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# Computer Graphics

Mathematical background

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# In the previous episodes

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- Computer graphics is useful and fun
- Computer graphics is about generating images
- Modeling, Rendering, Animation
- Raster vs Vector, 2D vs 3D
- Ad-hoc projection vs Light physics
- “Standard graphics pipeline”
- Matrix notation



# Mathematical background

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- Vectors:
  - Points, directions, vectors and matrices
  - Linear combinations, convex combinations
  - Norm, normalization
  - Inner product, orthogonality, orthogonalization
  - Box product, Cross product
  - Orientation
  - Representation of a straight line



# Mathematical background

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- Matrices:
  - Linear transformations
  - Invertibility, rank, determinant
  - Orthogonal transformations
  - Affine transformations
  - Homogeneous coordinates



# Vectors

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In general, vectors are elements of a  
\_\_\_\_\_ space.



# Vectors

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deal with vector spaces

$\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .



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We use those vectors to denote  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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# Operations with vectors

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- Linear combinations:

$$3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$





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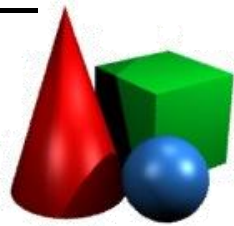
$$3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

- A linear combination

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

is called *convex* if \_\_\_\_\_

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# Operations with vectors

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- Norm

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_n^2}$$



# Operations with vectors

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$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| =$$



# Operations with vectors

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$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| =$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 33 \\ 44 \end{pmatrix} \right\| =$$



# Operations with vectors

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- Normalization:

$$\text{normalize}(\mathbf{a}) := \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$$



# Operations with vectors

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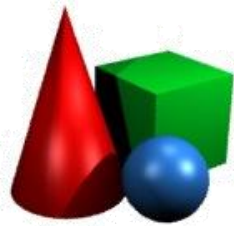


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- Inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n$$





# Operations with vectors

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- Inner product

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle =$$



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$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle =$$



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- Inner product

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle + \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle =$$



# Operations with vectors

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- Inner product

- $\langle \mathbf{a}, \lambda \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \rangle = \lambda \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c} \rangle$

Linearity

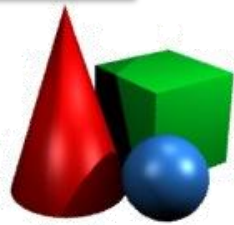
- $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2$

- $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\| \cdot \cos \alpha$

Relationship  
with the norm

- $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$

Relationship  
with the matrix  
product notation



# Operations with vectors

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- Inner product

- $\mathbf{a}^T (\lambda \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \lambda \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{c}$

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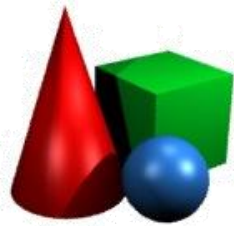


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**$\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{a}$  is the length of the projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\mathbf{p}$ .**

