

Orthogonality and determinant

Orthogonality

To prove: $\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2 \Leftrightarrow \vec{v}_1 * \vec{v}_2 = 0$:

Be $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = |\vec{v}_1| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = |\vec{v}_2| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \\ \sin \beta \end{pmatrix}$ with $\alpha = \angle \vec{v}_1$, $\beta = \angle \vec{v}_2$

$$\vec{v}_1 * \vec{v}_2 = |\vec{v}_1| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} |\vec{v}_2| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \\ \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} = |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| (\cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta) = \underline{\underline{|\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \cos(\alpha - \beta)}}.$$

Be $\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2 \Leftrightarrow \alpha = \beta + \frac{\pi}{2}$, w.l.o.g.

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \cos(\alpha - \beta) = |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \cos(\beta + \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta) = 0$$

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Determinant

Let's choose $\sin()$ instead of $\cos()$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \sin(\alpha - \beta) &= |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| (\sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \\ &= |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \begin{pmatrix} \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \\ -\sin \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |\vec{v}_1| \sin \alpha \\ |\vec{v}_1| \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\vec{v}_2| \cos \beta \\ -|\vec{v}_2| \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} x_2 & x_1 \\ y_2 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_1 \end{pmatrix}}}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\alpha = \beta + k * \pi$, w.l.o.g, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_1 \end{pmatrix} = |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \sin(\alpha - \beta) = |\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \sin(\beta + k * \pi - \beta) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1$ and \vec{v}_2 are linear dependant and the determinant in general determines linear dependency.