

# MATH H110 LECTURE 1 NOTES

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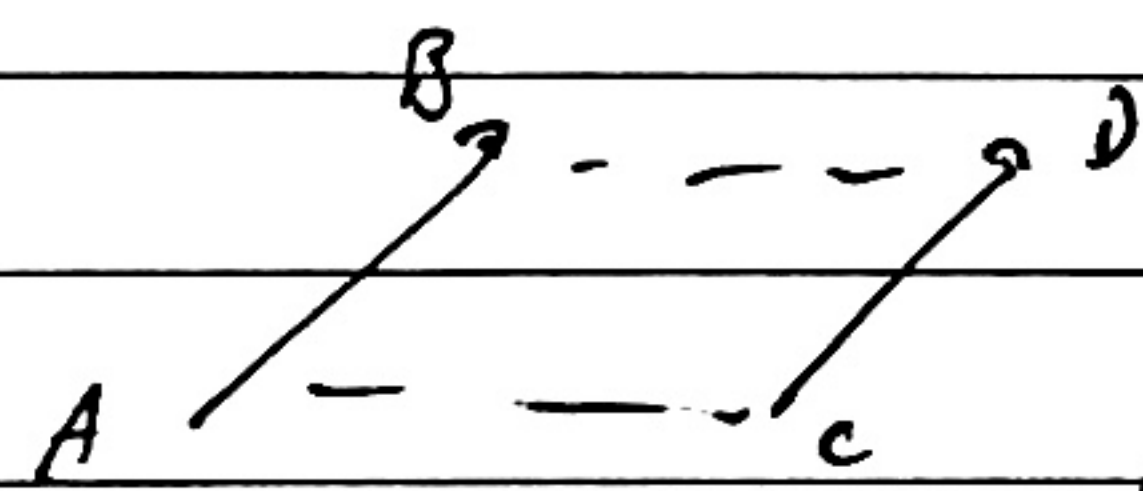
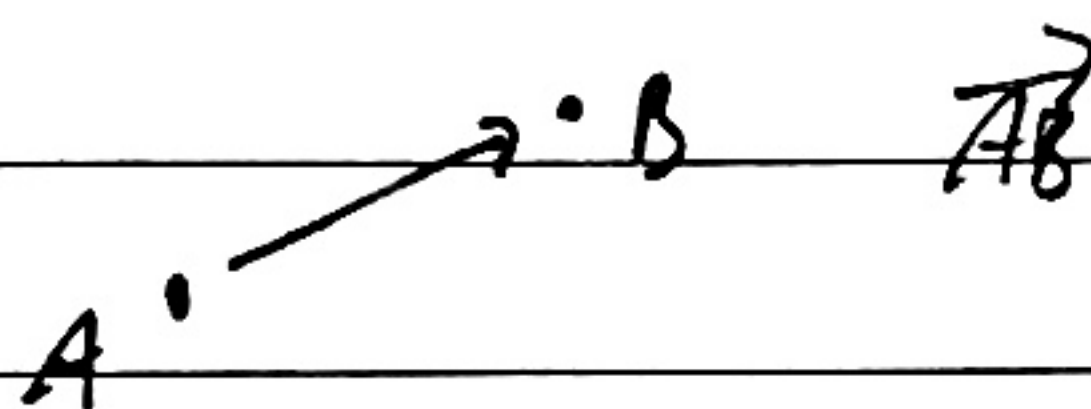
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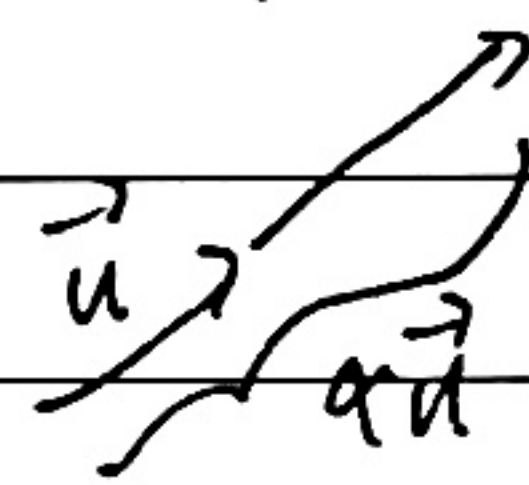
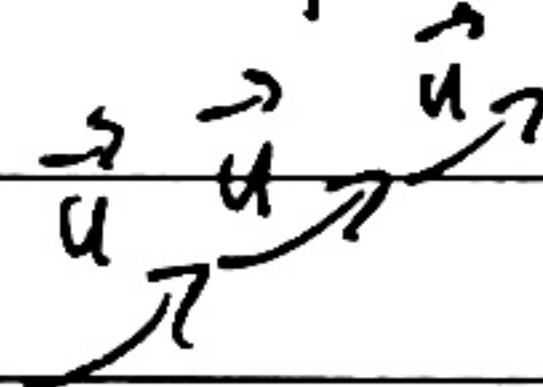
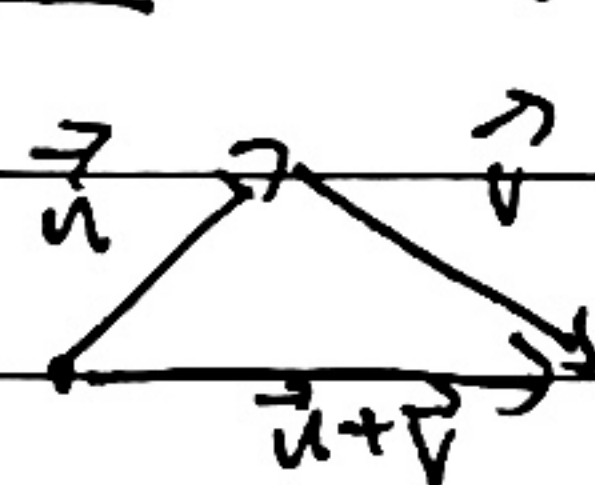
## Introduction to vectors

