

## Properties of the Dot Product

Let  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ , and  $\vec{w}$  be vectors, and let  $c$  be a scalar.

i.  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$  Commutative Property

ii.  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$  Distributive Property

iii.  $c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{v})$  Associative Property

iv.  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = ||\vec{v}||^2$  Property of Magnitude