

# CH 1 – Vectors in Euclidean Space

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## Vector Addition and Scalar Multiplication

### Info – Vector

The set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as  $\left\{ \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

A **vector** is an element  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

The row notation of  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\vec{v} = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]^T$

### Info – Equality

We say that vectors  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are **equal**

if  $n = m$  and  $u_i = v_i \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We denote it:  $\vec{w} = \vec{v}$

### Info – Addition and Properties

Let  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $\vec{w} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$

1.  $\vec{w} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$
2.  $\vec{w} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
3. There is a zero **vector**,  $\vec{0} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$
4.  $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$
5.  $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = 0$

### Info – Additive Inverse

Let  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The additive inverse of  $\vec{w}$  denoted  $-\vec{w}$  is defined as

$$-\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -u_1 \\ -u_2 \\ \dots \\ -u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{w} - \vec{w} = \vec{w} + (-\vec{w}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{v} + (-\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 - u_1 \\ v_2 - u_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n - u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

### Info – Scalar Multiplication

Let  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the scalar product  $c\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} cv_1 \\ cv_2 \\ \dots \\ cv_n \end{bmatrix}$

1.  $(c + d)\vec{v} = c\vec{v} + d\vec{v}$
2.  $c(\vec{w} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{w} + c\vec{v}$
3.  $0\vec{w} = \vec{0}$
4. If  $c\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  then  $c = 0 \vee \vec{v} = 0$
5.  $c(d\vec{v}) = (cd)\vec{v}$

### Info – Linear Combination

For  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$  we call the expression

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k$$

a **linear combination** of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ .

Examples:

1. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$
2. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ?

We set  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{v}$  and try to solve for  $c_1, c_2$

That is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 2c_2 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we obtain  $c_1 = 2, c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ . So  $\vec{x}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$

## Bases

### Info – Span

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  be a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We define the **span** of  $\mathcal{B}$  by

$$\text{Span } \mathcal{B} = \{c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \mid c_1, c_2, \dots, c_l \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

We say that the set  $\text{Span } \mathcal{B}$  is spanned by  $\mathcal{B}$  adn that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a spanning set for  $\text{Span } \mathcal{B}$

Span might not cover the entire plane if

- Vectors are linear dependent to each other
- One of them is  $\vec{0}$

### Theorem

Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Some vector  $\vec{v}_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , can be written as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  if and only if  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$

## Proof

Example:

Consider  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Describe  $\text{Span } \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  geometrically.

$$\text{Span } \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \text{Span } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

### Info – Linear Dependence/Independence

A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if there exist coefficients  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all zero such that

$$\vec{0} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$$

A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **linearly Independent** if the only solution to  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all zero such that

$$\vec{0} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$$

is  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$  (called **trivial solution**)

Examples:

1. Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is linearly dependent  $\iff$  at least one of  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  is a scalar multiple of the other.

## Proof

Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. Assume  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is linearly dependent. Then  $\exists c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , not both zero s.t.

$$c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

WLOG, assume  $c_1 \neq 0$  Then,  $c_1 \vec{u} = -c_2 \vec{v} \implies \vec{u} = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{v}$ . Thus  $\vec{u}$  is a scalar multiple of  $\vec{v}$

2. Assume WLOG  $\vec{u}$  is a scalar multiple of  $\vec{v}$ . Then  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\vec{u} = a\vec{v} \implies 1\vec{u} - a\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

Since  $1 \neq 0$ ,  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is linearly dependent.

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2. Is the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  linearly independent?

Consider the equation  $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Which gives  $\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$

$\implies c_2 = c_1 = -c_3$ . Thus we get a solution for any  $c_3$ . Pick  $c_3 = -1 \implies c_2 = c_1 = 1$ .

Thus the set is linearly dependednt.

### Info – Linear Dependence Theorem

A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  is linearly dependent if and only if

$$\vec{v}_i \in \text{Span } \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}, \vec{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \text{ for some } i, 1 \leq i \leq k$$

### Info – Zero Vector and Linear Dependence

If a set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  contains the zero vector, then it is linearly dependent.

Proof:

Let  $\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$

$$0\vec{v}_1 + \dots + 0\vec{v}_{i-1} + \vec{v}_i + 0\vec{v}_{i+1} + 0\vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$$

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## Info – Basis and Standard Basis

### Basis

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $S = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ , then the set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is called a **basis** for  $S$ .

We define a basis for the set  $\{\vec{0}\}$  to be the empty set

### Standard Basis

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\vec{e}_i$  be the vector whose  $i^{\text{th}}$  component is 1 with all other components 0. The set  $E = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  is called the **standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$**

$$(\text{i.e. } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is } \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\})$$

If  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1\vec{e}_1 + v_2\vec{e}_2 + \dots + v_n\vec{e}_n$  then we call  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  the **components of  $\vec{v}$**

Examples:

Is  $B$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

1.  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . This set of vectors is linearly independent, thus is a standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

That is  $\text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$

2.  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Note that this set of vectors is linearly dependent as one is a scalar multiple of another, thus cannot be considered as a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

3.  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly independent since neither scalar multiple of another. We need to prove:

- $\text{Span } B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ , which is obvious, since the vectors in  $B$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the linear combinatin of these will be  $\mathbb{R}^2$

•  $\mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \text{Span } B$ , consider an arbitrary  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  that is  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 3c_2 \\ 2c_1 + 4c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We obtain  $\begin{cases} c_1 + 3c_2 = x_1 \\ 2c_1 + 4c_2 = x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = x_1 - 3c_2 \Rightarrow 2(x_1 - 3c_2) + 4c_2 = x_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_2 + x_1 \Rightarrow$

$$c_1 = x_1 - 3(-\frac{1}{2}x_2 + x_1) = -2x_1 + \frac{3}{2}x_2$$

Therefore  $\mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \text{Span } B$

That is  $B$  is a standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Info – Theorem

If  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a basis for a subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then every vector  $\vec{x} \in S$  can be written as a unique linear combination of the vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$

## Proof

Let  $\vec{x} \in S$  and assume  $\exists c_1, \dots, c_k, d_1, \dots, d_k \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k$  and  $\vec{x} = d_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + d_k\vec{v}_k$ .

