

Next quiz, quiz 6 on Friday, June 21  
(not Wed, June 19th)

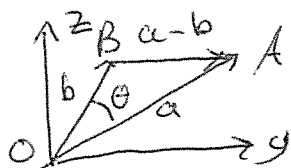
Recall, that if  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \rangle$

$$b = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n \rangle$$

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$$

Thm If  $\theta$  is the acute angle between nonzero vectors  $a$  and  $b$   
then  $a \cdot b = |a||b|\cos\theta$  so  $\cos\theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a||b|}$ ,  $\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{a \cdot b}{|a||b|}$

pf



pf Apply the law of cosines to the triangle  $OAB$  to obtain

$$|AB|^2 = |OA|^2 + |OB|^2 - 2|OA||OB|\cos\theta$$

Now,  $|a-b|^2 = (a-b) \cdot (a-b)$ , from  $|a|^2 = a \cdot a$

$$= a \cdot a - a \cdot b - b \cdot a + b \cdot b$$

$$= |a|^2 - 2a \cdot b + |b|^2$$

$$\text{so: } |a|^2 - 2a \cdot b + |b|^2 = |a|^2 + |b|^2 - 2|a||b|\cos\theta$$

$$-2ab = -2|a||b|\cos\theta$$

$$a \cdot b = |a||b|\cos\theta$$

Two nonzero vectors are perpendicular, or orthogonal if  $a \cdot b = 0$

The  $\vec{0}$  vector is said to be orthogonal to all vectors.

~~so~~ we can check that  $i \perp j$ ,  $i \perp k$ ,  $j \perp k$

$$i \cdot j = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$i \cdot k = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$j \cdot k = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

Since  $\cos \theta > 0$  if  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

and  $\cos \theta < 0$  if  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi$

We have  $a \cdot b > 0$  if  $\theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$a \cdot b < 0$  if  $\theta > \frac{\pi}{2}$

So, roughly speaking,  $a \cdot b > 0$  if  $a$  and  $b$  point in the same general direction  
 $a \cdot b = 0$  if  $a \perp b$

$a \cdot b < 0$  if  $a$  and  $b$  point in roughly opposite directions,

Note If  $a \cdot b = |a||b|$ , then  $\cos \theta = 1$ , and  $\theta = 0$

### Direction Angles and Direction Cosines

The direction angles of a vector  $\vec{a}$  are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in  $[0, \pi]$  s.t.

$\alpha$  is the angle  $a$  makes with the positive  $x$ -axis

$\beta$  " " " " " " " "  $y$ -axis

$\gamma$  " " " " " " " "  $z$ -axis

The directional cosines of the vector  $\vec{a}$  are the cosines of these angles.

$$\text{so } \cos \alpha = \frac{a \cdot \hat{i}}{|a|(|\hat{i}|)} = \frac{a_1}{|a|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot \hat{i} &= \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ &= a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2 \cdot 0 + a_3 \cdot 0 = a_1 \\ |\hat{i}| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{a_2}{|a|}, \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{a_3}{|a|}$$

$$\text{We have } \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\frac{a_1^2}{|a|^2} + \frac{a_2^2}{|a|^2} + \frac{a_3^2}{|a|^2} = 1$$

We can write:

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{|a|} \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle$$

So the directional cosines of  $a$  are the component of the unit vector pointing in the direction of  $a$

Ex Find the directional angles of  $a = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

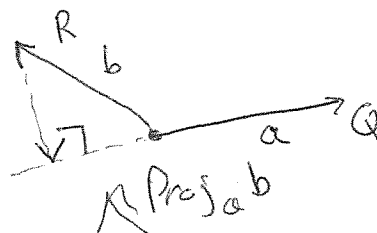
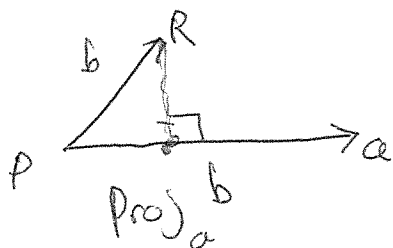
Solution  $|a| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \quad \cos \beta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}\right), \quad \alpha \approx 74^\circ$$

$$\beta \approx 58^\circ, \quad \gamma \approx \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}\right) \approx 37^\circ$$

Projections  
consider



The scalar projection of  $b$  onto  $a$ , (also the component of  $b$  along  $a$ ) is defined to be the signed magnitude of the vector projection and equals  $|b|\cos\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ .

This is denoted  $\text{comp}_a b$ .

