

## ANALYTIC GEOMETRY, PROBLEM SET 4

Projections. Dot product. Cross product.

1. Find the orthogonal projection  $pr_{\bar{u}}(\bar{v})$ , where  $\bar{v} = 10\bar{a} + 2\bar{b}$ ,  $\bar{u} = 5\bar{a} - 12\bar{b}$ , if  $\bar{a} \perp \bar{b}$  and  $\|\bar{a}\| = \|\bar{b}\| \neq 0$ .
2. Using the dot product, prove the **Cauchy-Buniakowski-Schwarz** inequality, i.e. show that if  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2)$ .
3. For a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , show that  $\cos(\widehat{\overline{AB}, \overline{CD}}) = \frac{AD^2 + BC^2 - AC^2 - BD^2}{2AB \cdot CD}$ . (the 3D version of the **cosine theorem**)
4. Let  $ABCD$  be a tetrahedron and  $G_A$  the center of mass of the  $BCD$  side. Then the following equality holds:  $9AG_A^2 = 3(AB^2 + AC^2 + AD^2) - (BC^2 + CD^2 + BD^2)$ .
5. Let  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$  be two triangles in the same plane, so that the perpendicular lines through  $A, B, C$  on  $B'C', C'A'$  and  $A'B'$ , respectively, are concurrent. Then the perpendicular lines through  $A', B', C'$  on  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively are also concurrent.  
(Steiner's theorem on **orthologic triangles**)
6. Find the area of the plane triangle having the vertices  $A(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(0, 2, 3)$ ,  $C(2, 1, 0)$ .
7. Let  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  be three noncollinear vectors. Show that there exists a triangle  $ABC$  with  $\overline{BC} = \bar{a}$ ,  $\overline{CA} = \bar{b}$  and  $\overline{AB} = \bar{c}$  if and only if  $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \bar{c} \times \bar{a}$ .
8. Find a vector orthogonal on both  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$ , if:
  - $\bar{u} = -7\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} + \bar{k}$  and  $\bar{v} = 2\bar{i} + 4\bar{k}$
  - $\bar{u} = (-1, -1, -1)$  and  $\bar{v} = (2, 0, 2)$ .
9. Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  denote the lengths of the sides of  $\triangle ABC$ . We write  $O$  for its circumcenter,  $R$  for the length of its circumradius,  $H$  for its orthocenter and  $G$  for the centroid. Show that
  - $OH^2 = 9R^2 - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ ;
  - $OG^2 = R^2 - 1/9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ .

I  $w(x, y, z)$        $w \perp u \Leftrightarrow w \cdot u = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -7x + 3y + z = 0 \\ 2x + 4z = 0 \end{cases}$  ...

II  $w(x, y, z)$        $w \perp u$  and  $w \perp v \Leftrightarrow w \parallel u \times v$  calculate this.

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$$\text{pr}_{\bar{u}}(\bar{v}) = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|^2} \bar{u}$$

$$\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u} = \left( \|\bar{v}\| \cdot \|\bar{u}\| \cos(\bar{v}, \bar{u}) \right)$$

$$= (10\bar{a} + 2\bar{b}) \cdot (5\bar{a} - 12\bar{b})$$

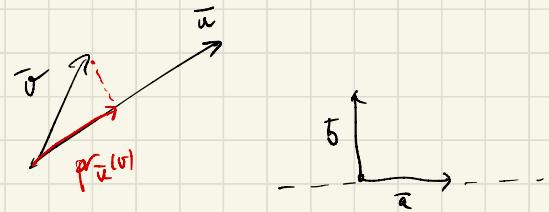
$$\|\bar{u}\|^2 = \|\bar{a}\|^2$$

$$= 50\bar{a}^2 - 120\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} + 10\bar{b} \cdot \bar{a} - 24\bar{b}^2 = 26\bar{a}^2$$

$$\left( \bar{a}^2 = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} = \|\bar{a}\|^2 \right)$$

$$\|\bar{u}\|^2 = (5\bar{a} - 12\bar{b})^2 = \dots = \underline{\underline{\bar{a}^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pr}_{\bar{u}}(\bar{v}) = \frac{26\bar{a}^2}{\|\bar{a}\|^2} (5\bar{a} - 12\bar{b})$$



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$$v_a(a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$v_b(b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$\underline{\underline{(v_a \cdot v_b)^2 \leq \|v_a\|^2 \cdot \|v_b\|^2}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\|v_a\|^2 \cdot \|v_b\|^2 \cdot \cos(v_a, v_b) \leq \|v_a\|^2 \cdot \|v_b\|^2}}$$

$$\cos(v_a, v_b) \leq 1$$

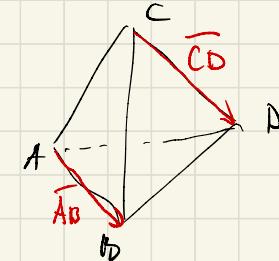
II lagrange's identity

3. For a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , show that  $\cos(\overline{AB}, \overline{CD}) = \frac{\overline{AD}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 - \overline{AC}^2 - \overline{BD}^2}{2\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD}}$ . (the 3D version of the cosine theorem)

