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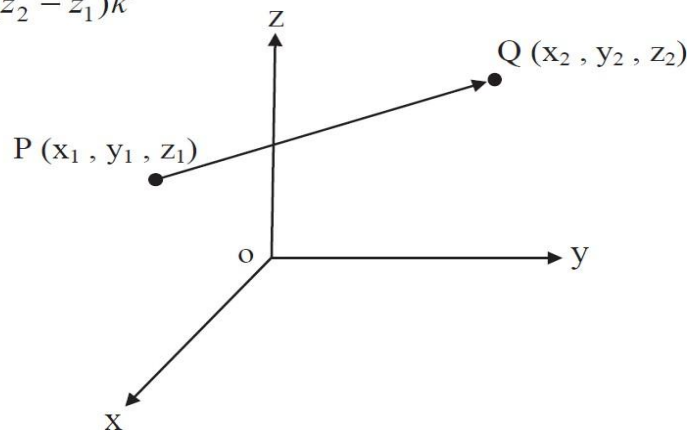
Lecture 2 vectors (dot product, cross product, orthogonal)



Vector in space:

The vector between two points **P** and **Q**

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (x_2 - x_1)i + (y_2 - y_1)j + (z_2 - z_1)k$$



Algebra of vectors:

$$\text{Let } V_1 = a_1i + b_1j + c_1k$$

$$V_2 = a_2i + b_2j + c_2k$$

Addition:

$$V_1 + V_2 = (a_1 + a_2)i + (b_1 + b_2)j + (c_1 + c_2)k$$

Subtraction:

$$V_1 - V_2 = (a_1 - a_2)i + (b_1 - b_2)j + (c_1 - c_2)k$$



The magnitude or length of the vector:

$$V = ai + bj + ck$$

$$|V| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Direction of vectors V:
$$V = \frac{V}{|V|}$$

Example: find the length of vector $A = i - 2j + 3k$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

Example: A force of 6N is applied in the direction of the vector $V = 2i + 2j - k$, express the force as a product of its magnitude and direction

Solution:

The force vector has magnitude 6 and direction $\frac{V}{|V|}$, so:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 6 \frac{V}{|V|} = 6 \frac{2i + 2j - k}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2}} = 6 \frac{2i + 2j - k}{\sqrt{9}} \\ &= 6 \frac{2i + 2j - k}{3} \end{aligned}$$



H.W:

1. Let the vector $u = -i + 3j + k$, find $\left| \frac{1}{2}u \right|$
2. find the length and direction of the vector $v = 4i + 3j + 2k$
3. find the length of the vector with initial point P(-3,4,1) and terminal point Q(-5,2,2)

Dot Product

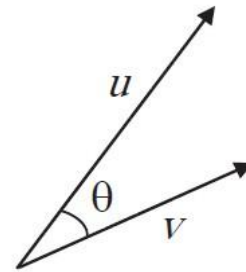
The dot product:

Dot product also called scalar products because the resulting products are numbers and not vectors. To calculate $u \cdot v$ from the component of u and v we let:

$$u = a_1i + b_1j + c_1k$$

$$v = a_2i + b_2j + c_2k$$

$$u \cdot v = |u||v| \cos \theta$$



Where θ is the angle between u and v

$$\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u||v|}$$

$$u \cdot v = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$$



Properties of dot product:

if u , v , and w are any vectors and c is a scalar:

1. $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$
2. $(cu) \cdot v = u \cdot (cv) = c(u \cdot v)$
3. $u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$
4. $u \cdot u = |u|^2$
5. $0 \cdot u = 0$

Example: find the angle θ between $A = i - 2j - 2k$ and $B = 6i + 3j + 2k$

Solution:

$$A \cdot B = (1)(6) + (-2)(3) + (-2)(2)$$

$$= 6 - 6 - 4 = -4$$

$$|A| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$|B| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (3)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{A \cdot B}{|A||B|} = \frac{-4}{21} \implies \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-4}{21} = 100.79^\circ \approx 101^\circ$$



Example: find the angle between the vectors $u = 2i + j$, $v = i + 2j - k$

Solution:

$$u \cdot v = (2)(1) + (1)(2) + (0)(-1)$$

$$= 2 + 2 - 0 = 4$$

$$|u| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (0)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 0} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$$