Directed segments (ordered)

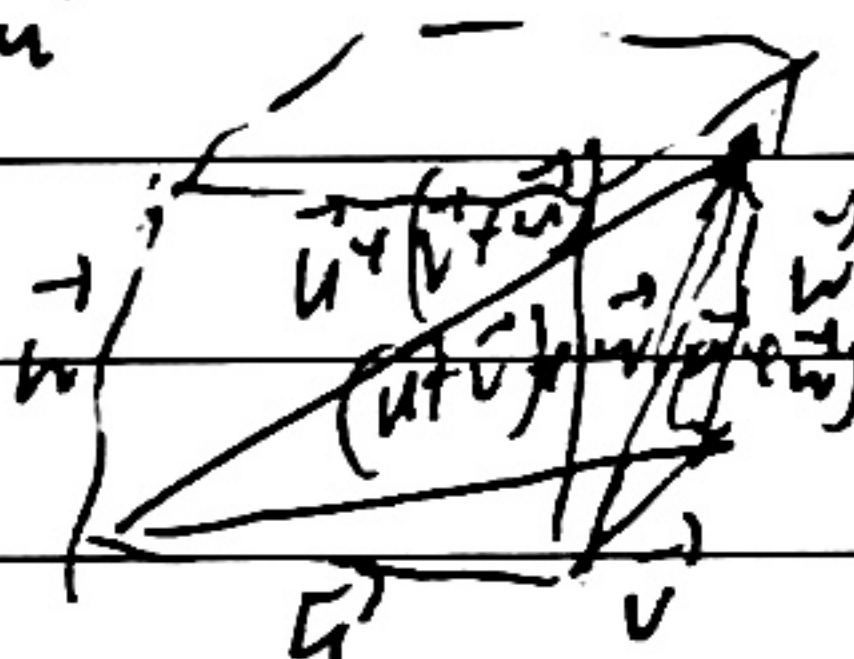
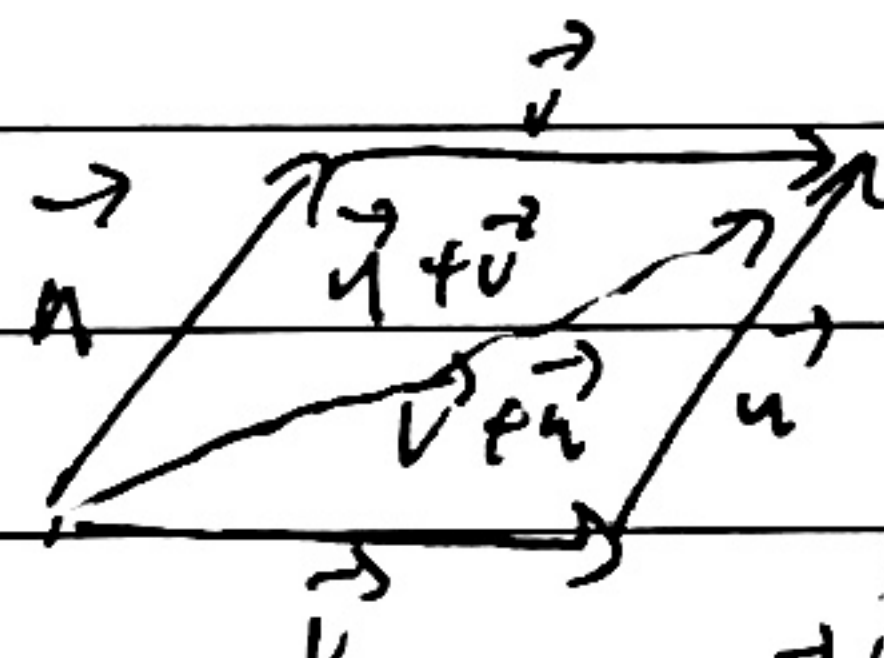


