

READING 2 (DUE 09/04)

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Read the portion of section 1.2 starting with the subsection titled *Orthogonal Vectors* (pg. 26-29). Read section 1.3 (pg. 34-44). Then answer the following questions in a *few* words.

1) If \mathbf{u} is a unit vector then $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{u}$. Why?

2) Let $\mathbf{n} = [a, b, c]$ be a specified normal vector in \mathbb{R}^3 ; $\mathbf{x} = [x, y, z]$ represent a point in \mathbb{R}^3 in which x, y and z may vary; and \mathbf{p} is thought of as a fixed point in \mathbb{R}^3 . Why does the equation $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}$ represent the equation of a line in \mathbb{R}^3 ?