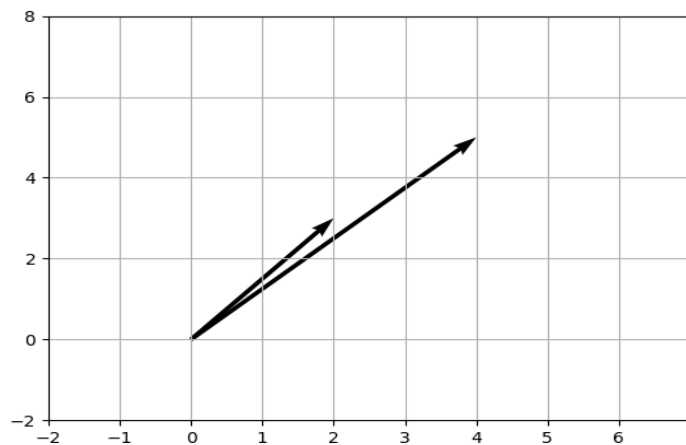
$$\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u||v|} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{6}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} = 43.09^\circ \approx 43^\circ$$

Example

The vector $A=(2,3)$, and vector $B=(4,5)$

find $A \cdot B = ?$

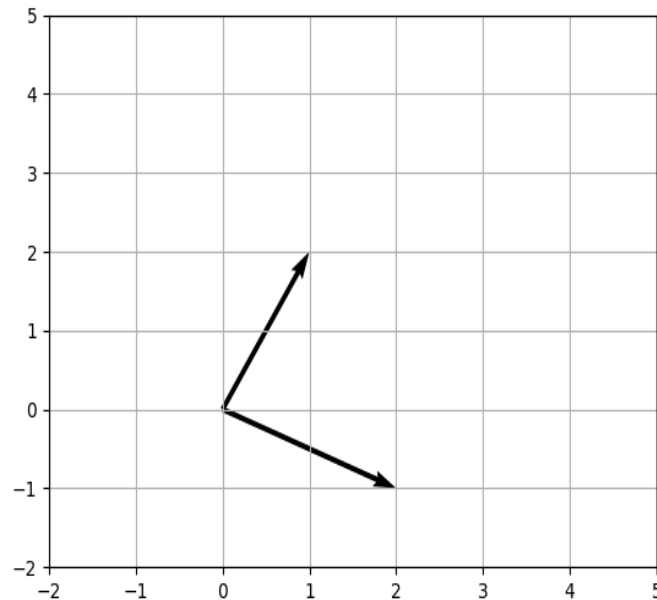




Orthogonal Vectors

$$A=(2,-1), B=(1,2)$$

$$A \cdot B = 0 \rightarrow \text{vectors are perpendicular (90}^\circ\text{)}$$



Applications

- Physics: Work = Force · Displacement
- AI: Similarity between vectors
- Engineering: Projection of forces.

Practice Questions

1. $(3,2) \cdot (1,4)$
2. $(5,-1) \cdot (2,3)$
3. Are $(1,2)$ and $(-2,1)$ orthogonal?



Cross product:

Two vector u and v in space if u and v are not parallel, they determine a plane, we select a unit vector n perpendicular to the plane by the right-hand rule. This means that we choose n to be the unit (normal) vector that points the way your right thumb points when your fingers curl through the angle θ from u to v

Properties of the cross product

if u , v , and w are any vectors and r , s is are scalars, then:

1. $(ru) \times (sv) = (rs)(u \times v)$
2. $u \times (v + w) = u \times v + u \times w$
3. $v \times u = -(u \times v)$
4. $(v + w) \times u = v \times u + w \times u$
5. $0 \times u = 0$
6. $u \times (v \times w) = (u \cdot w)v - (u \cdot v)w$

When we apply the definition to calculate the pair wise cross products of i , j , k we find:

$$i \times j = -(j \times i) = k$$

$$j \times k = -(k \times j) = i$$

$$k \times i = -(i \times k) = j$$

$$i \times i = j \times j = k \times k = 0$$

Example: find $u \times v$ and $v \times u$ if $u = 2i + j + k$ and $v = -4i + 3j + k$

