

- 1.2 1. For each of the following pairs of vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , calculate  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  and the angle  $\theta$  between the vectors.

d.  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 4, -3), \mathbf{y} = (5, 1, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta &= \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} & \cos \theta &= \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} & \theta &= \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} \\ \theta &= \cos^{-1} \frac{5 + 4 - 9}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} & \theta &= \cos^{-1} 0 & \theta &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. For each pair in exercise 1, calculate  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{x}$  and  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{y}$

d. The vectors are orthogonal. The projection of either onto the other is the zero vector.

7. Suppose  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\|\mathbf{y}\| = 1$ , and the angle between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $3\pi/4$ . Show that the vectors  $2\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal.

Using proposition 2.1 we see that  $(2\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + 3\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x} - 3\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} - 3\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ . From the definition of the angle between two vectors we can further simplify this expression to  $2 \cdot 2 + \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + 3 = 4 + \sqrt{2} \cdot (-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) - 3 = 0$  and so the vectors are orthogonal.

10. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 2, 3, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\theta_n$  be the angle between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta_n$ . (The formulas  $1 + 2 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$  and  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$  may be useful.)

We know that by definition  $\theta_n = \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + \dots + 1 \cdot n}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{6}n(n+1)}{2\sqrt{n} \sqrt{n(n+1)(2n+1)}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3(n+1)}{2(2n+1)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3(n+1/2+1/2)}{4(n+1/2)}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1/2}{n+1/2}\right)} = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \left(1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/2}{n+1/2}\right)} \\ &= \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} (1+0)} = \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

11. Suppose  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to each of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ . Show that  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to any linear combination  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k$ .

We know that  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal if and only if the dot product is zero. So let's just find it.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \cdot (c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k) &= \mathbf{x} \cdot (c_1\mathbf{v}_1) + \dots + \mathbf{x} \cdot (c_k\mathbf{v}_k) \\ &= c_1(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1) + \dots + c_k(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k) \end{aligned}$$

But then  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_i$  for all  $0 < i \leq k$ . Which leads us to  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i = 0$  and  $\mathbf{x} \cdot (c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k) = c_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + c_k \cdot 0 = 0$ . And we have our result.

13. Use the algebraic properties of the dot product to show that

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 = 2(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2).$$

Interpret the result geometrically.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{y})\|^2 \\
 &= (\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) + (\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{x} \cdot (-\mathbf{y}) + \|-\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
 &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \\
 &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \\
 &= 2(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

14. Use the dot product to prove the law of cosines: As shown in Figure 2.8.

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$$

Let  $\overline{CB} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\overline{CA} = \mathbf{b}$ , and  $\overline{BA} = \mathbf{c}$ . Notice that  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ . And so  $c = \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}\|$ ,  $a = \|\mathbf{a}\|$ , and  $b = \|\mathbf{b}\|$ . Using corollary 2.3 from the notes and definition 2.9 from the notes we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 c^2 &= \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}\|^2 \\
 &= \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 \\
 &= \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} \frac{\|\mathbf{a}\|\|\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{a}\|\|\mathbf{b}\|} \\
 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|\|\mathbf{b}\|} \\
 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Boom.  $\square$

17. If  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , set  $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = (-x_2, x_1)$ .

- a. Check that  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{x}$ . (Indeed,  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$  is obtained by rotating  $\mathbf{x}$  an angle  $\pi/2$  counterclockwise.)

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \rho(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, x_2) \cdot (-x_2, x_1) = -x_1x_2 + x_1x_2 = 0$$

- b. Given  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , show that  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \rho(\mathbf{y}) = -\rho(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{y}$ . Interpret this statement geometrically. Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2)$ . Then

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \rho(\mathbf{y}) = (x_1, x_2) \cdot (-y_2, y_1) = -x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 = -(-x_2y_1 + x_1y_2) = -\rho(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{y}$$

18. Prove the *triangle inequality*: For any vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$ . (*Hint*: Use the dot product to calculate  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2$ .)

We know from Cauchy-Schwartz that  $|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\|$  and that  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \leq |\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}|$ . Double both sides and we have  $2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \leq 2\|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\|$ . Of course  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \geq 0$  which leads us to  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ . Factoring we get  $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 \leq (\|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|)^2$ . And finally, because  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \geq 0$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\| \geq 0$  it is safe to say that  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$

- 1.3 4. Find a normal vector to the given hyperplane and use it to find the distance from the origin to the hyperplane.