not degenerate

Def: Two directed segments represent the same vector if  $ABDC$  is a parallelogram



$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

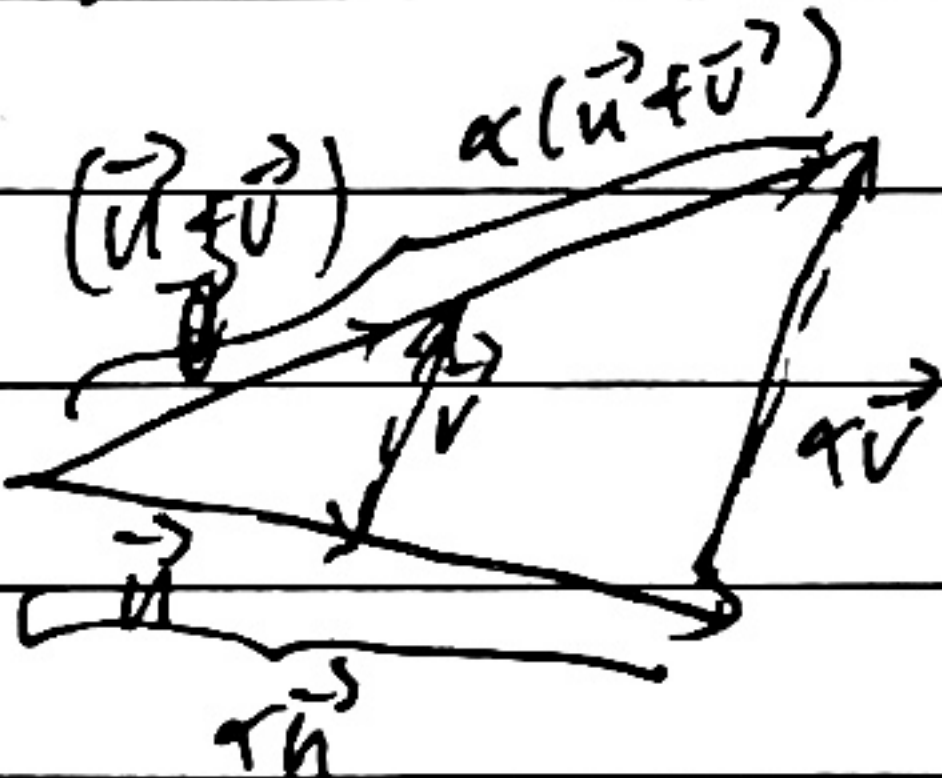


linear combinations  $\alpha \vec{u} + \beta \vec{v} + \dots + \gamma \vec{w}$

nonambiguous because associative and commutative

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{w}) + \vec{v} = \vec{u} + (\vec{w} + \vec{v}) \quad \vec{u} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{u}$$

