

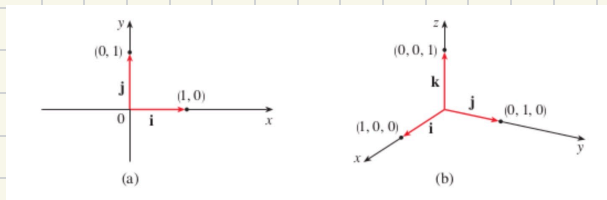
Review for LQ1: Calc 1 and 2 (differentiation and u-sub)

Defn: • n -dimensional vector $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ has "n directions" and length

$$\|\vec{a}\| = |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$$

• V_n is the set of all n -dimensional vectors.

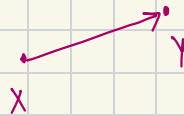
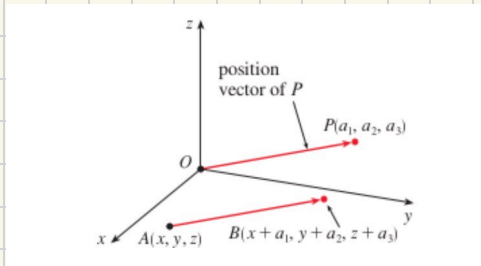
Defn: • V_3 has 3 standard basis vectors $i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$, $k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.



• Any vector in V_3 can be written as $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle = a_1 i + a_2 j + a_3 k$

and has length $\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$.

Important facts: ① For points $X(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $Y(y_1, y_2, y_3)$ the vector \vec{XY} is such that $Y = X + \vec{XY}$.



$$\Rightarrow \vec{XY} = \langle y_1 - x_1, y_2 - x_2, y_3 - x_3 \rangle = Y - X$$

② • Unit vectors: for any vector $\vec{u} \in V_n$, the unit vector along

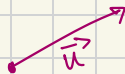
\vec{u} is the vector with length 1 and same direction as \vec{u} .

• So for any vector \vec{u} , $\vec{v} = \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \cdot \vec{u}$ is the unit vector along \vec{u} .

Aside: $|\vec{v}| = \left| \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \vec{u} \right|$

$$= \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \cdot |\vec{u}|$$

$$= 1$$



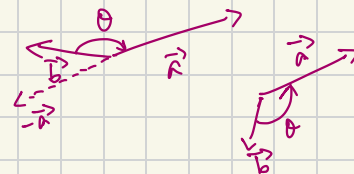
$$\vec{v} = c \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|}$$

Section 12.3:

Def: If $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$. Then

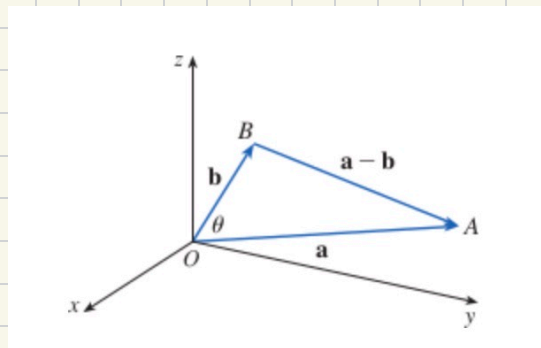
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3.$$



2 Properties of the Dot Product

If \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} are vectors in V_3 and c is a scalar, then

1. $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}|^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2$
2. $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$
3. $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$
4. $(c\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = c(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot (c\mathbf{b})$
5. $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$



Def: θ is the angle in the triangle with sides \vec{a} , \vec{b} , $\vec{a}-\vec{b}$ that is opposite the side $\vec{a}-\vec{b}$.

Thm: If $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} , then

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot \cos \theta$$

Corollary: $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}|}$

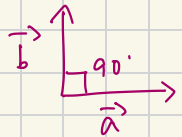
Example: Find the angle between the vectors $\vec{a} = \langle 2, 2, -1 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle 5, -3, 2 \rangle$.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot 2 = 10 - 6 - 2 = 2$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = 3$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{25 + 13} = \sqrt{38}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2}{3 \cdot \sqrt{38}} \Rightarrow \theta = \arccos \left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{38}} \right) \approx 1.46 \text{ or } 84^\circ \quad \square$$