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$$\frac{\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD}}{\|\overline{AB}\| \cdot \|\overline{CD}\|}$$

$\text{So } (*) \Leftrightarrow 2 \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD} = \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 - \overline{AC}^2 - \overline{BD}^2$



$$\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD} = (\overline{AD} + \overline{DB}) \cdot (\overline{CA} + \overline{AD})$$

$$= \overline{AD} \cdot \overline{CA} + \overline{AD}^2 + \underbrace{\overline{DB} \cdot \overline{CA}}_{(\overline{DC} + \overline{CD})(\overline{CB} + \overline{BA})} + \overline{DB} \cdot \overline{AD}$$

$$\overline{DC} \cdot \overline{CB} + \overline{DC} \cdot \overline{BA} + \overline{CB}^2 + \overline{CB} \cdot \overline{PA}$$

$$= \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 + \overline{AD} \cdot \overline{CA} + \overline{DB} \cdot \overline{AD} + \overline{DC} \cdot \overline{CB} + \underbrace{\overline{DC} \cdot \overline{BA} + \overline{CB} \cdot \overline{PA}}_{\overline{DB} \cdot \overline{BA}}$$

$$\underbrace{\overline{DB} \cdot \overline{BD}}_{-\overline{BD}} - \overline{BD}^2$$

$$= \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 - \overline{BD}^2 + \overline{AD} \cdot \overline{CA} + \underbrace{\overline{DC} \cdot \overline{CB}}_{(\overline{AC} + \overline{CD})\overline{CA}}$$

$$\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{CA} + \overline{CD} \cdot \overline{CA}$$

$$\underbrace{-\overline{AC}^2}_{\overline{BA}}$$

$$= \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{DC}^2 - \overline{BD}^2 - \overline{AC}^2 + \overline{CD} \cdot (\overline{CA} + \overline{BC})$$

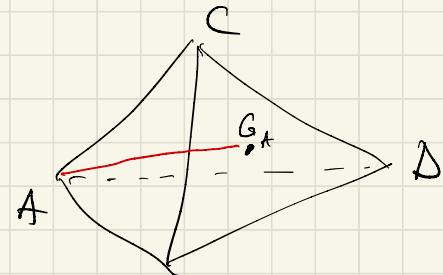
$$\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD} = \overline{AD}^2 + \overline{DC}^2 - \overline{BD}^2 - \overline{AC}^2 - \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD}$$

$\Rightarrow$  (\*\*\*) is true.

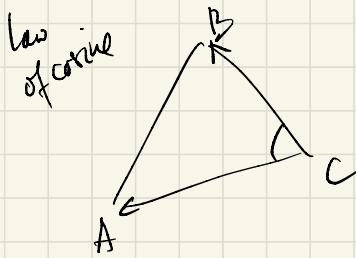
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Up to

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OG} &= \frac{\overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OD}}{3} \\ \overrightarrow{AG}^2 &= \left( \frac{\overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AD}}{3} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 9AG_A^2 &= \left( \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AD} \right)^2 \\ &= \overrightarrow{AC}^2 + \overrightarrow{AB}^2 + \overrightarrow{AD}^2 + 2\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} + 2\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AD} + 2\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AD}\end{aligned}$$



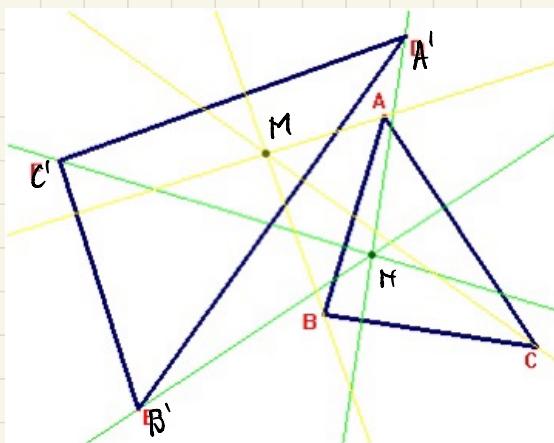
$$\|\overrightarrow{AB}\|^2 = \|\overrightarrow{CA}\|^2 + \|\overrightarrow{CB}\|^2 - 2\|\overrightarrow{CA}\| \cdot \|\overrightarrow{CB}\| \cos \hat{\overrightarrow{CA}} \cdot \hat{\overrightarrow{CB}}$$

$$\frac{\overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB}}{\|\overrightarrow{CA}\| \|\overrightarrow{CB}\|}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\overrightarrow{CA}\|^2 + \|\overrightarrow{CB}\|^2 - \|\overrightarrow{AB}\|^2 \right) \\ &\quad \|\overrightarrow{CA}\|^2\end{aligned}$$