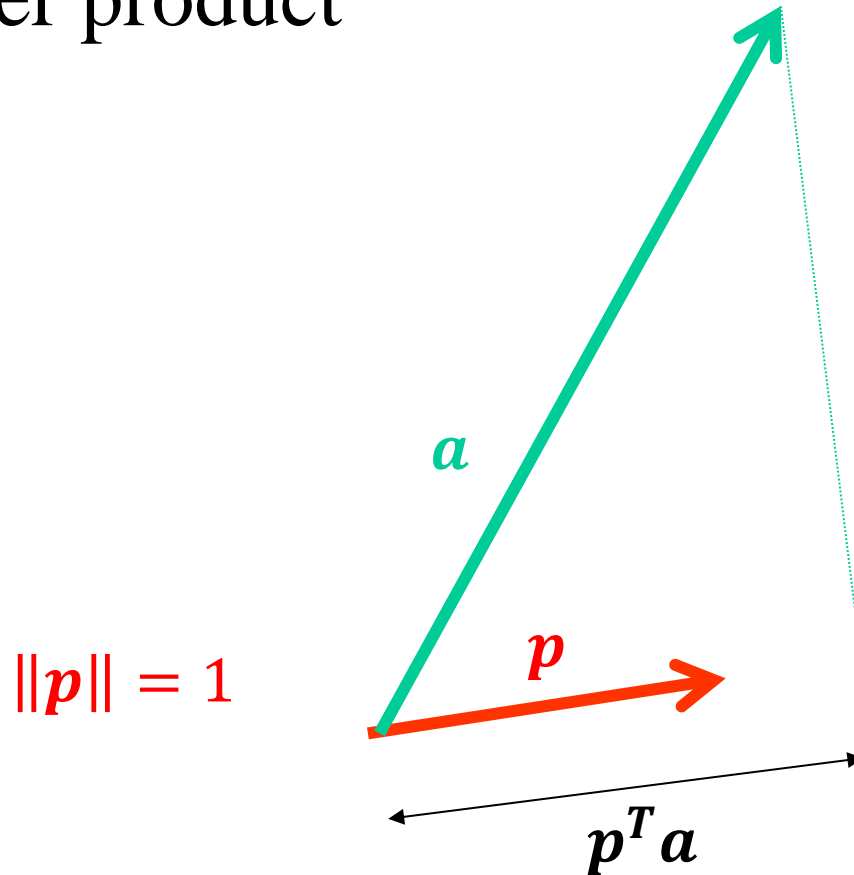




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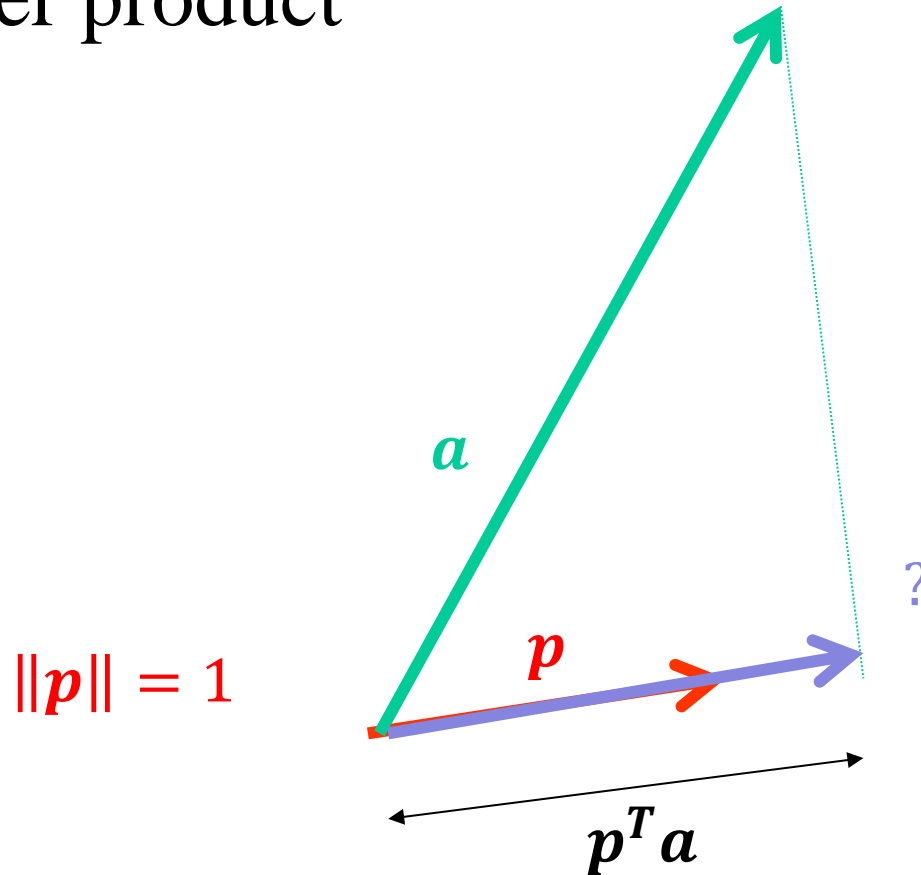
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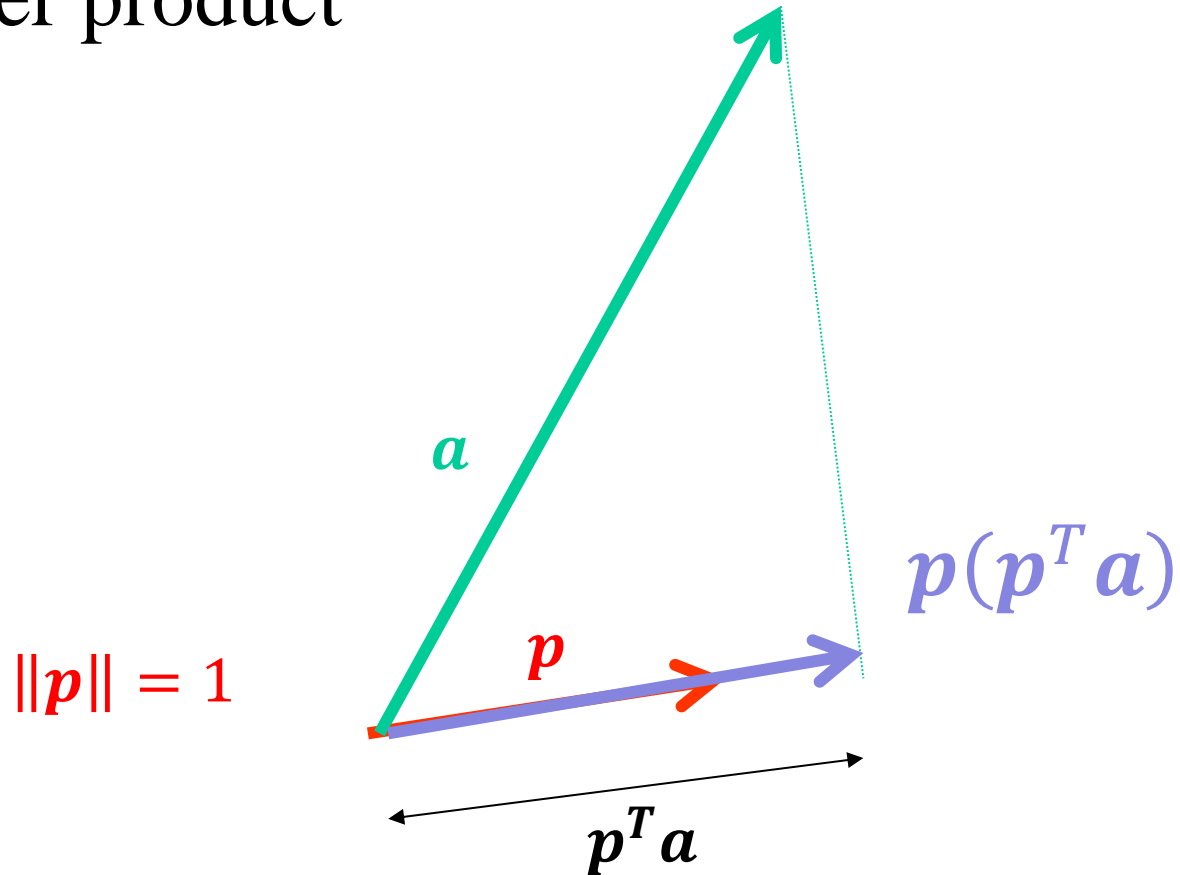
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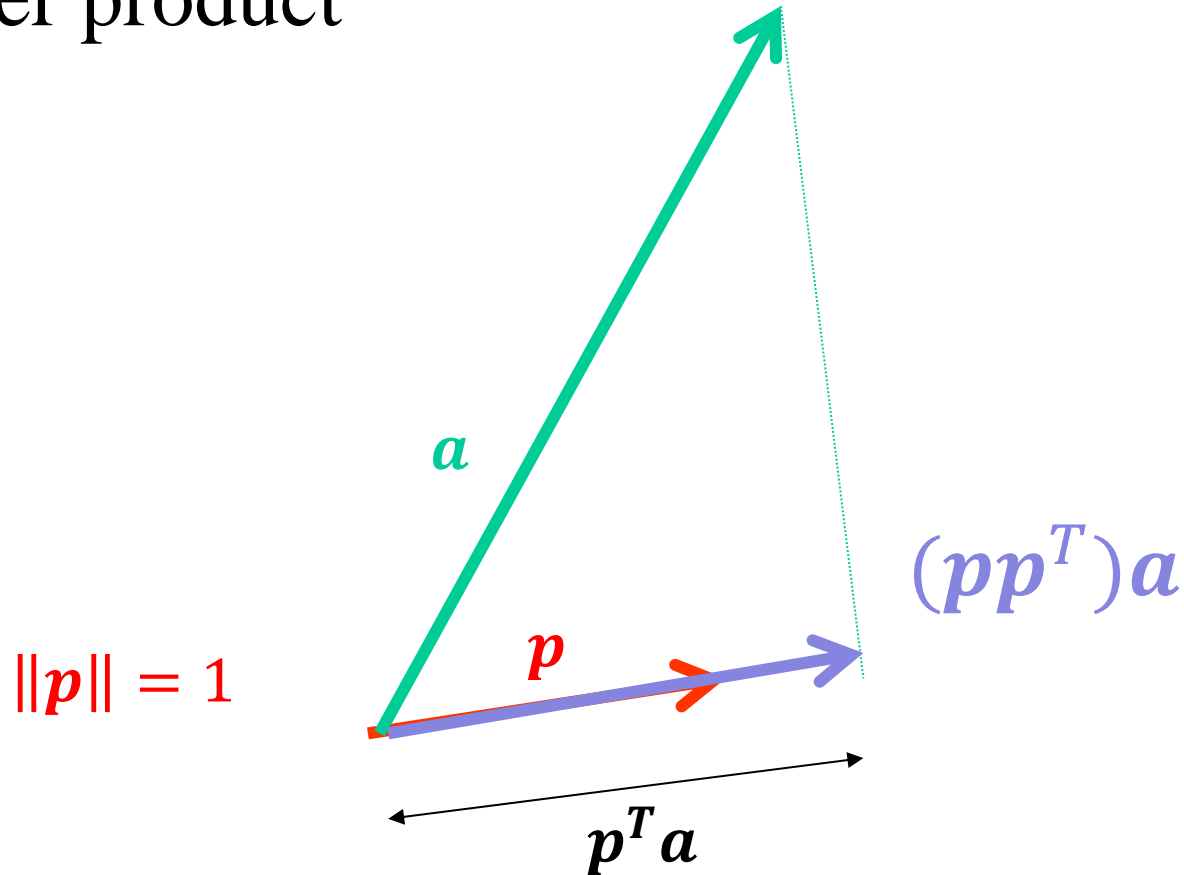
