

CHAPTER 8 VECTOR MULTIPLICATION

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DOT PRODUCT

AKA scalar product

for $\underline{a} = a_x \underline{i} + a_y \underline{j} + a_z \underline{k}$ $\underline{b} = b_x \underline{i} + b_y \underline{j} + b_z \underline{k}$

$$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

DOT PRODUCT USEFUL PRODUCTS

① $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{a} = |\underline{a}|^2$

② $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = \underline{b} \cdot \underline{a}$

③ $\underline{a} \cdot (\underline{b} + \underline{c}) = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} + \underline{a} \cdot \underline{c}$

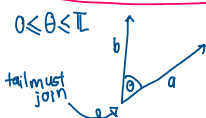
④ $(\underline{a} + \underline{b}) \cdot \underline{c} = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{c} + \underline{b} \cdot \underline{c}$

⑤ $(\underline{a} + \underline{b}) \cdot (\underline{c} + \underline{d}) = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{c} + \underline{a} \cdot \underline{d} + \underline{b} \cdot \underline{c} + \underline{b} \cdot \underline{d}$

commutative
distributive
rules

DOT PRODUCT THEOREM

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



$0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \cos \theta > 0 \quad \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} > 0$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \cos \theta = 0 \quad \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 0$

$\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi \quad \cos \theta < 0 \quad \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} < 0$

ORTHOGONAL means perpendicular

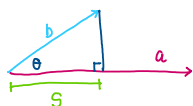
2 vectors are orthogonal if & only if:

$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 0$

ANGLE BTWN 2 VECTORS

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{|\underline{a}| |\underline{b}|} \Leftrightarrow \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = |\underline{a}| |\underline{b}| \cos \theta$$

SCALAR PROJECTION

scalar projection of \underline{b} onto \underline{a} is S

$\cos \theta = \frac{S}{|\underline{b}|}$

$S = |\underline{b}| \cos \theta = \frac{|\underline{a}| |\underline{b}| \cos \theta}{|\underline{a}|} = \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{|\underline{a}|} = \underline{b} \cdot \hat{\underline{a}}$

$$\therefore S = \underline{b} \cdot \hat{\underline{a}}$$