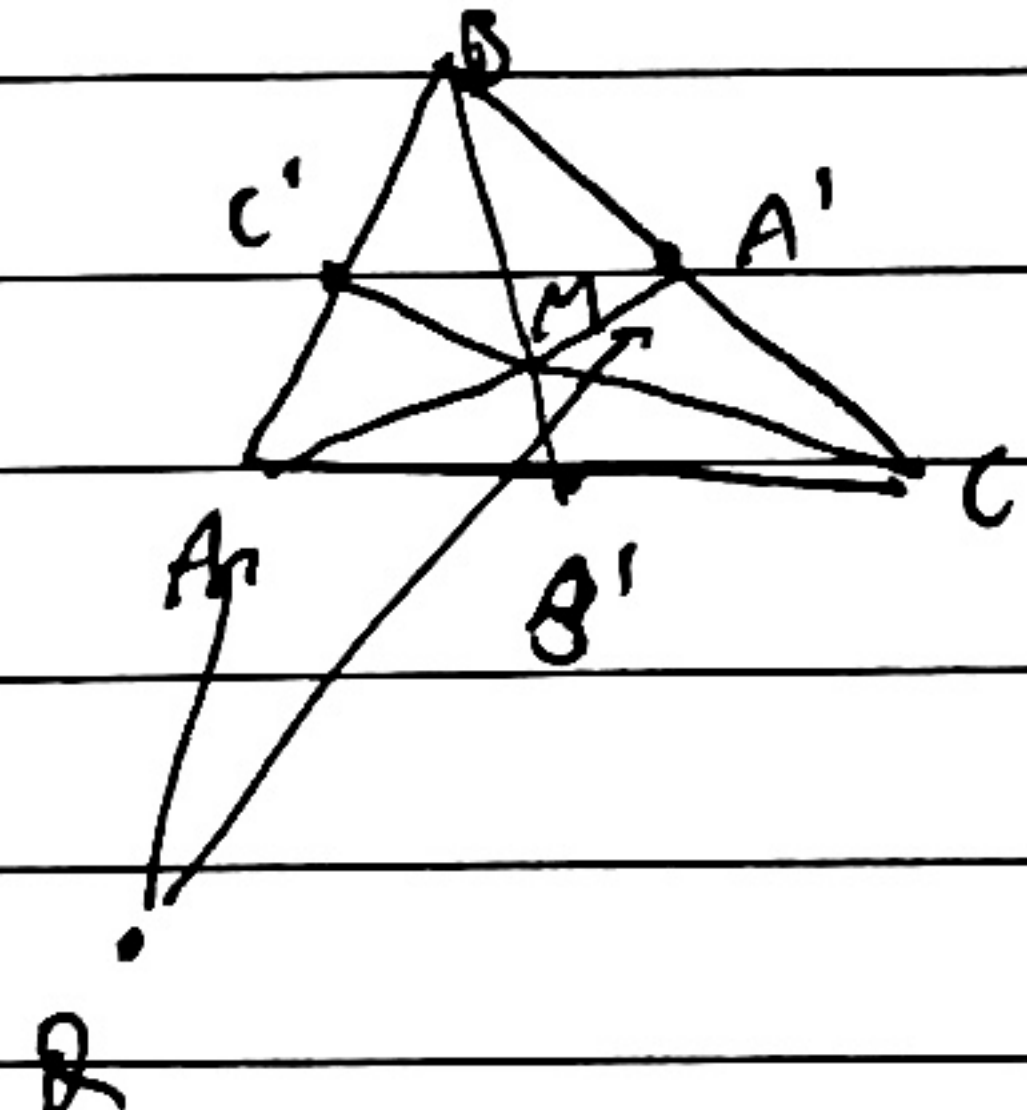
$$\alpha(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \alpha\vec{u} + \alpha\vec{v}$$



$$(\alpha + \beta)\vec{u} = \alpha\vec{u} + \beta\vec{u}$$

geometric interpretation is to take  $\vec{u}$  as the number line. then  $\alpha, \beta$  are just numbers on this line.