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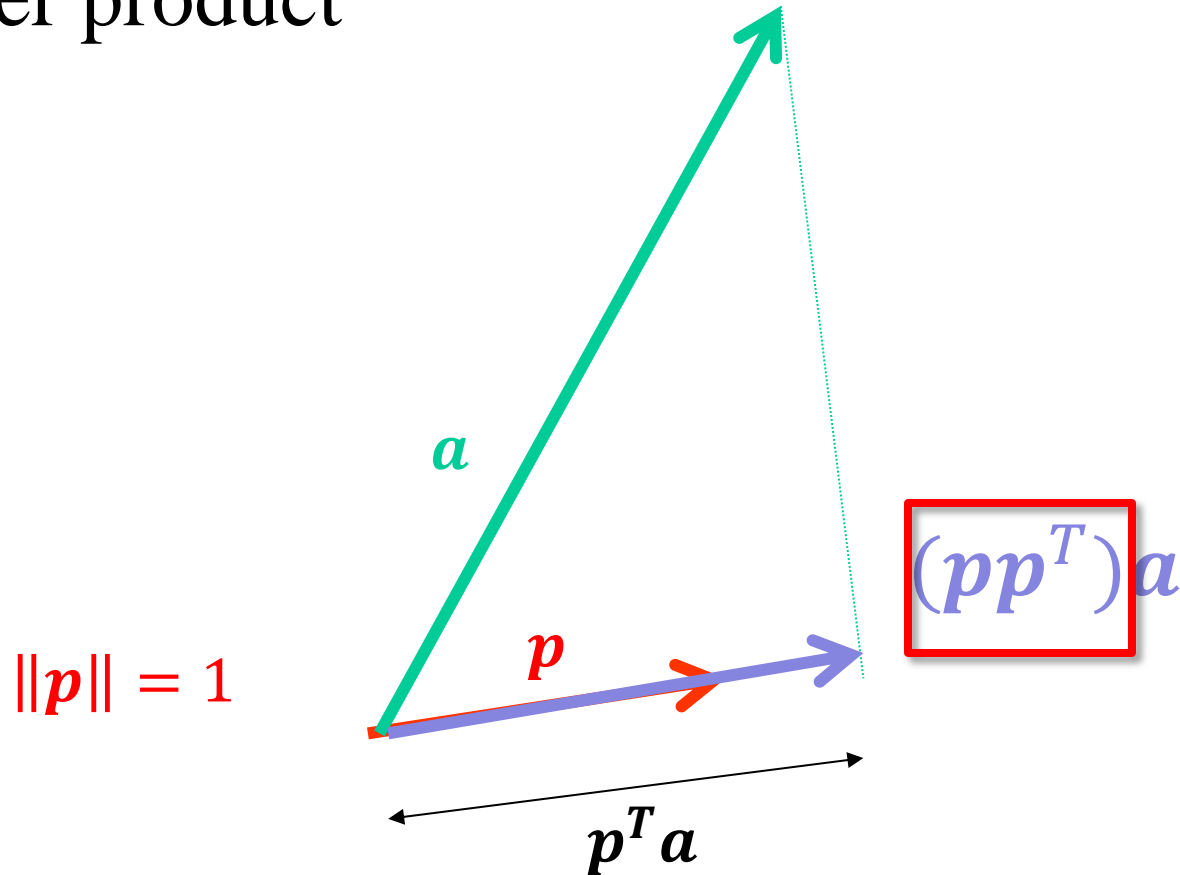
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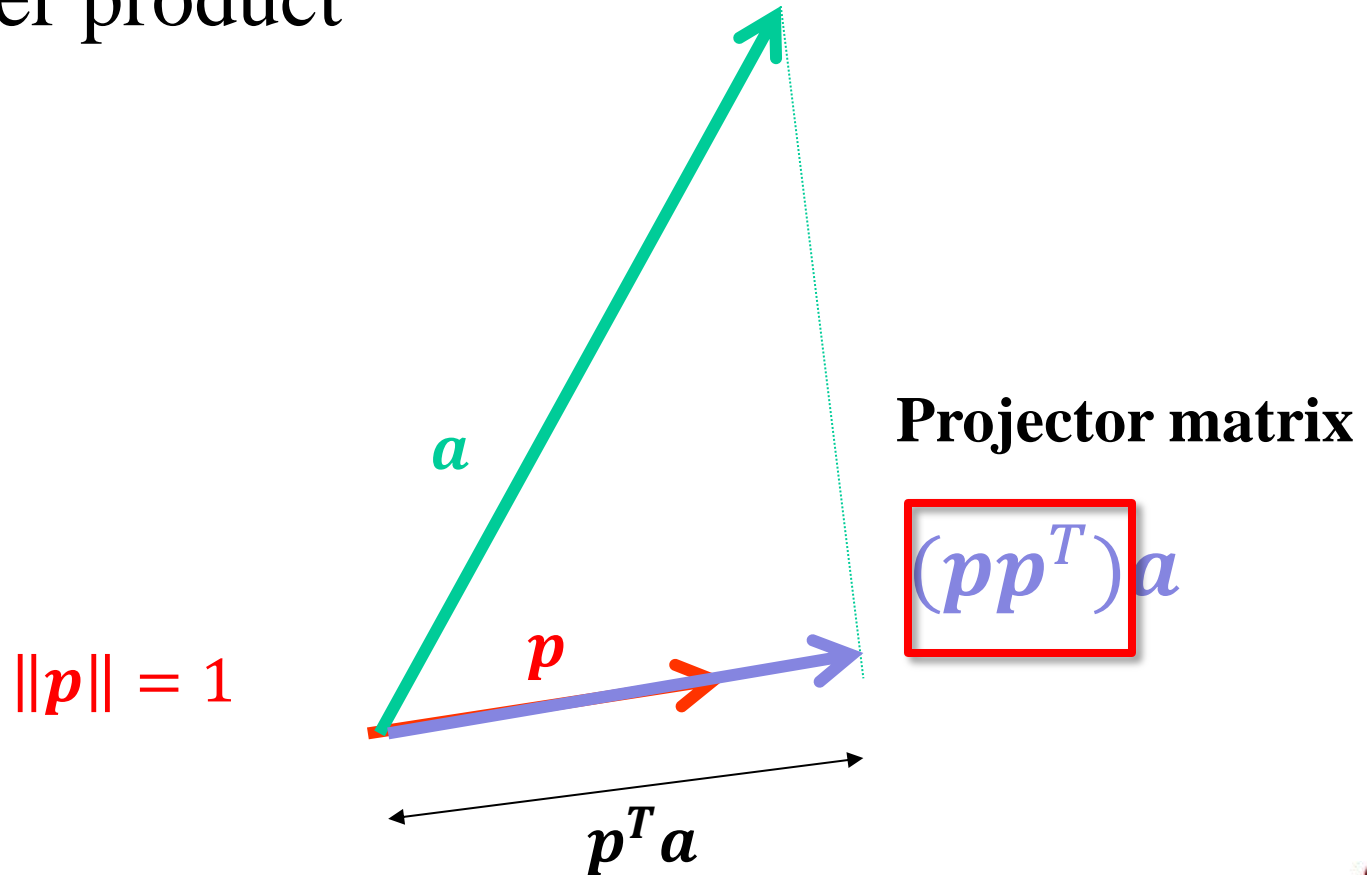
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# Projector

