



No quiz this week!

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PS 1 open & due next Wednesday.

10.2, 10.3, 10.4 . x

Dot product

vector \cdot vector = scalar.

dot!

Def. $\vec{a} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$

$$\vec{b} = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

~~$$(x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2, z_1 z_2)$$~~

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2$$

Motivation: helps in computing geo. quantities (length, angle, ...) using coordinates of vectors.

Length of vector: $\vec{a} = (x, y, z)$

$$\underbrace{\|\vec{a}\| \text{ or } |\vec{a}|}_{\text{length of } \vec{a}} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \text{distance of } (x, y, z) \text{ to } O.$$

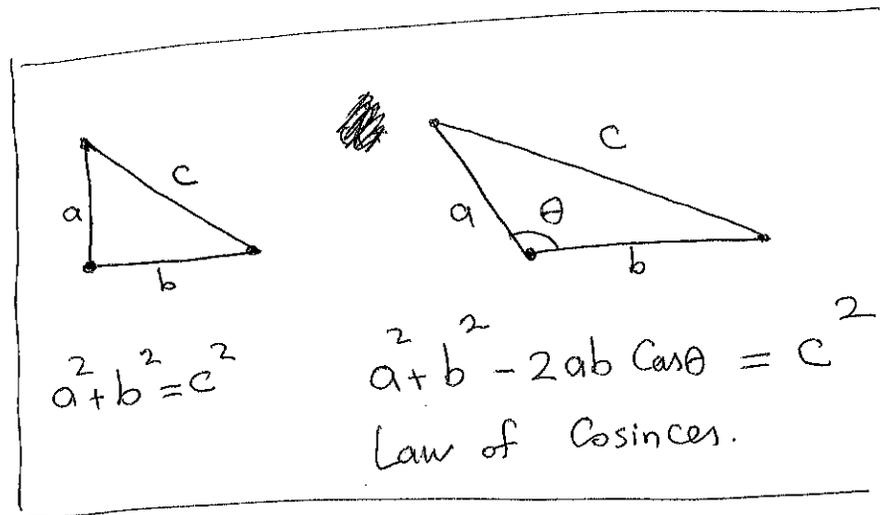
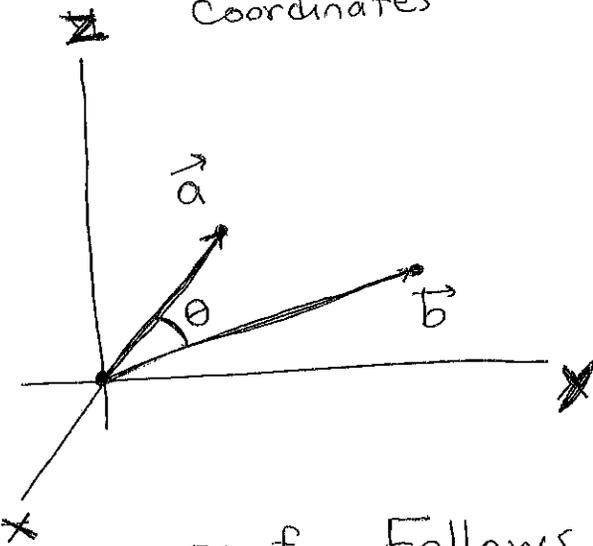
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}$$

Theorem

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

$x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2$
algebra and
coordinates

geo. &
no coordinates



proof Follows from "Law of Cosines"

How to find angle between vectors

\vec{a}, \vec{b} $\theta =$ angle between \vec{a} & \vec{b}

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}} \sqrt{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}}}$$

Ex. $\vec{a} = (1, 2, 1)$ $\vec{b} = (3, 1, 0)$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 = 5$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{6} \quad |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{10}} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{60}} \right)$$

$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{4 \times 15}} = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{15}}$$

$$|\vec{a}| \neq 0 \quad |\vec{b}| \neq 0$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

\vec{a}, \vec{b} perpendicular perp.

Alg. properties of dot product.

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$$

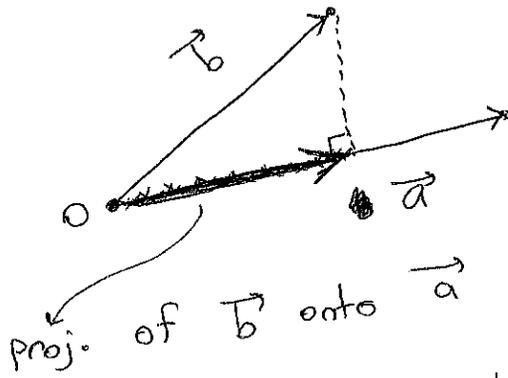
\vec{a}, \vec{b}

c scalar

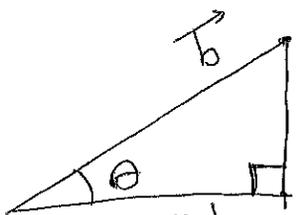
$$(c\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot (c\vec{b}) = c(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

Point
Rem (x, y, z)
 $\langle x, y, z \rangle$
vector
in the textbook.

(vertical)
Projection



- \vec{a}, \vec{b} known (i.e. Coor. are known)
- Find $\text{Proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b}$
 - its length
 - as a vector.

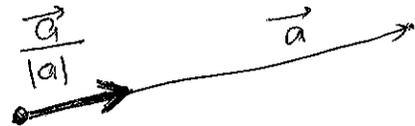


$|\vec{b}| \cos(\theta)$

= Comp. of \vec{b} along \vec{a}
= length of proj.

= scalar proj. of \vec{b} onto $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$

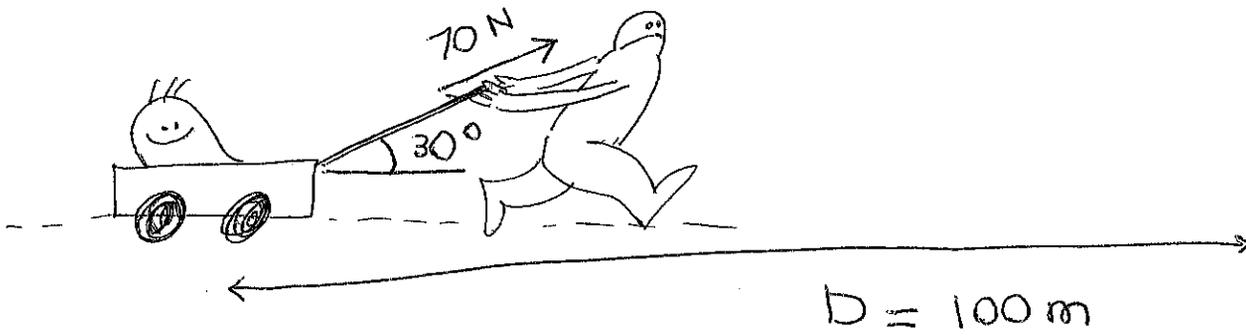
$\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} =$ unit vector in the direction of \vec{a}
length 1.



$$\boxed{\text{Proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b}} = \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \right) \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \boxed{\left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}} \right) \vec{a}}$$

scalar vec.

Ex. in Physics Work.



$W = \text{def. } (distance \text{ traveled}) (Component \text{ of the force in the direction of motion})$

Work done by a constant force on some object traveling in a linear motion.
Comp. of \vec{F} on \vec{D}

$$W = |\vec{D}| (|\vec{F}| \cos(\theta)) = \vec{D} \cdot \vec{F}$$

displacement vec. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$W = 100 \cdot 70 \cdot \cos(30^\circ)$$
$$= 7000 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$