

TWO NOTATIONS:

$$i) \vec{u} = \langle a_1, b_1, c_1 \rangle, \vec{v} = \langle a_2, b_2, c_2 \rangle$$

$$ii) \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle, \vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

IN NOTATION i)  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2 \rangle$

IN NOTATION ii)  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$

NOTATION ii) IS GOOD WHEN WORKING IN MORE THAN 3 DIMENSIONS.

BUT WHY DO IT?

E.G.: HOW EXCEL WORKS. COLUMNS IN

EXCEL ARE VECTORS, CONTAINING

AN ORDERED LIST OF NUMBERS. FOR

EXAMPLE

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$$\vec{Q} = \langle \text{QUIZ AVG. IN \%} \rangle = \langle q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{125} \rangle$$

$$\vec{W} = \langle \text{WEB WORK AVG IN \%} \rangle = \langle w_1, \dots, w_{125} \rangle$$

$$\vec{F} = \langle \text{FINAL AVG IN \%} \rangle = \langle f_1, \dots, f_{125} \rangle$$

THEN  $\vec{T} = \langle \text{TOTAL GRADES} \rangle$  IS

$$0.35 \vec{Q} + 0.15 \vec{W} + 0.5 \vec{F} !$$

# PROPERTIES OF VECTOR OPERATIONS

- $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$  COMMUTATIVE
- $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$  ASSOCIATIVE
- $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$  IDENTITY
- $e(d\vec{v}) = (ed)\vec{v}$
- $(e+d)\vec{v} = e\vec{v} + d\vec{v}$  DISTRIBUTIVE (i)
- $e(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = e\vec{u} + e\vec{v}$  DISTRIBUTIVE (ii)
- $0\vec{v} = \vec{0}$
- $\|e\vec{v}\| = |e| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$
- $\|\vec{u}\| = 0$  IF AND ONLY IF  $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$

## UNIT VECTORS

A VECTOR  $\vec{v}$  IS A UNIT VECTOR IF  $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$ . UNIT VECTORS EXPRESS "ONLY DIRECTION".

IF  $\vec{u}$  IS ANY NON-ZERO VECTOR, THEN  $\frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|}$  IS THE UNIT VECTOR IN THE DIRECTION OF  $\vec{u}$ .

E.G.

$$\vec{v} = \langle 3, -1 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 1, -2, -2 \rangle$$

i) FIND THE UNIT VECTOR IN THE DIRECTION OF  $\vec{v}$

ii) SAME FOR  $\vec{w}$

iii) FIND A VECTOR IN THE DIRECTION OF  $\vec{v}$  WITH MAGNITUDE 10

$$\bullet \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+1}} \langle 3, -1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}} \right\rangle$$

$$\bullet \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} \langle 1, -2, -2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{-2}{3} \right\rangle$$

$$\bullet \frac{10 \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{10}} \langle 3, -1 \rangle = \sqrt{10} \langle 3, -1 \rangle \\ = \langle 3\sqrt{10}, -\sqrt{10} \rangle$$

TWO UNIT VECTORS  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  ARE PARALLEL IF  $\vec{u} = \pm \vec{v}$

TWO VECTORS  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  ARE PARALLEL

IF  $\frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \pm \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$  (EQUIVALENTLY, IF

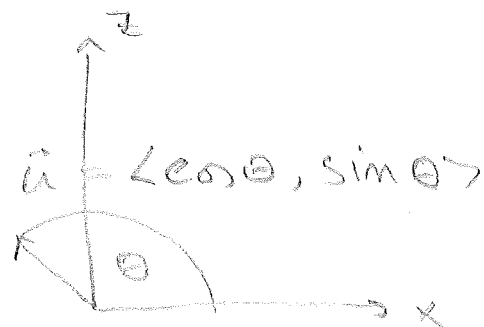
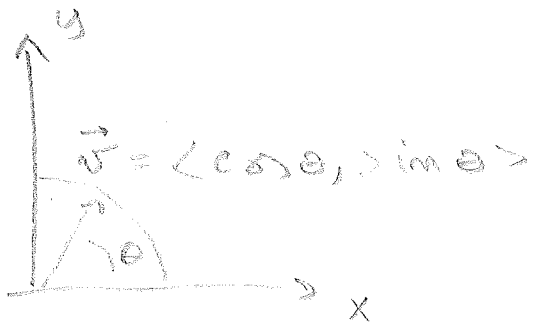
$\vec{u} = c \vec{v}$  FOR SOME  $c$ )

$\vec{u}$  AND  $\vec{v}$  POINT IN THE SAME DIRECTION

IF  $\frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$  (SAME AS  $\vec{u} = c\vec{v}$ ,  $c > 0$ ).

NOTE: IN 2D SPACE A UNIT VECTOR IS ALWAYS IN THE FORM

$$\langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle$$



WHERE  $\theta$  IS THE ANGLE IT FORMS WITH THE POSITIVE 1ST COORDINATE.

IN  $\mathbb{R}^3$  THE STANDARD UNIT VECTORS

ARE  $\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,

$$\vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

E.G.: IF  $\vec{v} = \langle -2, 3, 7 \rangle$  THEN

$$\vec{v} = -2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$$

# THE DOT PRODUCT

$$\vec{u} = \langle a_1, b_1, c_1 \rangle \quad \vec{v} = \langle a_2, b_2, c_2 \rangle$$

$$\text{THEN } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \underbrace{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}_{\text{NUMBER}}$$

WHY IS IT USEFUL?

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle \quad \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES OF THE DOT PROD:

- $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$
- $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$
- $c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}) = (c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{w})$
- $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$
- $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$

NOTE: YOU CAN'T DO  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$ !

IT DEPENDS ON THE ORDER:

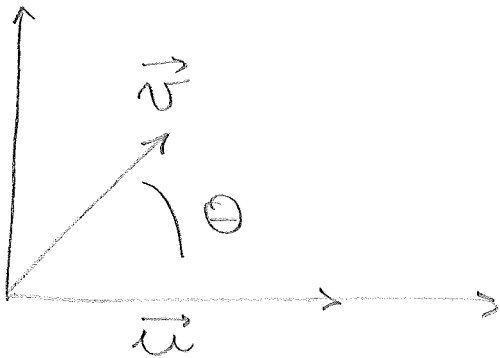
$$\begin{aligned} (\langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle) \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle &= \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle (\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle) &= \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

SO THE FORMULA  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  MAKES NO SENSE WITHOUT BRACKETS.

## DOT PRODUCT AND ANGLES:

IN 2d: PICK  $\vec{u} = a\vec{i} = \langle a, 0 \rangle$

$$\vec{v} = b(\cos\theta\vec{i} + \sin\theta\vec{j}) = \langle b\cos\theta, b\sin\theta \rangle$$



$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = ab \cos\theta = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos\theta$$

IN GENERAL:

$$\vec{u} = a \langle \cos\varphi, \sin\varphi \rangle, \vec{v} = b \langle \cos(\theta + \varphi), \sin(\theta + \varphi) \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = a \cdot b \left( \underbrace{\cos^2\varphi \cos\theta - \cos\theta \sin\varphi \sin\theta}_{\sin^2\varphi \cos\theta + \sin\theta \sin\varphi \cos\theta} \right) =$$

$$a \cdot b (\cos\theta) = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos\theta !$$

