [0, \pi]$

1.32 remark. If one of the vectors is a zero vector their scalar product is 0

1.33 proposition. For any vector \mathbf{u} :

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

(see proof below)

Proof. It follows from the fact that $\theta = 0, \cos \theta = 1$. Hence:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{u}|(1) = |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

□

1.34 proposition. Two non-zero vectors are perpendicular if their scalar product is 0

(see proof below)

Proof. $\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v} \iff \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Hence, $\cos \theta = 0$. Therefore:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|(0) = 0$$

□

Properties of Scalar Products**1.35 proposition.** *Commutative* $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ (see proof below)*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \cdots + u_nv_n \\
&= v_1u_1 + v_2u_2 + \cdots + v_nu_n \quad (\text{commutative multiplication of real numbers}) \\
&= \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}
\end{aligned}$$

□

1.36 proposition. *Distributive* $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ (see proof below)*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) &= (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \cdot (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \dots, v_n + w_n) \quad (\text{vector addition}) \\
&= u_1(v_1 + w_1) + u_2(v_2 + w_2) + \cdots + u_n(v_n + w_n) \quad (\text{vector multiplication}) \\
&= (u_1v_1 + u_1w_1) + (u_2v_2 + u_2w_2) + \cdots + (u_nv_n + u_nw_n) \quad (\text{scalar multiplication}) \\
&= (u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \cdots + u_nv_n) + (u_1w_1 + u_2w_2 + \cdots + u_nw_n) \quad (\text{associativity of real numbers}) \\
&= \mathbf{uv} + \mathbf{uw}
\end{aligned}$$

□

1.37 proposition. *NON-Associative* (see proof below)*Proof.* $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})$ is an invalid expression, since the dot product returns a scalar and we cannot perform the dot product between a scalar and a vector

□

1.6 Normal to a Plane

1.38 definition. A **normal to a plane** is a vector that is at right-angles to every vector contained within it**1.39 remark.** Every plane has two normals, one pointing "upwards" and another "downwards"**1.40 remark.** Note that there are infinitely many planes, lying parallel to one another. Hence, to define a plane one needs to know its normal and a point within it.*Think of stack***1.41 definition. Plane** We observe that a point p lies on P , given a normal \mathbf{n} , iff the dot product between the directed line segment on the plane and the normal is 0.

$$P = \{\text{points } P \mid \mathbf{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{pP} = 0\}$$

1.7 Cross Product

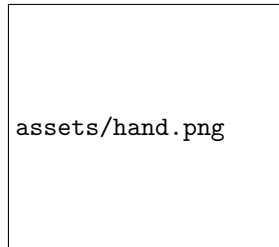
To start exploring the nature of the cross product of two 3D vectors, we first note that the two vectors form an area. We see this often exemplified by the parallelogram rule. Now let $A(\theta)$ represent the area demarcated by this parallelogram. This function of θ has its maximum when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, i.e. when the parallelogram is a square, and its minimum when $\theta = 0$, i.e. \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are parallel.

$$A(\theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } \theta = 0 \\ |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| & \text{when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{when } \theta = \pi \end{cases}$$

*this is just the area of the parallelogram

1.42 definition. Cross Product $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is a vector with magnitude $|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$ and direction given by the normal 1.43 of the plane on which the parallelogram lies

1.43 definition. Right-Hand Rule Convention used to fix the direction of the parallelogram uniquely (remember that this is because it could point "upwards" or "downwards"). By putting the index finger parallel to the palm, and orientating the thumb and first finger in the directions of \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} . The index finger gives us the fixed direction



1.44 proposition. Parallelism Criterion Two non-zero vectors are parallel iff $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ (see proof below)

Proof. This follows from the fact that two vectors are parallel if $\theta = 0$ or $\theta = \pi$, either way $\sin \theta = 0$, therefore $|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta = 0$ \square

1.45 remark. Note how for the dot product we start by looking at the parallelism of two vectors, and get a criterion for their perpendicularity. Whilst for the cross product the opposite is true.

