



CSCI 340, Winter 2025

Math HW01

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Show your work. Explain, in each case, how you got a particular numerical result. You may, of course, use a computer for numeric computations, but which expressions you used to get each result must be made clear. For example, you can't just put down 12, you must put down $2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2 = 12$. You can't just put down 4.443, you must put down $\pi \cdot \sqrt{2} = 4.443$

If you have trouble writing neat math, consider learning and using L^AT_EX.

1. Let $v = \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle$ and $w = \langle 1, -2, 0 \rangle$. Find the following:

- (a) $v \cdot w$

Answer: Computing dot product we get —

$$(2 * 1) + (2 * -2) + (1 * 0) = \boxed{-2} \quad (1)$$

- (b) The vector projection of w on v .

Answer: Computing projection formula—

$$\left(\frac{w \cdot v}{v \cdot v} \right) v = \left(\frac{-2}{2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} \right) \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle = \left(\frac{-2}{9} \right) \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle = \boxed{\langle -\frac{4}{9}, -\frac{4}{9}, -\frac{2}{9} \rangle} \quad (2)$$

2. Normalize each of the following vectors, in other words, make each vector unit length.

- (a) $v_1 = \langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \rangle$

Answer:

$$\frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + 0^2}} = \frac{\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \rangle}{1} = \boxed{\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \rangle} \quad (3)$$

(b) $v_2 = \langle -1, 1, -1 \rangle$

Answer:

$$\frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{\langle -1, 1, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{\langle -1, 1, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{3}} = \boxed{\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rangle} \quad (4)$$

(c) $v_3 = \langle 0, -2, -2 \rangle$

Answer:

$$\frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \frac{\langle 0, -2, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{(0)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-2)^2}} = \frac{\langle 0, -2, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{8}} = \boxed{\langle 0, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}} \rangle} \quad (5)$$

3. Find the cosine of the angle between the vectors $v = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ and $w = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$

Answer:

Here, from the dot product equation

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{v \cdot w}{\|v\|\|w\|} = \frac{(1)(3) + (2)(2) + (3)(1)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2} \sqrt{(3)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{14}} = \frac{10}{14} = \boxed{\frac{5}{7}} \quad (6)$$

4. From the diagram, we get—

$$p = (3, 7)$$

$$q = (9, 3)$$

$$u = (4 - 2, 1 - 1) = (2, 0)$$

$$v = (9 - 5, 5 - 9) = (4, -4)$$

$$w = (7 - 5, 5 - 3) = (2, 2)$$

(a) The coordinates of q in the $f = \langle p, u, v \rangle$:

$$q = p + au + bv \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} q_x &= p_x + au_x + bv_x \\ q_y &= p_y + au_y + bv_y \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$q_x = 9, p_x = 3, u_x = 2, v_x = 4$$

$$q_y = 3, p_y = 7, u_y = 0, v_y = -4$$

Step-by-step calculations:

$$q_x = p_x + au_x + bv_x \Rightarrow 9 = 3 + 2a + 4b \Rightarrow 6 = 2a + 4b \Rightarrow a + 2b = 3$$

$$q_y = p_y + au_y + bv_y \Rightarrow 3 = 7 + 0a - 4b \Rightarrow -4 = -4b \Rightarrow b = 1$$

Substituting $b = 1$ into $a + 2b = 3$:

$$a = 3 - 2(1) = 1$$

Final result:

$$q = (1, 1)_{\langle p, u, v \rangle}$$

(b) The coordinates of q in the frame $\langle p, u, w \rangle$

$$q = p + au + bw \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} q_x &= p_x + au_x + bw_x \\ q_y &= p_y + au_y + bw_y \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$q_x = 9, p_x = 3, u_x = 2, w_x = 2$$

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Step-by-step calculations:

$$q_x = p_x + au_x + bw_x \Rightarrow 9 = 3 + 2a + 2b \Rightarrow 6 = 2a + 2b \Rightarrow a + b = 3$$

$$q_y = p_y + au_y + bw_y \Rightarrow 3 = 7 + 0a + 2b \Rightarrow -4 = 2b \Rightarrow b = -2$$

