

Week 3  
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Attendance (zoom)

Agenda

1. Introductions & icebreaker
2. The dot product continued: Projections
3. Determinants & the cross product
4. Intro to Planes
5. Closer

Opener

- Introduce yourself (name, major, preferred pronouns)
- What is your favorite discontinued food item or food that is hard to get in San Diego?

## Projections

Formula(s)?

What does it look like?

Note: this has applications in physics (forces), linear algebra (Gram-Schmidt process), and more!

Let's play a quick kahoot to practice!

## Determinants and the Cross Product

How do we take a determinant?

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \underline{a} & \underline{b} & \underline{c} \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} =$$

1. a) Calculate

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

b) Calculate

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

### The cross product

How do we set up the cross product using determinants?

Most important property:  $v \times w = -(w \times v)$

### Examples

1. Calculate the cross product of  $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$

2. Calculate  $\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle \times \langle 6, -3, a \rangle$

3. Calculate the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3, 1, 0 \rangle$

4. Calculate the volume of the parallelepiped formed by  $\langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle -1, 2, 2 \rangle$

I recommend doing many cross product problems on your own!

Intro to planes

Equation?

Common types of plane problems?

Ex 1: Find the plane which passes through  $(2, 3, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 2)$ , and  $(-1, 1, 3)$

Ex 2: Find the plane which passes through  $(2, 1, 2)$  and the line  $\langle 1, 4, -1 \rangle + \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle t$

Closer: clear skies, muddy waters

What do you feel confident about? What do you  
need more practice with?



Solutions  
Below!





## kahoot problems

1. Calculate  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 2 \rangle$

$$-6 + 6 = \underline{0}$$

2. Calculate  $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 2, 2 \rangle$

$$3 + 4 + 6 = \underline{13}$$

3. Calculate the magnitude of  $4i + 2j - k$

$$\sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 4 + 1} = \underline{\sqrt{21}}$$

4. Calculate the projection of  $\langle 2, 1, 1 \rangle$  onto  $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$

$$u_{||v} = \text{proj}_u v = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = \frac{6}{9} v = \frac{2}{3} v = \langle \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \rangle$$

$$u = \langle 2, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$v = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$$

5. Calculate the projection of  $\langle 4, 1, 1 \rangle$  onto  $\langle -1, 2, 2 \rangle$

$$u_{||v} = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = \frac{-4 + 2 + 2}{9} v = \frac{0}{9} v = 0v = \langle 4 \cdot 0, 1 \cdot 0, 1 \cdot 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

Note: these vectors are orthogonal, so geometrically it makes sense for projection to be 0 vector



Projecting  $u$  down onto  $v$  has 0 length

6. Calculate the perpendicular component of  $u$  with respect to  $v$ , where  $u = \langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle -1, 4, -1 \rangle$

$$u_{\perp v} = u - u_{\parallel v} = u - \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = \langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle - \frac{-2+4-4}{18} v$$

$$= \langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle + \frac{1}{9} \langle -1, 4, -1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 17/9, 13/9, 35/9 \rangle$$

7. Calculate the perpendicular component of  $\langle -5, 3/2, 3/2 \rangle$  along  $\langle 5/3, -1/2, -1/2 \rangle$

Tired: compute algebraically

$$u_{\perp v} = u - u_{\parallel v} = u - \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v$$

$$u \cdot v = -5 \cdot \frac{5}{3} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{3}{2} \cdot (-\frac{1}{2})$$

$$= -\frac{25}{3} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= -\frac{100}{12} - \frac{9}{12} - \frac{9}{12} = -\frac{118}{12} = -\frac{59}{6}$$

$$v \cdot v = \frac{25}{9} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{100}{36} + \frac{9}{36} + \frac{9}{36} = \frac{118}{36} = \frac{59}{18}$$

$$u + \frac{59/6}{59/18} v = u + 3v = \langle -5 + 3(\frac{5}{3}), \frac{3}{2} - 3(\frac{1}{2}), \frac{3}{2} - 3(\frac{1}{2}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle -5 + 5, \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \rangle$$

$$= \underline{\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle}$$

Inspired: just note that they are parallel so it will be 0  
↓  
Scalar multiples

## Projections

Formula(s)?

$$u_{\parallel v} = \text{proj}_v u = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v$$

$$u_{\perp v} = u - u_{\parallel v}$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$$

1. a) Calculate  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 3 = 2 - 9 = -7$

b) Calculate  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$1(1 - (-4)) - 3(0 - 8) + 2(0 - 2)$$

$$= 1(5) - 3(-8) + 2(-2)$$

$$= 6 + 24 - 4 = 26$$

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### Examples

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$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -2, 2, -1 \rangle$$

2. Calculate  $\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle \times \langle 6, -3, 9 \rangle$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 6 & -3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

(they are scalar multiples)

I recommend doing many cross product problems on your own!

### Intro to planes

Equation?

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

Common types of plane problems?

3 points, point and line, 2 lines, check coplanarity

Ex 1: Find the plane which passes through  
 $(2, 3, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 2)$ , and  $(-1, 1, 3)$   
 $P$   $Q$   $R$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -1, -2, 1 \rangle \quad \vec{PR} = \langle -3, -2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -4+2, -(-2+3), 2-6 \rangle \\ = \langle -2, -1, -4 \rangle$$

$$-2(x-2) - 1(y-3) - 4(z-1) = 0$$

Ex 2: Find the plane which passes through  
 $(2, 1, 2)$  and the line  $\langle 1, 4, -1 \rangle + \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle t$   
 $P$   $Q$   $\vec{QR}$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -1, 3, -3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{QR} = \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{QR} = \langle 6 - (-6), -2 - (-6), -2 - 6 \rangle$$

$$n = \langle 12, 4, -8 \rangle$$

$$12(x-2) + 4(y-1) - 8(z-2) = 0$$