- a.  $\mathbf{x} = (-1, 2) + t(3, 2)$

$$(-2, 3) \cdot \mathbf{x} = (-2, 3) \cdot (-1, 2) + t(3, 2) \cdot (-2, 3)$$

$$(-2, 3) \cdot \mathbf{x} = 7$$

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}_0\| = \frac{|c|}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{4+9}} = \frac{7\sqrt{13}}{13}$$

And so we have a normal vector of  $(-2, 3)$  and a distance of  $\frac{7\sqrt{13}}{13}$

- b. The plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the equation  $2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 5$

$$(2, 1, -1) \cdot (x_1, x_2, x_3) = 5$$

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}_0\| = \frac{5}{\sqrt{4+1+1}}$$

And so we have a normal of  $(2, 1, -1)$  and a distance of  $\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}$

- c. The plane passing through  $(1, 2, 2)$  and orthogonal to the line  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 1, -1) + t(-1, 1, -1)$

$$(-1, 1, -1) \cdot \mathbf{x} = (-1, 1, -1) \cdot (1, 2, 2) = -1$$

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}_0\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1+1}}$$

Looks like a normal of  $(-1, 1, -1)$  and a distance of  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

- d. The plane passing through  $(2, -1, 1)$  and orthogonal to the line  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 1, 1) + t(-1, 2, 1)$

The normal is  $(-1, 2, 1)$  and has a distance of  $\frac{|-2-2+1|}{\sqrt{4+1+1}} = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{6}$

- e. The plane spanned by  $(1, 1, 4)$  and  $(2, 1, 0)$  and passing through  $(1, 1, 2)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} a_1 + a_2 + 4a_3 = 0 & 2a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ a_1 - 2a_1 + 4a_3 = 0 & 4a_3 = a_1 \\ a_3 = 1 & a_1 = 4 \\ a_2 = -8 & \mathbf{a} = (4, -8, 1) \end{array}$$

So our normal vector is  $(4, -8, 1)$  and our distance is  $\frac{|4-8+2|}{\sqrt{16+64+1}} = \frac{2}{9}$

- f. The plane spanned by  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(2, 1, 0)$  and passing through  $(3, 0, 2)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0 & 2a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ a_1 = 1 & a_2 = -2 \\ a_3 = 1 & \end{array}$$

Normal is  $(1, -2, 1)$  and distance is  $\frac{3+2}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}$ .

- g. The hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $(1, -1, 1, -1)$ ,  $(1, 1, -1, -1)$  and  $(1, -1, -1, 1)$  and passing through  $(2, 1, 0, 1)$

$$\begin{array}{lll} a_1 - a_2 - a_3 + a_4 = 0 & a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 = 0 & a_1 + a_2 - a_3 - a_4 = 0 \\ a_1 - a_2 + a_3 = a_4 & a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = a_4 & 2a_3 = 2a_2 \\ a_1 - a_2 - a_2 + (a_1 - a_2 + a_2) = 0 & 2a_1 = 2a_2 & a_4 = a_1 + a_1 - a_1 \end{array}$$

So we let  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  be the normal vector and  $\frac{|2+1+0+1|}{\sqrt{4}} = 2$

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6. a. Give the general solution of the equation  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (as a linear combination of two vectors, as in the text).  
Note that  $\mathbf{0}$  is on the plane and so we just need to find two vectors that aren't parallel and are on the plane, and we have our solution. Lets take  $(-3, 1, 1)$  and  $(2, 0, 1)$ . Then our equation is  $\mathbf{x} = x_2(-3, 1, 1) + x_3(2, 0, 1)$
- b. Find a specific solution of the equation  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; give the general solution.
- c. Give the general solution of the equation  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Now give the general solution of the equation  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 3$
7. The equation  $2x_1 - 3x_2 = 5$  defines a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- a. Give a normal vector  $\mathbf{a}$  to the line.
- b. Find the distance from the origin to the line by using projection.
- c. Find the point on the line closest to the origin by using the parametric equation of the line through  $\mathbf{0}$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{a}$ . Double-check your anser to part *b*.
- d. Find the distance from the point  $\mathbf{w} = (3, 1)$  to the line by using projection.
- e. Find the point on the line closest to  $\mathbf{w}$  by using the parametric equation of the line through  $\mathbf{w}$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{a}$ . Double-check your answer to part *d*
9. The equation  $2x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 8x_4 = 6$  defines a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- a. Give a normal vector  $\mathbf{a}$  to the hyperplane.
- b. Find the distance from the origin to the hyperplane using projection.
- c. Find the point on the plane closest to the origin by using the parametric equation of the line through  $\mathbf{0}$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{a}$ . Double-check your answer to part *b*.
- d. Find the distance from the point  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  to the hyperplane by using projection.
- e. Find the pointon the plane closest to  $\mathbf{w}$  by using the parametric equation of the line through  $\mathbf{w}$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{a}$ . Double-check your answer to part *d*
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