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- For any nonzero vector  $\mathbf{p}$  the matrix

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\|\mathbf{p}\|}\right)\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\|\mathbf{p}\|}\right)^T = \frac{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T}{\|\mathbf{p}\|^2} = \frac{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T}{\mathbf{p}^T\mathbf{p}}$$

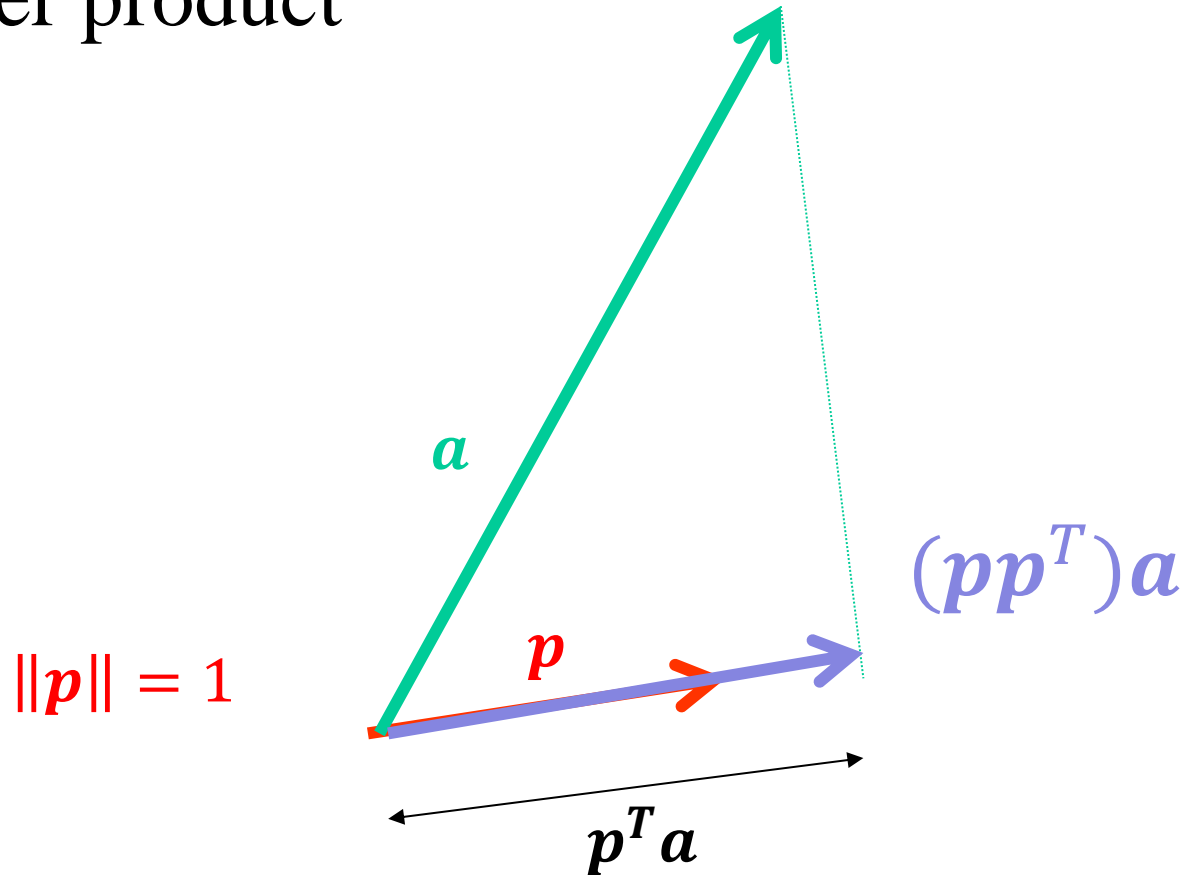
is the *projector matrix* for  $\mathbf{p}$ .