example.



claim: medians are concurrent and intersect at  $M$  where  $\frac{AM}{MA'} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Pick arbitrary point  $Q$  as the origin.

$$\vec{QA} = \vec{QA}$$

$$\vec{QA'} = \vec{QC} + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{QB} - \vec{QC})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{QM} &= \frac{2}{3}(\vec{QA'} - \vec{QA}) = \frac{2}{3}(\frac{1}{2}\vec{QC} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{QB}) + \frac{1}{3}\vec{QA} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(\vec{QA} + \vec{QB} + \vec{QC}) \end{aligned}$$

this expression is symmetric w.r.t.  $A, B, C$ .

will get same answer regardless which starting point we choose

## Coordinates

require a reference frame.

$$\vec{ou} = \alpha \hat{i} + \beta \hat{j} + \gamma \hat{k} = \vec{u}$$

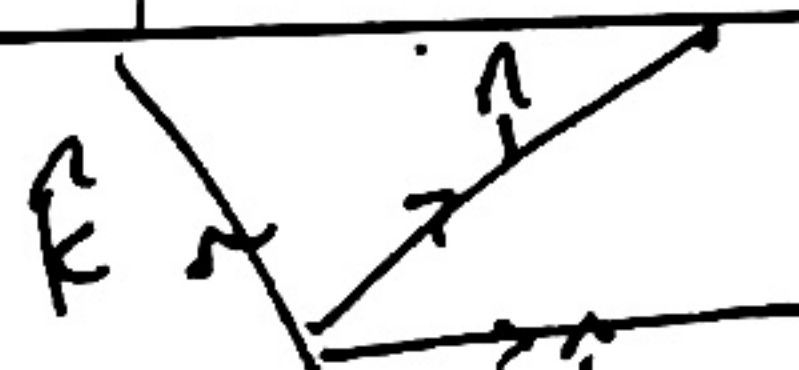
$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is the coordinate

$$(\alpha', \beta', \gamma') = \vec{u'}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{u} + \vec{u'} = (\alpha + \alpha', \beta + \beta', \gamma + \gamma')$$

$$\lambda \vec{u} = (\lambda \alpha, \lambda \beta, \lambda \gamma)$$

$$= \lambda(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$





Question: What is a vector?

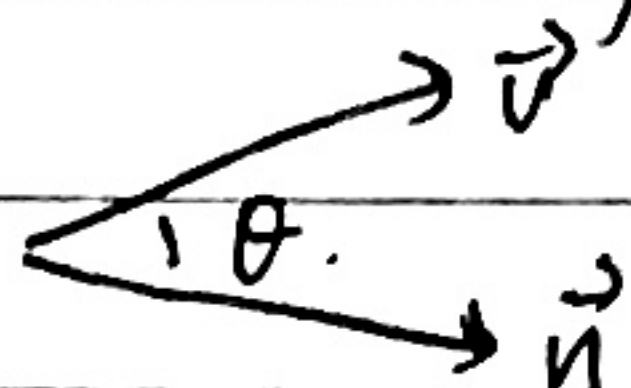
Vectors are translations of space.

Addition of vectors are composition of translations

Metric concepts (such as distances and angles)

Definition.

