

MATH 229: Calculus III for Engineers  
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# Chapter 1

## Vector and the Geometry of Space

### 1.1 3-Dimensional Space

#### 1.1.1 2D Coordinates

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (1.1)$$

#### 1.1.2 3D Coordinates

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (1.2)$$

**Lemma 1.1.1** (Distance Between 2 Points)

$$|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2} \quad (1.3)$$

*Proof.* Easily proven by using the Pythagorean Theorem twice. ■

**Lemma 1.1.2** (Spherical Surface)

Given point  $C(a, b, c)$  and  $P(x, y, z)$  where  $P$  is a point on the spherical surface and  $r$  is the radius of the sphere.

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2 \quad (1.4)$$

To define a solid spherical space

$$\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2} \leq r \quad (1.5)$$

### 1.2 Vectors

**Definition 1.2.1** (Vector)

Vector is a quantity that has a **magnitude** and a **direction**.

We say that two vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are equal if they have the same length and direction.

### 1.2.1 Vector Operation

Omitted

### 1.2.2 Components

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\vec{a} \equiv \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \quad (1.6)$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{a} & \equiv \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \\ \vec{0} & \equiv \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

**Definition 1.2.2**

Length of  $\vec{a} \equiv \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  is

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \quad (1.8)$$

### 1.2.3 Standard Basis Vectors

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i} & = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \hat{j} & = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \\ \hat{k} & = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

## 1.3 The Dot Products

**Definition 1.3.1**

$$\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \quad \vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle \quad (1.10)$$

Then, the dot product is

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \equiv a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 \quad (1.11)$$

**Properties**

1.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = |\vec{a}|^2$
2.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$
3.  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$
4.  $(c\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = c(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$
5.  $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

**Theorem 1.3.1**

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \quad (1.12)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \quad (1.13)$$

**Lemma 1.3.2** • If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} > 0$  then  $\cos \theta > 0 \implies \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

- If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} < 0$  then  $\cos \theta < 0 \implies \theta > \frac{\pi}{2}$
- If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , then  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$

**1.3.1 Law of Cosine**

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 - 2|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \quad (1.14)$$

*Proof.*

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \quad (1.15)$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 \quad (1.16)$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 - 2ab \cos(\theta) \quad (1.17)$$

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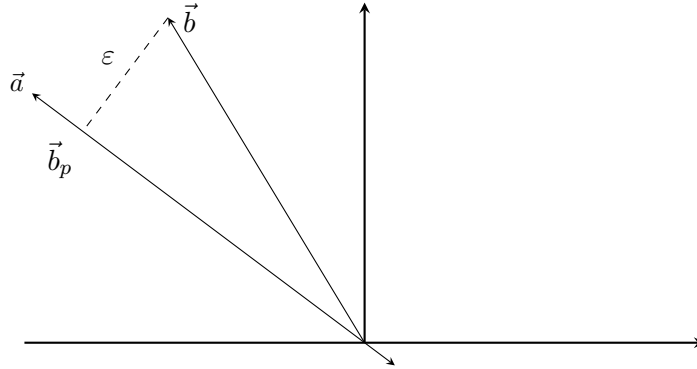
**1.3.2 Projection**

Figure 1.1: Projection

Add to this.

$$|\vec{b}| \quad (1.18)$$

**Example 1.3.1**

$$\vec{u} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle \quad \vec{v} = \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle \quad (1.19)$$

Find projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto  $\vec{v}$

*Solution:*

$$\text{comp}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \vec{u} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \quad (1.20)$$

$$= \frac{-2 + 3 + 2}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \quad (1.21)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = (\text{comp}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}) \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{3}{14} \vec{v} \quad (1.22)$$

**1.3.3 Work**

Move an object from  $P$  to  $Q$  with a force  $\vec{F}$  forming an angle  $\theta$  with the displacement vector  $\vec{D}$ .

$$\text{Work} \equiv \text{Force} \times \text{Dist} \quad (1.23)$$

$$W = \left| \vec{F} \right| \cos \theta \left| \vec{D} \right| \quad (1.24)$$

$$= \left| \vec{F} \right| \left| \vec{D} \right| \cos \theta \quad (1.25)$$

$$= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{D} \quad (1.26)$$

$$\implies W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{D} \quad (1.27)$$

**Example 1.3.2**

Move a particle from  $P(2, 1, 0)[m]$  to  $Q(4, 6, 2)$  with a force  $\vec{F} = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle [N]$ .

What is the work done by  $\vec{F}$ ?

*Solution:*

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{PQ} \quad (1.28)$$

$$= \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 5, 2 \rangle \quad (1.29)$$

$$= 36 \text{ N m} \quad (1.30)$$

**1.4 The Cross Product**

**Definition 1.4.1**

Given the vectors

$$\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle, \vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle \quad (1.31)$$

The cross product is defined as

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle \quad (1.32)$$

**Properties of the Dot Product**

1.  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \perp \vec{a}$  and  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \perp \vec{b}$  and the direction follows the right-hand rule.
2.  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$
3.  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$  = the area of the parallelogram formed by the two vectors.
4. If  $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$
5. Cross product of basis vectors

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i} \times \hat{j} &= \hat{k} \\ \hat{j} \times \hat{k} &= \hat{i} \\ \hat{k} \times \hat{i} &= \hat{j} \end{cases} \quad (1.33)$$

6. The cross product is not commutative
7. The cross product is not associative

**Example 1.4.1**

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i} \times (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) &= \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j} \\ (\hat{i} \times \hat{i}) \times \hat{j} &= \vec{0} \times \hat{j} = \vec{0} \end{cases} \quad (1.34)$$

8. You can find the normal vector to a plane by applying the cross product to two non-parallel vectors on that plane.

**Example 1.4.2**

Given points

$$P(1, 4, 6), Q(-2, 5, 1), R(1, -1, 1)$$

that lie on a plane

- a) Find the vector normal to the plane
- b) Find the area of  $\triangle PQR$