Properties of the Cross Product

1.46 remark. Note that the cross product is only valid up to 3D

1.47 proposition. Anti-Commutative $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a})$$

(see proof below)

Proof. For non-parallel vectors, the result follows from the fact that even though the magnitude remains unchanged*, i.e. $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$, *just like in the dot product their direction is reversed. \square

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1.48 proposition. NON-Associative (see proof below)

Proof. Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{v} be two distinct non-zero vectors. Then we have:

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) \neq 0$$

$$(2) \quad \underbrace{(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a})}_{0, \text{ since } \theta = 0} \times \mathbf{c} = 0$$

(1) and (2) cannot both be true, hence we arrive at a contradiction. \square

1.49 proposition. Distributive across scalar multiplication and addition (see proof below)

addition proof beyond 1S's scope

Proof.

$$\lambda(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = |\lambda \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} \times \lambda \mathbf{b}|$$

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}$$

\square

1.50 remark. Note that the dot and cross product do not distribute amongst themselves

Proof.

$$(3) \quad (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} \quad \text{Valid}$$

$$(4) \quad \underbrace{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})}_{\text{yields a scalar}} \times \mathbf{c} \quad \text{Invalid, scalar} \times \text{vector not allowed}$$

\square

Application of the Cross Product

1.51 example. Three points A, B and C determine the plane P containing them. Find a criterion for a point P to lie on P in terms of A, B and C.

It follows from (1.41), that we need to find the normal \mathbf{n} to the plane containing A, B and C. And given that \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} lie in P:

$$\mathbf{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}$$

So the criterion is:

$$\overrightarrow{AP} \times \mathbf{n} = \overrightarrow{AP} \cdot (\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}) = 0$$

2 COUNTING METHODS

2.1 The Multiplication Principle

2.1 definition. Multiplication Principle Let the joint experiment θ , represent an experiment, with k possible outcomes, composed by two other distinct experiments λ_1 and λ_2 each with n_1 and n_2 possible outcomes, respectively. Then, $k = n_1 \cdot n_2$

2.2 Combinations and Permutations

2.2 definition. Combinations For a collection of n different objects, by selecting r of them, the number of possible combinations where the **order does not matter** is given by:

$$\binom{n}{r} = {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

Note the similarity of the formulas, since the order is irrelevant, we should expect the possible # of combinations to decrease, hence higher denominator

2.3 definition. Permutations For a collection of n different objects and n spaces, the number of permutations is the number of possible ordered arrangements. It is given by $n!$

2.4 notation. More generally, when only wishing to select an r number of those n objects, where $0 \leq r \leq n$:

$${}^nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

2.5 remark. More generally still, for repeated objects (n_1 of type 1, \dots , n_t of type t):

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \times \dots \times n_t!}$$

Note that we can obtain the permutations formula by looking at forming permutations of r objects from n as a two stage procedure:

1. Choose any combination of r objects: nC_r
2. Order the r objects: $r!$

Properties of $\binom{n}{r}$

2.6 proposition. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r = 0, 1, \dots$:

$$\binom{n}{n-r} = \binom{n}{r}$$

(see proof below)

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Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n}{n-r} &= \frac{n!}{(n-(n-r))!(n-r)!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \\ &= \binom{n}{r}\end{aligned}$$

□

2.7 example. Determine, as efficiently as possible, the following:

$$\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \binom{n}{3}, \binom{n}{4}, \binom{n}{5}$$

By using the symmetry which follows from (2.6) we have that:

$$\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{5} = 1; \binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{4} = 5; \binom{n}{2} = \binom{n}{3} = 10$$

2.3 Combinations subject to Constraints

1. Exclusion of k objects:

$$\binom{n}{r} \Big|_{\text{exclude } k} = \binom{n-k}{r}$$

2. Inclusion of k objects:

$$\binom{n}{r} \Big|_{\text{include } k} = \binom{n-k}{r-k}$$

3. Complement: The number of combinations that do satisfy a constraint is the complement of the number that do not

$$\text{Combinations which satisfy the constraint} = \text{Total} - \text{Combinations which do not}$$

2.9 theorem.

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

2.10 corollary.

$$(a - b)^n = (a + (-b))^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} (-b)^r$$

2.11 remark. the signs alternate between even and odd powers of b

2.12 corollary.

$$(1 + x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r$$

2.6 Applications to Trigonometry

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Applying the binomial theorem in conjunction with de Moivre's we can write $\cos(n\theta)$ and $\sin(n\theta)$ in terms of $\cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(\theta)$.