# Operations with vectors

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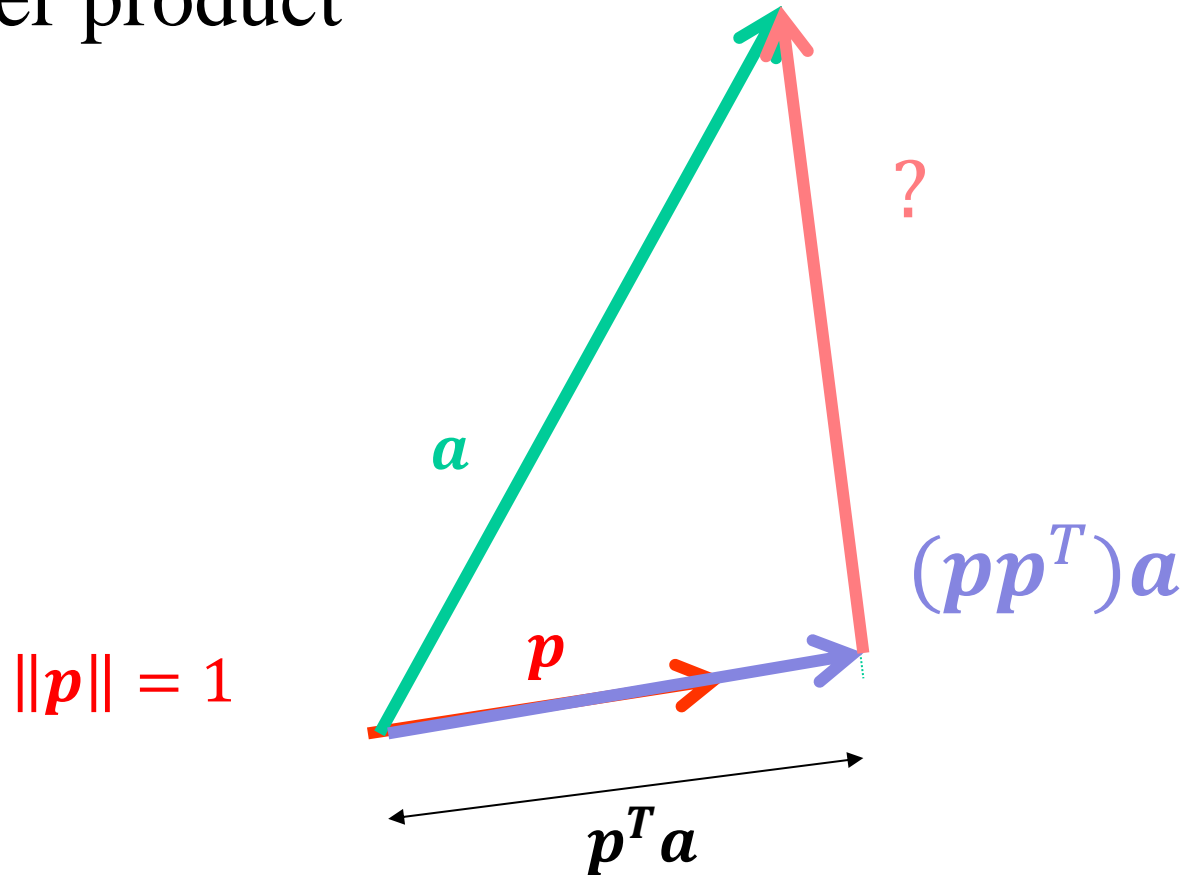