Note if  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$ ,  $\text{comp}_a b < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } a \cdot b &= |a||b|\cos\theta = |a|(|b|\cos\theta) \\ &= |a| \text{comp}_a b \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|b|\cos\theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a|} = \frac{a}{|a|} \cdot b$ , we have

Scalar projection of  $b$  onto  $a$   $\text{comp}_a b = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a|}$

Vector projection of  $b$  onto  $a$ ,  $\text{proj}_a b = \left(\frac{a \cdot b}{|a|^2}\right) \frac{a}{|a|} = \left(\frac{a \cdot b}{|a|^2}\right) a$

Ex Let  $a = \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$

$$|b| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{|b|} b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\text{so } \text{com}_b a = \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{6}}$$

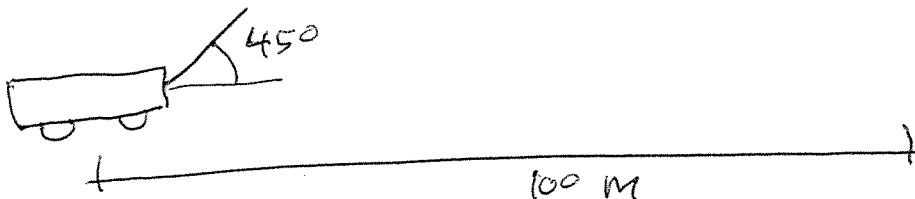
$$\text{and } \text{com}_a b = b \cdot \left( \frac{1}{|a|} a \right), \text{ with } |a| = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{|a|} \langle a \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle, \text{ so } \text{com}_a b = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$$

$$\text{and the } \text{Proj}_a b = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a|^2} a = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle}{29} \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}} \langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$$

Ex A wagon is pulled 100 m along a horizontal path with a constant force of 80 N. The handle is at an angle of  $45^\circ$  above the horizontal. Find the work done by the force.



$$W = F \cdot D = |F| |D| \cos 45^\circ$$

$$\approx (80)(100)(0.707) \approx 5656.8 \text{ J}$$

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# Section 12.4 The Cross Product

~~Let~~ "Review" of determinants

The determinant of a square matrix is a number.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{22} \\ a_{21} & a_{12} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

ex  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3(0) - (-1)(4) = 0 + 4 = 4$

For a 3 by 3 matrix - cofactor expansion

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ expand along the first row}$$

$$= (-1)^{1+1} 3 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3} 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= +3 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= +3 [(-3)(-5) - 6(2)] + 2 [4(-5) - (1)(2)]$$

$$= +3 [15 - 12] + 2 [-20 - 2] = +3 [3] + 2 [-22]$$

$$= +9 - 44 = -35$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$

The value of a determinant is independent of which row, or column, one expands along

The Cross-Product

Let  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$

Then  $a \times b = \langle \underbrace{a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2}_i, \underbrace{a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3}_j, \underbrace{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}_k \rangle$

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

ex  $a = \langle 4, -2, 5 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle$

$$a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} k$$

$$= -3i + 19j + 10k$$

If  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ , then  $a \times a = \vec{0}$   
 $i \times i = \vec{0}$ ,  $j \times j = \vec{0}$ ,  $k \times k = \vec{0}$

In particular

and  $i \times j = k$        $j \times k = i$        $k \times i = j$   
 $j \times i = -k$        $k \times j = -i$        $i \times k = -j$

Thm  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{a}$  and also to  $\vec{b}$

pf show that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} a_1 - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} a_3$$

Expand out and cancel to see that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ . Likewise to show that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

We have  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a vector which is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and hence  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is perpendicular to the plane formed by  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

The direction of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is given by the right hand rule  
so  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  point in opposite directions

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

then  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pf } |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 &= (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)^2 + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3)^2 + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2 \\ &= a_2^2 b_3^2 - 2a_2 a_3 b_2 b_3 + a_3^2 b_2^2 + a_3^2 b_1^2 - 2a_1 a_3 b_1 b_3 + a_1^2 b_3^2 + a_1^2 b_2^2 \\ &\quad - 2a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 + a_2^2 b_1^2 \\ &= (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3)^2 \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (\text{thm 12.3.3}) \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

so  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta$

so  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$ , note  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

To sum up

$a \times b$  is a vector with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ,  
being perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and to  $\vec{b}$ ,  
orientation determined by the right-hand rule  
Magnitude =  $|a||b|\sin\theta$

Corollary Two non-zero vectors  $a$  and  $b$  are parallel iff  $a \times b = 0$

PF Two non-zero vectors  $a$  and  $b$  are parallel iff the angle  
between them ( $\theta$ )  $\theta = 0$  or  $\theta = \pi$   
if  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are going in opposite directions

In either case  $\sin\theta = 0$ , so  $|a \times b| = 0$ , hence  $a \times b = 0$

Note



$|a \times b|$  equals the area of the parallelogram  
determined by  $a$  and  $b$ .

Ex Show that  $a = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$  and  $b = \langle -6, -3, +3 \rangle$   
are parallel

$$a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} k$$

$$= 0i + 0j + 0k = 0$$