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle := |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta$$



$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = |\vec{u}| |\vec{u}| \cos 0^\circ = |\vec{u}|^2$$

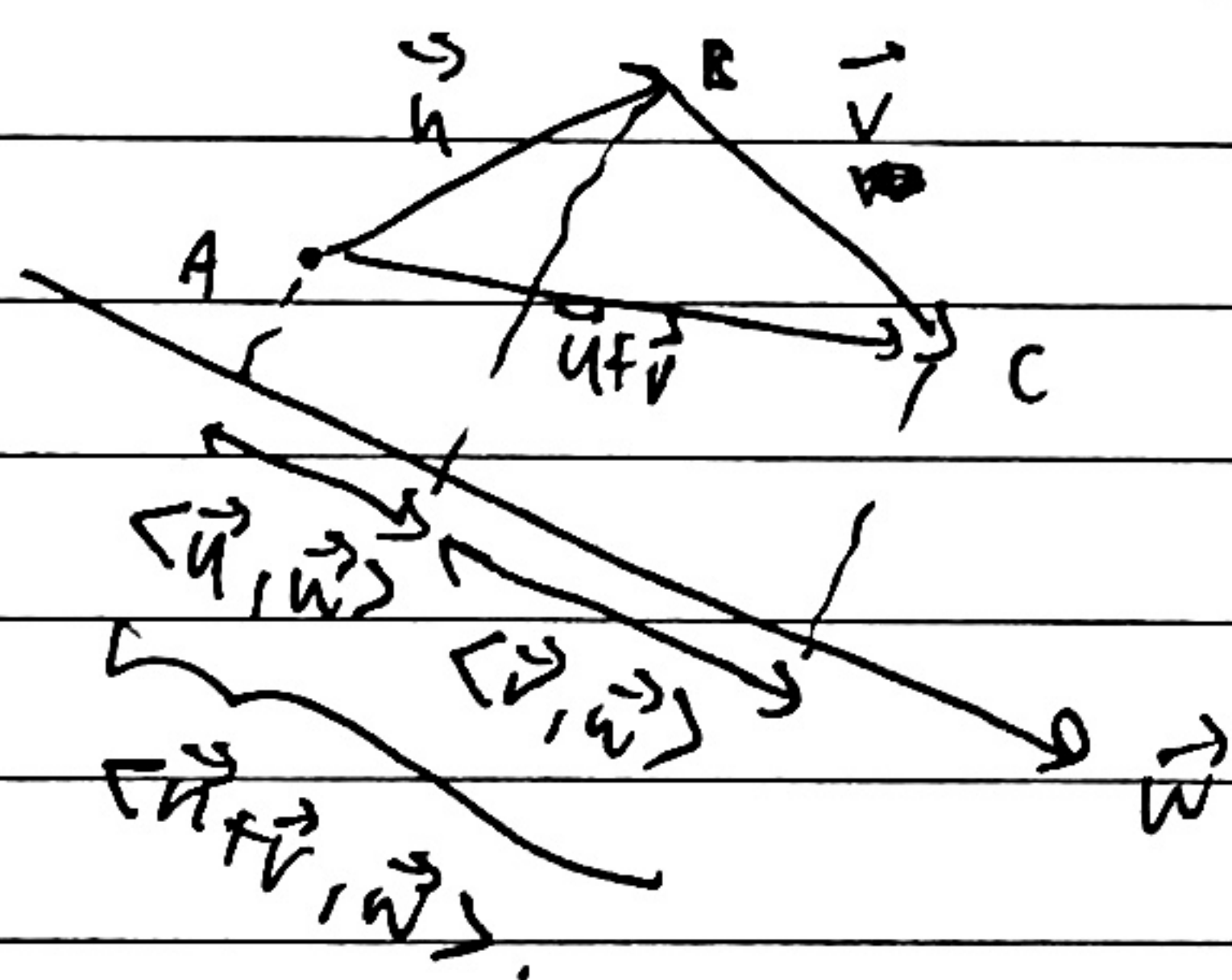
$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} \right) = \theta.$$

$$\langle \vec{u} + \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, \vec{w} \rangle + \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

$$\langle \lambda \vec{u}, \vec{w} \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{u}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

Take  $\vec{w}$  as the number line. WLOG, let  $\vec{w}$  be of unit length.



Tuesday: Prepare for quiz on complex numbers

Thursday: Do all exercises on geometry.