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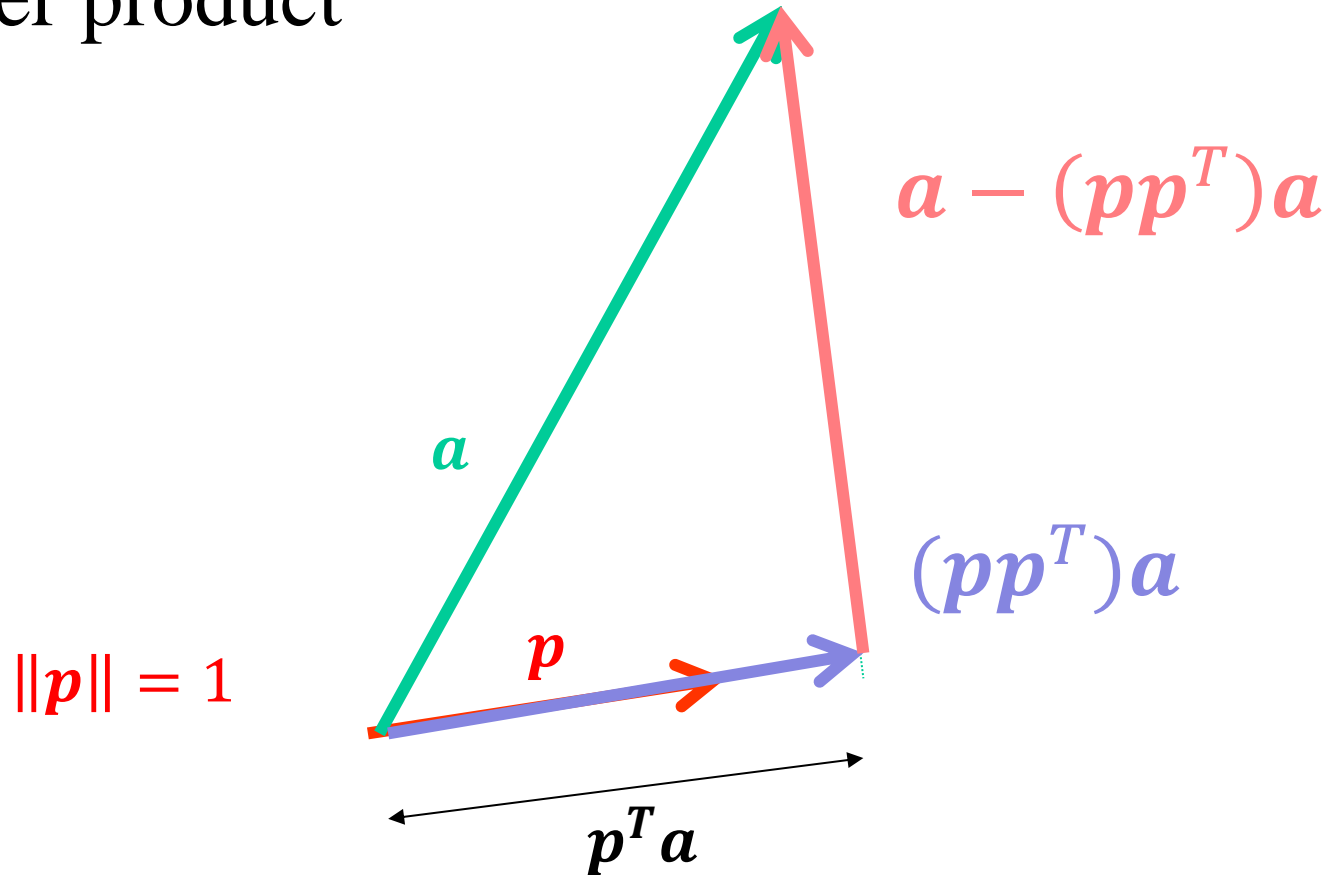
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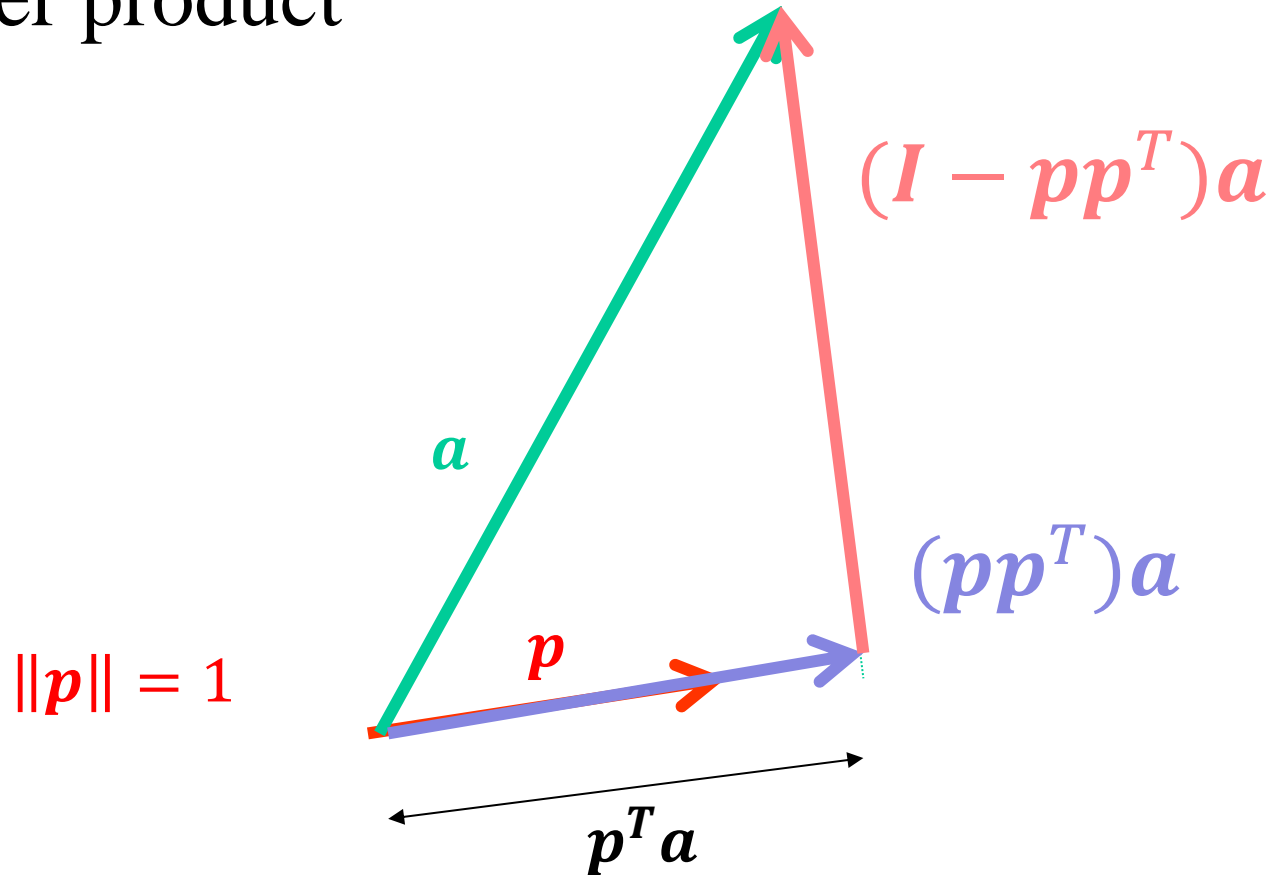
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- Inner product
  - $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\| \cdot \cos \alpha$



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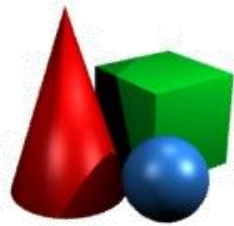
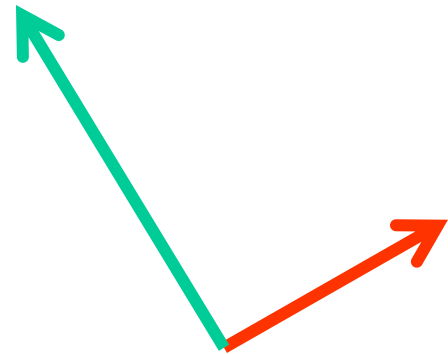
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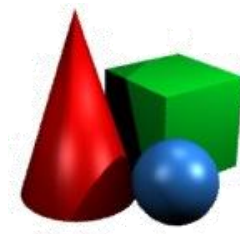
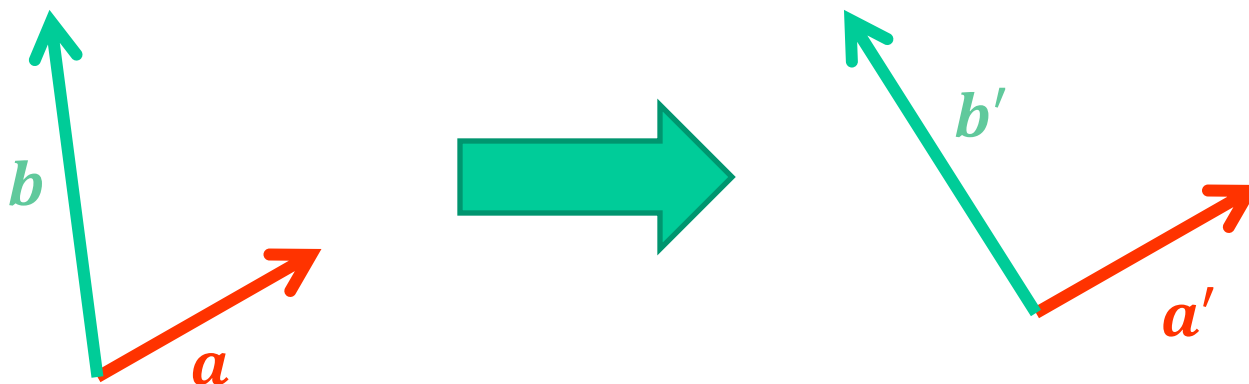
- $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos \alpha = 0$

- In this case we say that  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are **orthogonal**.