Substituting $b = -2$ into $a + b = 3$:

$$a = 3 - (-2) = 3 + 2 = 5$$

Final result:

$$q = (5, -2)_{\langle p, u, w \rangle}$$

(c) The coordinates of q in the frame $\langle p, v, w \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} q = p + av + bw &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} q_x &= p_x + av_x + bw_x \\ q_y &= p_y + av_y + bw_y \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\begin{aligned} q_x &= 9, p_x = 3, v_x = 4, w_x = 2 \\ q_y &= 3, p_y = 7, v_y = -4, w_y = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Step-by-step calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} q_x = p_x + av_x + bw_x &\Rightarrow 9 = 3 + 4a + 2b \Rightarrow 6 = 4a + 2b \Rightarrow 2a + b = 3 \\ q_y = p_y + av_y + bw_y &\Rightarrow 3 = 7 - 4a + 2b \Rightarrow -4 = -4a + 2b \Rightarrow 2a - b = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Adding the equations:

$$(2a + b) + (2a - b) = 3 + 2 \Rightarrow 4a = 5 \Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{4}$$

Substituting $a = \frac{5}{4}$ into $2a + b = 3$:

$$2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + b = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{10}{4} + b = 3 \Rightarrow b = 3 - \frac{10}{4} = \frac{12}{4} - \frac{10}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Final result:

$$q = \left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right)_{\langle p, v, w \rangle}$$

(d) The coordinates of p in the frame $\langle q, u, v \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} p = q + au + bv &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} p_x &= q_x + au_x + bv_x \\ p_y &= q_y + au_y + bv_y \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\begin{aligned} p_x &= 3, q_x = 9, u_x = 2, v_x = 4 \\ p_y &= 7, q_y = 3, u_y = 0, v_y = -4 \end{aligned}$$

Step-by-step calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} p_x = q_x + au_x + bv_x &\Rightarrow 3 = 9 + 2a + 4b \Rightarrow -6 = 2a + 4b \Rightarrow a + 2b = -3 \\ p_y = q_y + au_y + bv_y &\Rightarrow 7 = 3 + 0a - 4b \Rightarrow 4 = -4b \Rightarrow b = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $b = -1$ into $a + 2b = -3$:

$$a + 2(-1) = -3 \Rightarrow a - 2 = -3 \Rightarrow a = -1$$

Final result:

$$p = (-1, -1)_{\langle q, u, v \rangle}$$

(e) The coordinates of p in the frame $\langle q, u, w \rangle$

$$p = q + au + bw \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} p_x &= q_x + au_x + bw_x \\ p_y &= q_y + au_y + bw_y \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\begin{aligned} p_x &= 3, q_x = 9, u_x = 2, w_x = 2 \\ p_y &= 7, q_y = 3, u_y = 0, w_y = 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Substituting $b = 2$ into $a + b = -3$:

$$a + 2 = -3 \Rightarrow a = -3 - 2 \Rightarrow a = -5$$

Final result:

$$p = (-5, 2)_{\langle q, u, w \rangle}$$

(f) The coordinates of p in the frame $\langle q, v, w \rangle$

$$p = q + av + bw \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} p_x &= q_x + av_x + bw_x \\ p_y &= q_y + av_y + bw_y \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\begin{aligned} p_x &= 3, q_x = 9, v_x = 4, w_x = 2 \\ p_y &= 7, q_y = 3, v_y = -4, w_y = 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Adding the equations:

$$(2a + b) + (-2a + b) = -3 + 2 \Rightarrow 2b = -1 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting $b = -\frac{1}{2}$ into $2a + b = -3$:

$$2a - \frac{1}{2} = -3 \Rightarrow 2a = -3 + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2a = -\frac{6}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{5}{4}$$

Final result:

$$p = \left(-\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)_{\langle q, v, w \rangle}$$