2.13 example. Express $\cos(5\theta)$ as a polynomial in $\cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(5\theta)$ as a polynomial in $\sin(\theta)$

Let $\cos(\theta) = c$ and $\sin(\theta) = s$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(5\theta) + i \sin(5\theta) &= (c + is)^5 \quad \text{de Moivre's} \\ &= c^5 + 5c^4(is) + 10c^3(is)^2 + 10c^2(is)^3 + 5c(is)^4 + (is)^5 \quad \text{Binomial Theorem} \\ &= c^5 + i(5c^4s) - 10c^3s^2 - i(10c^2s^3) + 5cs^4 + is^5 \\ &= c^5 - 10c^3s^2 + 5cs^4 + i(5c^4s - 10c^2s^3 + s^5) \end{aligned}$$

Equating the real parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(5\theta) &= c^5 - 10c^3s^2 + 5cs^4 \\ &= c^5 - 10c^3(1 - c^2) + 5c(1 - c^2)^2 \\ &= c^5 - 10c^3 + 10c^5 + 5c - 10c^3 + 5c^5 \\ &= \boxed{16\cos^5(\theta) - 20\cos^3(\theta) + 5\cos(\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the imaginary parts:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(5\theta) &= 5c^4s - 10c^2s^3 + s^5 \\
 &= 5(1-s^2)^2s - 10(1-s^2)s^3 + s^5 \\
 &= 5s - 10s^3 + 5s^5 - 10s^3 + 10s^5 + s^5 \\
 &= \boxed{16\sin^5\theta - 20\sin^3\theta + 5\sin\theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Conversely, let $z = e^{ir\theta}$. Note that,

$$e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + \cancel{\sin(\theta)} + \cos(\theta) - \cancel{\sin(\theta)} = 2\cos(\theta) \iff \boxed{\cos(r\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(z^r + z^{-r})}$$

$$e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} = \cancel{\cos(\theta)} + \sin(\theta) - \cancel{\cos(\theta)} + \sin(\theta) = 2i\sin(\theta) \iff \boxed{\sin(r\theta) = \frac{1}{2i}(z^r - z^{-r})}$$

2.14 example. Express $\cos^6\theta$ in the form $a\cos^6(\theta) + b\cos^4(\theta) + c\cos^2(\theta) + d$

Using the binomial theorem, and the formulae above with $2\cos(\theta)$ so that we get rid of the fraction during the working out we have that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\cos^6(\theta) &= (z + z^{-1})^6 \\
 &= z^6 + 6z^5z^{-1} + 15z^4z^{-2} + 20z^3z^{-3} + 15z^2z^{-4} + 6zz^{-5} + z^{-6} \\
 &= z^6 + 6z^4 + 15z^2 + 20 + 15z^{-2} + 6z^{-4} + z^{-6} \\
 &= (z^6 + z^{-6}) + 6(z^4 + z^{-4}) + 15(z^2 + z^{-2}) + 20 \\
 &= 2\cos(6\theta) + 12\cos(4\theta) + 30\cos(2\theta) + 20
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\iff \cos^6(\theta) = \frac{1}{64}(2\cos(6\theta) + 12\cos(4\theta) + 30\cos(2\theta) + 20)$$

3 COORDINATES & 3D GEOMETRY

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3.1 Standard Unit Vectors

We represent the unit vectors with the same direction as the x, y, z axes by $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ respectively. And we can represent any position vector by combining multiples of these (3.8)

3.1 notation. $P(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ represents an arbitrary point

3.2 notation. $P = (\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ represents an arbitrary vector

So we have that

$$\mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0) \quad \mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

3.3 proposition.

$$\mathbf{r}_p = \alpha \mathbf{i} + \beta \mathbf{j} + \lambda \mathbf{k}$$

and

$$|\mathbf{r}_p|^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \lambda^2$$

(see proof below)

Proof. (see figure 3.4 lecture notes) □

3.4 proposition. Distance Formula For two points $A(x, y, z), B(m, n, o)$

$$|AB| = \sqrt{(m-x)^2 + (n-y)^2 + (z-o)^2}$$

(see proof below)

Proof. Follows from above, where A is not the origin $(0, 0, 0)$ □

3.2 Vector Products

By noting that the standard unit vectors are at an angle of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ it follows that

$$|\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j}| = |\mathbf{i}||\mathbf{j}| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

and by the rhr (1.43) we also note that $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k}$

3.5 definition. Right-Handed System We call the *triple* $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k})$ a rhs of vectors

There are two easy ways to see if a rotation of $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k})$ is still a valid rhs. (1) make sure that all the positive axis are facing "your way" (2) using a circular diagram with \mathbf{i} at the top, taking the positive , and hence valid, rotations to be anti-clock wise. So we have other two valid permutations which originate a rhs $(\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{i}), (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j})$

3.6 remark. lhs results in negative angles, hence negative products

3.7 proposition. Let $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ be the standard unit vectors, then:

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 0 \quad \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0 \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$$

and

$$\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i} \quad \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j}$$

(see proof below)

3.3 Component Form

3.8 definition. Component Form vector represented in terms of $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$. For a given point $P(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$

$$\mathbf{u} = \alpha\mathbf{i} + \beta\mathbf{j} + \lambda\mathbf{k}$$

We can rewrite (3.4) in terms of (α, β, λ)

3.9 proposition. For $\mathbf{u} = (\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$

$$|\mathbf{u}| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \lambda^2}$$

(see proof below)

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3.4 Section Formula in Component Form

3.10 example.