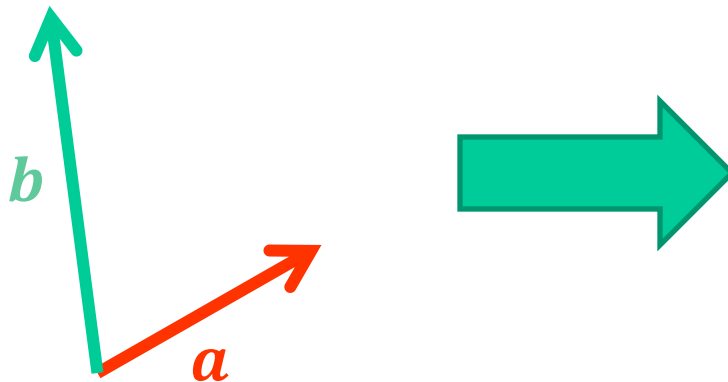
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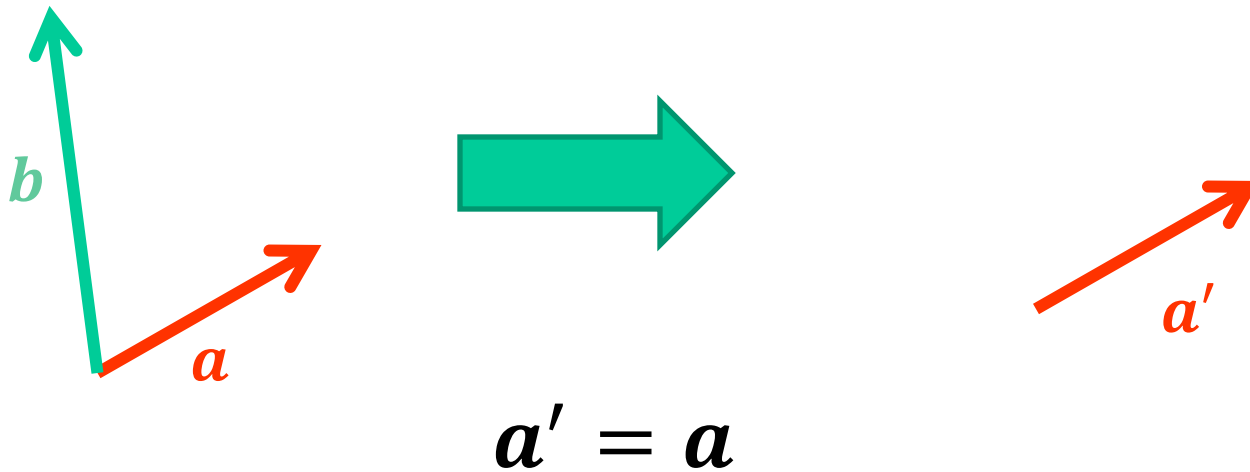
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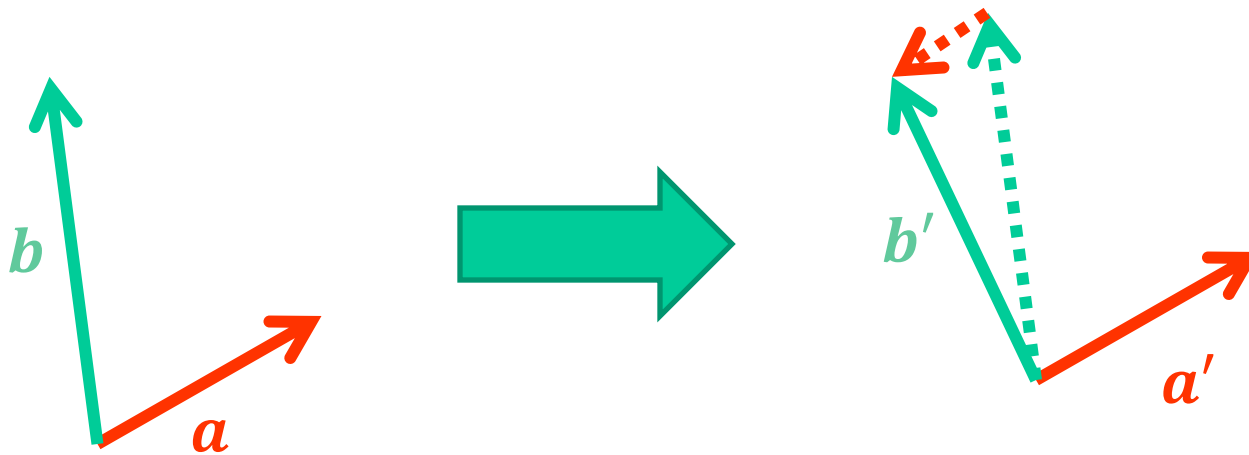
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# Orthogonalization

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$$a' = a$$

$$b' = b - \frac{a' a'^T}{a'^T a'} b$$



# Gram-Schmidt algorithm

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$$\mathbf{a}' = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b} - \frac{\mathbf{a}' \mathbf{a}'^T}{\mathbf{a}'^T \mathbf{a}'} \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{a}' \mathbf{a}'^T}{\mathbf{a}'^T \mathbf{a}'} \mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{b}'^T}{\mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{b}'} \mathbf{c}$$

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# Orthonormality

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- If vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are orthogonal and unit-length, we say they are *orthonormal*.
- A set of  $m$  orthonormal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is an *orthonormal basis* of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- Give an example of an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



# Operations with Vectors

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- Box product
  - Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - The box product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is:

$$|\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2$$



# Operations with Vectors

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- Box product
  - $|a \ b| = \|a\| \|b\| \sin \alpha$
  - $|b \ a| = -|a \ b|$