Subtracting these two equations:  $\vec{0} = (c_1 - d_1)\vec{v}_1 + \dots + (c_k - d_k)\vec{v}_k$ , with  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is basis, thus linearly independent, so there is  $(c_1 - d_1) = \dots = (c_k - d_k) = 0$ , thus  $\vec{x}$  can be written as a unique linear combination.

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## Dot Product

### Info – Dot Product

Let  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We defined their **dot product** by

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n$$

1.  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$
2.  $(\vec{w} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$
3.  $(c\vec{w}) \cdot \vec{v} = c(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v})$
4.  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} \geq 0$ , with  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \iff \vec{w} = 0$

### Info – Vector Unit Basics

Let  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. The **length** of vector  $\vec{w}$  is  $\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}$
2. If  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\|\vec{w}\| = |c| \|\vec{w}\|$
3.  $\vec{v}$  is a **unit vector** if  $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$
4. **Normalization** is when some  $\vec{v}$  is a non-zero vector,

$$\hat{v} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

in the direction of  $\vec{v}$  by scaling  $\vec{v}$

5. With  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  non-zero vectors. The angle  $\theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  between  $\vec{v}$  is such that

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{w}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta \text{ that is } \theta = \arccos \left( \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{w}\| \|\vec{v}\|} \right)$$

6.  $\vec{w}, \vec{v}$  are **orthogonal/perpendicular** if  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

## Projection

### Info – Projection

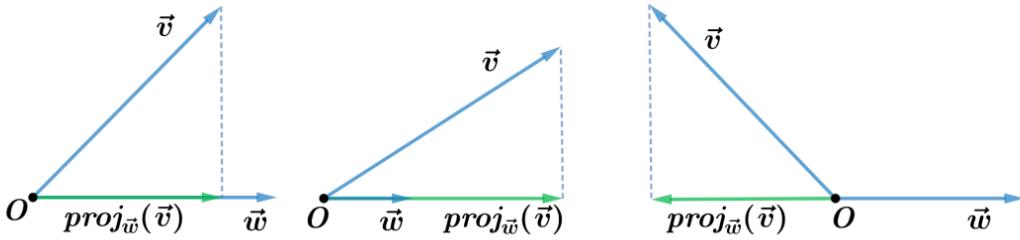
Let  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\vec{w} \neq 0$ .

1. The **projection** of  $\vec{v}$  onto  $\vec{w}$  is defined by

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|^2} \vec{w} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} \vec{w}$$

We also refer to this as the **projection of  $\vec{v}$  in the  $\vec{w}$  direction**

Illustration of  $\text{proj}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v})$ :



2. We refer to the quantity

$$\|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta = \vec{v} \cdot \hat{w}$$

as the **component** (or scalar component) of  $\vec{v}$  along  $\vec{w}$

3. The **perpendicular** of  $\vec{v}$  onto  $\vec{w}$  is defined by  $\text{perp}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v})$
4. The projection and the perpendicular of a vector  $\vec{v}$  onto  $\vec{w}$  are orthogonal; that is

$$\text{perp}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) \cdot \text{proj}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = 0$$

## Vectors in $\mathbb{C}^n$

### Info – Vectors in $\mathbb{C}^n$

The set  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is defined as  $\left\{ \vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \dots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} : z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$

The **vector** is an element  $\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \dots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$

In  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , let  $\vec{e}_i$  be the vector whose  $i^{\text{th}}$  component is 1 with all other components 0. The set  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  is called the **standard basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$**

## Standard Inner Product in $\mathbb{C}^n$

### Info – Standard inner product

Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

The **standard inner product** of  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$  is

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = v_1\overline{w_1} + v_2\overline{w_2} + \dots + v_n\overline{w_n}$$

1.  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{w} \rangle = \overline{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle}$
2.  $\langle \vec{u} + \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, \vec{w} \rangle + \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$
3.  $\langle c\vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = c\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$
4.  $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle \geq 0$ , with  $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$
5. The length:  $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle}$
6.  $\vec{w}, \vec{v}$  are **orthogonal/perpendicular** if  $\langle \vec{w}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$
7. With  $\vec{w} \neq 0$ . The **projection of  $\vec{v}$  onto  $\vec{w}$**  is defined by

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle}{\|\vec{w}\|^2} \hat{w}$$

## The Cross Product in $\mathbb{R}^3$

### Info – Cross Products

Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

The **cross product** of  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  is defined to be the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2 \\ -(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1) \\ u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\vec{z} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

1.  $\vec{z} \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{z} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$
2.  $\vec{v} \times \vec{u} = -\vec{z} = -\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$
3. If  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , then  $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$

### Info – Linearity of the Cross Product

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , then

1.  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v})\vec{w} = (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) + (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$
2.  $(c\vec{u}) \times \vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$
3.  $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) + (\vec{u} \times \vec{w})$
4.  $\vec{u} \times c(\vec{v}) = c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$