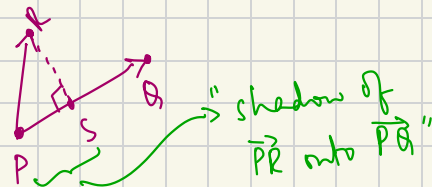
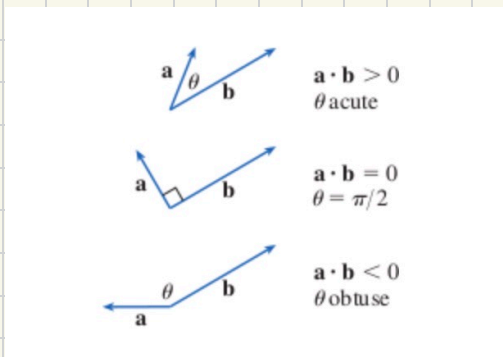
 $\Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot 0 = 0$

$$\text{If } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0, |\vec{a}| \neq 0 \text{ and } |\vec{b}| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}|} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

Thm: \vec{a} and \vec{b} are orthogonal if and only if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

Example: Show that $2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ is perpendicular to $5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$.

Answer: $\langle 2, 2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, -4, 2 \rangle = 10 - 8 - 2 = 0$. \square

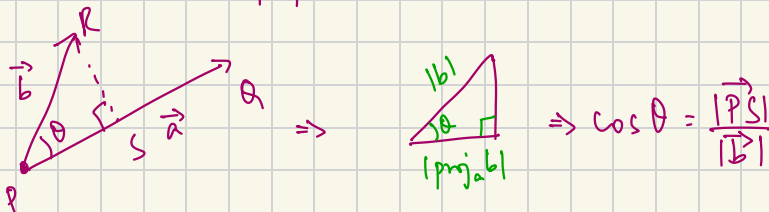


Projections:

Problem statement: You are given two vectors \vec{PR} and \vec{PQ} .

Find a representation for the vector \vec{PS} in terms of \vec{PR} and \vec{PQ} .

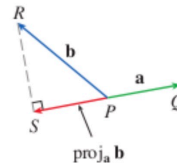
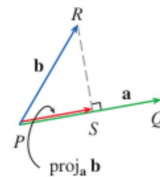
Answer:



$$\vec{PS} = \text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b}| = |\vec{b}| \cdot \cos \theta$$

Caution: this quantity can be negative.



Definition: • Scalar projection of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} (called the component of b along a) is defined as $|b| \cos \theta$ (signed magnitude of the projection)

$$\rightarrow \text{comp}_a b = |b| \cdot \cos \theta = |b| \cdot \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |b|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

• Vector projection of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} :

$$\underbrace{\text{proj}_a b}_{\text{PS}} = \text{comp}_a b \cdot \vec{a} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \right)}_{\text{scalar}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right)}_{\text{unit vector along } \vec{a}}$$

Example: Find the scalar and vector projections of $\vec{b} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ onto $\vec{a} = \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle$.

$$\underline{A}: \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -2 + 3 + 2 = 3$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 1} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\text{comp}_a b = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{proj}_a b = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \cdot \frac{\vec{a}}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{3}{14} \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle \quad \square$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{-6}{14}, \frac{9}{14}, \frac{3}{14} \right\rangle = \left\langle -\frac{2}{7}, \frac{9}{14}, \frac{3}{14} \right\rangle$$

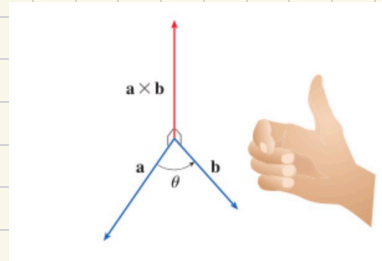
Fact: \vec{a} and \vec{b} are parallel if and only if $\theta = 0$ or π

Aside: That is \vec{a} and \vec{b} are parallel if and only if

$$a \cdot b = |a| \cdot |b| \text{ OR } a \cdot b = -|a| \cdot |b|$$



Section 12.4:



Cross product: $a \times b$ is a vector \vec{c} that is $\rightarrow \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$

orthogonal to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} . $\rightarrow \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$
 $\rightarrow \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$

That is $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

So we need to solve the following system

$$a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_2 + a_3 c_3 = 0$$

$$b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2 + b_3 c_3 = 0$$

Definition: Determinant of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ is $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$

Determinant of $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{is } \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & b_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + a_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Definition: $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}}_{c_1} i - \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}}_{c_2} j + \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}_{c_3} k$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) \mathbf{i} - (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1) \mathbf{j} + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) \mathbf{k}$$