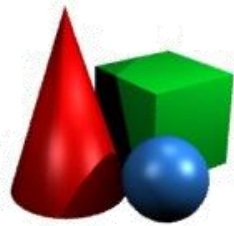
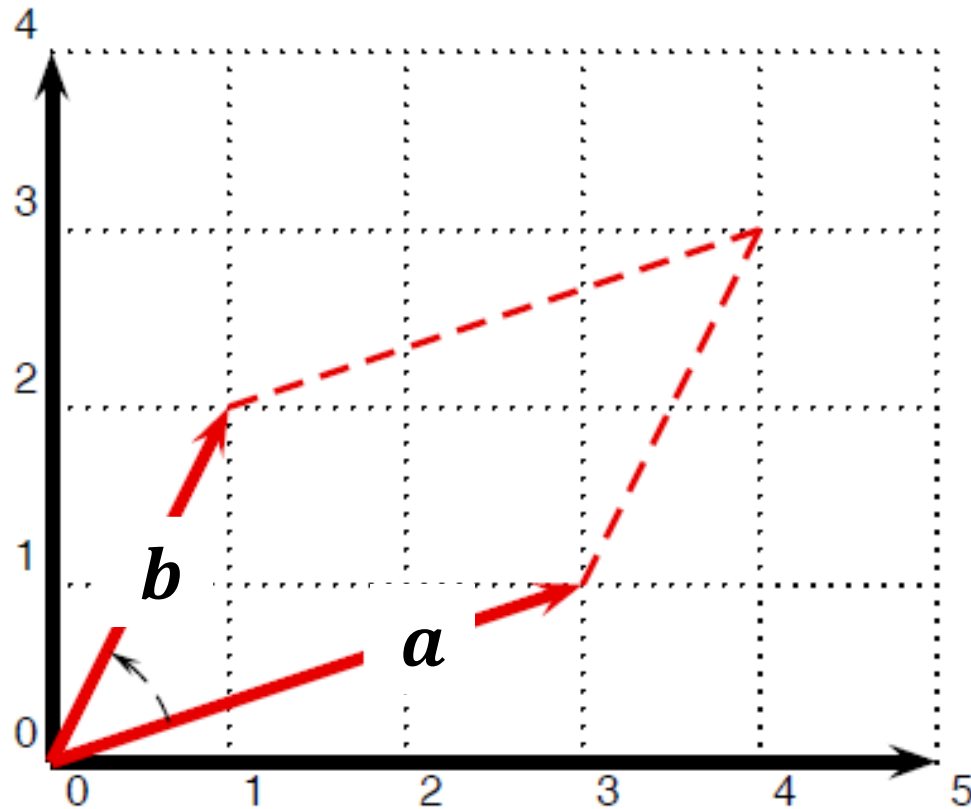


# Operations with Vectors

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- Box product

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \alpha$$



# Operations with Vectors

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- Box product in 3D:

$$|\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- Corresponds to the *signed volume* of a parallelepiped constructed on the three vectors



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- Corresponds to the *signed volume* of a parallelepiped constructed on the three vectors
- The sign determines the *orientation* of the vectors.

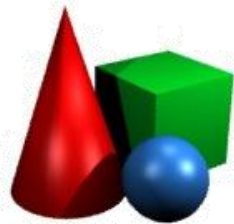




# Orientation

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- $m$  vectors in an  $m$ -dimensional space have an *orientation*.
- Orientations in 2D and 3D have conventional names: *right-handed* and *left-handed*.
- You can also speak about *positive* and *negative orientation relative to the basis*.



# Right-handed basis

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- In mathematics the right-handed basis is most often used.



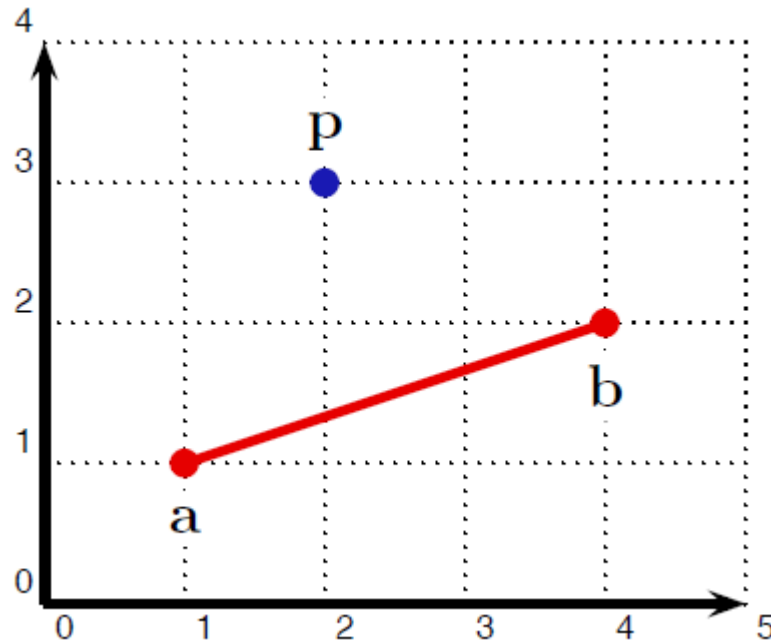
In this basis any *positively* oriented pair is also a right-handed pair.



# Quiz

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- How to determine whether a given point lies to the left or to the right of a given segment?



# Operations with Vectors

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- Cross product

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Operations with Vectors

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- Cross product
  - $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$
  - $\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\| \cdot |\sin \alpha|$
  - $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$  is *positively* oriented



# Orthogonalization in 3D

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- Orthogonalization of a right-handed basis in 3D using cross product:
  - $c' = a \times b$
  - $b' = c' \times a$
  - $a' = a$



# Quiz

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- A magical unicorn in your 3D world is flying in the direction given by vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- The user pushes the button “right”, which should give an impulse to the unicorn towards the right (wrt its current flight direction). Compute the vector pointing to the right.



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# Straight line

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- Parametric representation

- $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{a} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{b}$

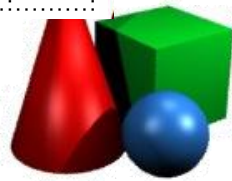
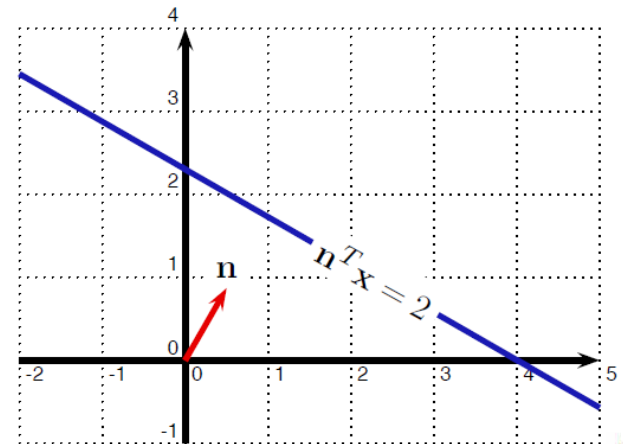
- $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} + t(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$

- Implicit representation

- $\mathbf{n}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}) = 0$

- $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{p}$

- $n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 - b = 0$



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# Linear transformations

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- A transformation  $f: \mathcal{V}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_2$  is called *linear* (also *homomorphism*) if

$$f(\alpha \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \alpha f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$$

- Examples of linear transformations are:
  - Rotation around origin, scaling, shear, reflection, projection or combinations of those.



# Quiz

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- Which of those are linear transformations?
  - $f(x) = x$
  - $f(x) = -4x$
  - $f(x) = 4x + 4$
  - $f(x) = x^2$
  - $f(x) = 3$
  - $f(x) = 0$



# Quiz

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- Which of those are linear transformations?
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{x}|$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{x}$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + |\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{x}| + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{x}$



# To be continued...

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