Solution:

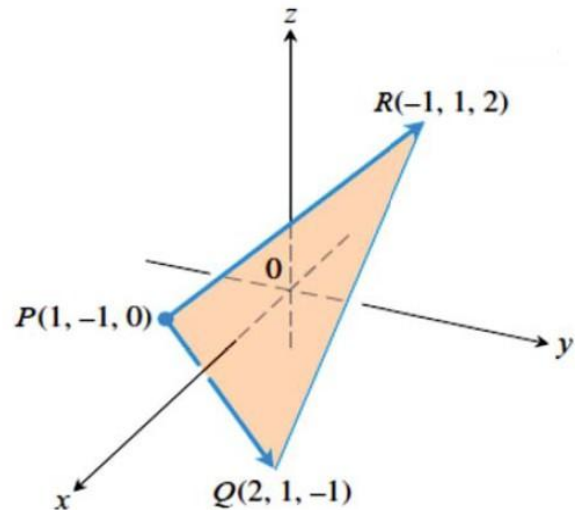
$$\begin{aligned}
 u \times v &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} k \\
 &= ((1)(1) - (1)(3))i - ((2)(1) - (1)(-4))j + ((2)(3) - (1)(-4))k \\
 &= (1 - 3)i - (2 + 4)j + (6 + 4)k \\
 &= -2i - 6j + 10k \\
 v \times u &= -(u \times v) = 2i + 6j - 10k
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: find the area of the triangle with vertices $p(1,-1,0)$, $Q(2,1,-1)$ and $R(-1,1,2)$

Solution:

The area of the triangle is

$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) |\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}|$. in term of components



$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (2 - 1)i + (1 + 1)j + (-1 - 0)k = i + 2j - k$$

$$\overline{PR} = (-1-1)i + (1+1)j + (2-0)k = -2i + 2j + 2k$$

$$\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} k$$

$$= ((2)(2) - (-1)(2))i - ((1)(2) - (-1)(-2))j + ((1)(2) - (2)(-2))k$$

$$= (4 + 2)i - (2 - 2)j + (2 + 4)k$$

$$= 6i + 6k$$

Hence, the triangle's area is:

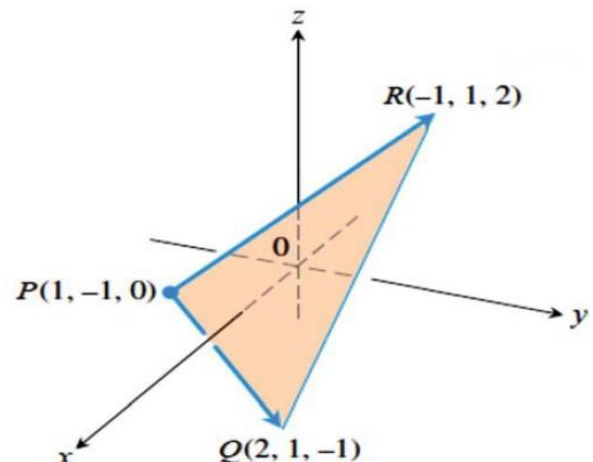
$$|\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR}| = |6i + 6k| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{72} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

The triangle's area is half of this = $3\sqrt{2}$

Example: find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $p(1,-1,0)$,
 $Q(2,1,-1)$ and $R(-1,1,2)$

Solution:

Since $\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR}$ is perpendicular to the Plane, its direction n is a unit vector Perpendicular to the plane





$$n = \frac{\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR}}{|\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR}|}$$

$$\overline{PQ} = (2 - 1)i + (1 + 1)j + (-1 - 0)k = i + 2j - k$$

$$\overline{PR} = (-1 - 1)i + (1 + 1)j + (2 - 0)k = -2i + 2j + 2k$$

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$$|\overline{PQ} \times \overline{PR}| = |6i + 6k| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{72} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$n = \frac{6i + 6k}{6\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}k$$

H.W: Triangle with points $P(1,-1,2)$, $Q(2,0,-1)$ and $R(0,2,1)$, find:

1. Area of the triangle.
2. a unit vector perpendicular to the plane PQR .