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Lecture 2

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Coordinates in three space

- (x, y, z) coordinates to denote points
- Planes: $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma x + \delta = 0$
- Spheres: $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = r^2$

Vectors in three space

- Vectors have magnitude and direction
- $< x, y, z >$ coordinates to denote vectors
- We intentionally confuse points and vectors
- Vector operations: both numeric and geometric

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  1. dot product:
  $$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = ad + be + cf$$
  2. cross product:
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Components and Projections

$$comp_{\vec{u}}\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{u}\cdot\vec{v}}{|\vec{u}|}$$

$$proj_{\vec{u}}\vec{v} = (comp_{\vec{u}}\vec{v})\frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = \frac{\vec{u}\cdot\vec{v}}{|\vec{u}|^2}\vec{u}$$

Sample problem types

- Find dot products
- Find projections, components
- Find cross products

Properties of the cross product

- $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is perpendicular to both $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$
- If θ denotes the angle between $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ then

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Examples: cross product

1. Torque is defined to be the cross product of the position and force vectors:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

A wrench 30cm long lies along the positive y-axis and grips a bolt at the origin. A force is applied in the direction $< 0, 3, -4 >$ at the end of the wrench. Find the magnitude of the force needed to supply 100 J of torque to the bolt.

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Summary

- dot product: measures angle, projections, components, work
- cross product: measures volume/area, torque, cross product is perpendicular to components

Work for next class

- Reading: 13.5
- f07hw3