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(Steiner's theorem on **orthologic triangles**)



We know

$$(1) \overline{AM} \cdot \overline{B'C'} = 0$$

$$(2) \overline{BM} \cdot \overline{C'A'} = 0$$

$$(3) \overline{CM} \cdot \overline{A'B} = 0$$

Let  $N$  be the intersection of

the perp. line from  $A'$  on  $BC$  with the perp. line from  $B'$  on  $CA$

we know that (4)  $\overline{A'N} \cdot \overline{BC} = 0$

$$(5) \overline{B'N} \cdot \overline{CA} = 0$$

We need to show that  $N$  lies on the perp line from  $C'$  on  $AB$

$$\Leftrightarrow (6) \overline{C'N} \cdot \overline{AB} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\overline{C'A'} + \overline{A'N}) \cdot (\overline{AC} + \overline{CB}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\overline{C'A'} \cdot \overline{AC} + \overline{C'A'} \cdot \overline{CB}}_{\overline{C'A'} \cdot \overline{AB}} + \underbrace{\overline{A'N} \cdot \overline{AC} + \overline{A'N} \cdot \overline{CB}}_{\begin{array}{l} \overline{(A'B') + \overline{B'N}} \\ \overline{AC} \end{array}} = 0$$

*by (4)*

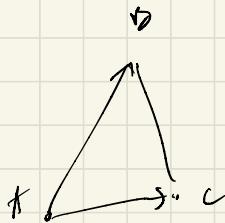
!!(5)

$$\overline{A'B'} \cdot \overline{AC}$$

$$(6) \Leftrightarrow \overline{C'A'} \cdot \overline{AB} + \overline{A'B'} \cdot \overline{AC} = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

finish this by showing that follows from (1) (2) (3)

6. Find the area of the plane triangle having the vertices  $A(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(0, 2, 3)$ ,  $C(2, 1, 0)$ .



$$\frac{1}{2} \|\overline{AB} \times \overline{AC}\| = \text{Area } \triangle ABC$$

$$\overline{AB}(-1, 2, 2) \quad \overline{AC}(1, 1, -1)$$

$$\overline{AB} \times \overline{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \dots$$

7. Let  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  be three noncollinear vectors. Show that there exists a triangle  $ABC$  with  $\overline{BC} = \bar{a}, \overline{CA} = \bar{b}$  and  $\overline{AB} = \bar{c}$  if and only if  $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \bar{c} \times \bar{a}$ . (\*)

(\*) this triangle exists  $\Leftrightarrow \bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} = 0$

so we need to show that  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \bar{c} \times \bar{a}$

if  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} = 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a} \times \bar{a} + \bar{b} \times \bar{a} + \bar{c} \times \bar{a} &= 0 \\ \bar{b} \times \bar{a} + \bar{c} \times \bar{a} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{c} \times \bar{a} = -\bar{b} \times \bar{a} = \bar{a} \times \bar{b}$$

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if  $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \bar{c} \times \bar{a}$  then

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} + \bar{c} \times \bar{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (\bar{a} + \bar{c}) \times \bar{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{a} + \bar{c} \parallel \bar{b}$$

ie  $\bar{a} + \bar{c} = 2\bar{b}$

similar



$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \beta \cdot \bar{c}$$

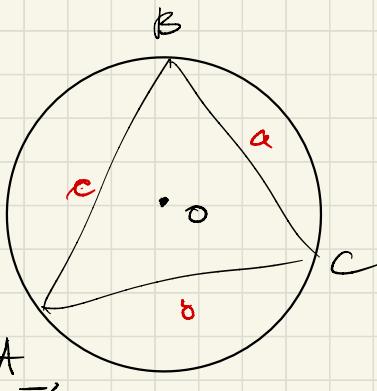
$$\bar{b} + \bar{c} = \gamma \cdot \bar{a}$$

... you find that  $\beta = \gamma = -1$

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a.)  $OH^2 = ?$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{OH}^2 &= (\overline{OA} + \overline{OB} + \overline{OC})^2 \\ &= \overline{OA}^2 + \overline{OB}^2 + \overline{OC}^2 + \underbrace{2\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB} + \dots}_{\text{+ } \dots} \\ &\quad \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} + \underbrace{2\overline{OA} \cdot \overline{OB} - \overline{AB}^2}_{\text{+ } \dots} \\ &\quad \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} \stackrel{\text{+ }}{\cancel{R^2}} - \overline{c}^2\end{aligned}$$



b.)  $\overline{OG}^2 = ?$

$$2\overrightarrow{GO} = \overrightarrow{HG}$$

$$\overline{OG}^2 = \left(\frac{\overline{OH}}{3}\right)^3 = \dots$$