Points: $A(3, -2, 4), B(4, 0, 2), C(7, 6, -4), D(1, -7, 0)$

a Are A, B, D collinear? If so, find $AB : BD$

b Find the point P on AC such that $AP : PC = -1 : 5$

Note that the position vectors are given by the coordinates of the points, it follows then:

a

$$AB = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = (1, 2, -2) \quad BD = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b} = (-2, -7, -2)$$

Given that the vectors found are not multiples of each other, they are not parallel, hence they're not collinear

b

$$\begin{aligned} -AP &= \frac{1}{5}PC \\ 5(3 - P_x, -2 - P_y, 4 - P_z) &= 7 - P_x, 6 - P_y, -4 - P_z \\ \implies P &= (2, -4, 6) \end{aligned}$$

3.5 Surfaces

In \mathbb{R}^3 an equation $f(x, y, z) = 0$ (e.g. sphere). Formally:

3.11 definition. Surface (S) $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(x, y, z) = 0\}$

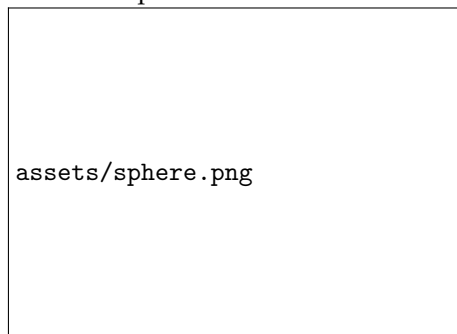
Spheres

3.12 proposition. Let S be the sphere with centre $C(a, b, c)$ and radius r . Then,

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2\}$$

(see proof below)

Proof. Note that this is just a specific application of the distance formula, which can be seen as representing an infinite number of vectors, with infinite directions (depending on $P(x, y, z)$) but with a fixed magnitude equal to the radius of the sphere.



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3.13 example. Exam 2017: Show that the following represents a sphere, and indicate its center and radius

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(x - 4y + z) + 15 = 0$$

By completing the square, we obtain the equation of the sphere in the canonical form, from where we can directly read the required data

$$(x + 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2 + (z + 1)^2 = 3$$

Hence, $C(-1, 4, -1)$ $r = \sqrt{3}$

3.6 Line Equations

3.14 definition. Direction Vector any non-zero vector parallel to the line

We can define any point on a line, and hence define the line in general, by using the notion of component vectors seen above. Consider a line which passes through $A(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ and has direction vector $\mathbf{u} = (l, m, n)$, then the position vector of a random point $P(x, y, z)$ can be given by the sum of \mathbf{a} with some multiple of \mathbf{u} ; i.e. we can get to P by first travelling from the origin until a point A on the line and then travel *along* the line

3.15 definition. Vector Form

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{u}$$

By expanding the vector equation into its component form, we get two other representations of a line

3.16 definition. Parametric Form

$$(x, y, z) = (\alpha, \beta, \lambda) + t(l, m, n) = (\alpha + tl, \beta + tm, \lambda + tn)$$

3.17 definition. Symmetric Form

$$\frac{x - \alpha}{l} = \frac{y - \beta}{m} = \frac{z - \lambda}{n} = t$$

3.18 remark. Note that from the symmetric form one obtains directly the direction vector (denominator) and the coordinates of a point on the line (numerator)

3.7 Intersection of Lines

In \mathbb{R}^3 , non-parallel lines need not intersect, they can be *skew* for example varying their "z-index"/"height", shifts the plane they're in and they'll never meet. Hence, by equating two lines, we find

Parallel if their direction vectors are multiples of each other

Intersect if the system of equations given by equating their line equations is consistent

Skew if they are not parallel nor intersect

4 LOGICAL MATTERS & PROOF

4.1 definition. Direct Proof It consists of an argument that starts from the hypothesis and by a sequence of logical steps ends at the conclusion

4.2 remark. A common misconception is starting from the conclusion and finding something "true", by using both sides of the equation simultaneously

4.3 example. Prove that the product of two odd integers is also odd

Proof. Let a, b be arbitrary odd integers. Then $a = 2k + 1$ and $b = 2l + 1$, for some $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= (2k + 1)(2l + 1) \\ &= 4kl + 2k + 2l + 1 \\ &= 2(2kl + k + l) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since $2kl + k + l \in \mathbb{Z}$, ab is odd.

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