Example 1

Prove that the vectors $a = \{1; 2\}$ and $b = \{2; -1\}$ are orthogonal.

Example 2

Are the vectors $a = \{3; -1\}$ and $b = \{7; 5\}$ orthogonal?

Example 3

Find the value of n where the vectors $a = \{2, 4\}$ and $b = \{n, 1\}$ are orthogonal.

Example 4

Prove that the vectors $a = \{1; 2; 0\}$ μ $b = \{2; -1; 10\}$ is orthogonal.

Example 5

Are the vectors $a = \{2; 3; 1\}$ and $b = \{3; 1; -9\}$ orthogonal.

Answer 1

Calculate the dot product of these vectors:

$$a \cdot b = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) = 2 - 2 = 0$$

since the dot product is zero, the vectors a and b are orthogonal.

Answer 2

Calculate the dot product of these vectors:

$$a \cdot b = 3 \cdot 7 + (-1) \cdot 5 = 21 - 5 = 16$$

since the dot product is not zero, the vectors a and b are not orthogonal.

Answer 3

Calculate the dot product of these vectors:

$$a \cdot b = 2 \cdot n + 4 \cdot 1 = 2n + 4$$

$$2n + 4 = 0$$

$$2n = -4$$

$$n = -2$$

vectors a and b are orthogonal when n = -2.

Answer 4

Calculate the dot product of these vectors:

$$a \cdot b = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 10 = 2 - 2 + 0 = 0$$

since the dot product is zero, the vectors a and b are orthogonal.

Answer 5

Calculate the dot product of these vectors:

$$a \cdot b = 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-9) = 6 + 3 \cdot 9 = 0$$

since the dot product is zero, the vectors a and b are orthogonal.