

DEFINITION --- Dot product

The *dot product* or *inner product* of $u = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ is $\rightarrow u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$

Ex 1) Find each dot product:

a) $\langle 3, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 2 \rangle$

$$3 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 2$$

$$15 + 8$$

$$23$$

b) $\langle 1, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle -4, 3 \rangle$

$$1 \cdot -4 + -2 \cdot 3$$

$$-4 - 6$$

$$-10$$

c) $(2i - j) \cdot (3i - 5j)$

$$\langle 2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -5 \rangle$$

$$2 \cdot 3 + -1 \cdot -5$$

$$6 + 5$$

$$11$$

Properties of the Dot product ----- Let $u, v,$ and w be vectors and let c be a scalar.

1. $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

2. $u \cdot u = |u|^2$

3. $0 \cdot u = 0$

4. $u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$

$(u + v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w$

5. $(cu) \cdot v = u \cdot (cv) = c(u \cdot v)$

Ex 2) Use the dot product to find the length of vector $u = \langle 4, -3 \rangle$

$$u \cdot u$$

$$\langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle$$

$$16 + 9$$

$$u \cdot u = |u|^2 = 25 \quad |u| = 5$$

Angle Between Two Vectors

$$\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u||v|} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{|u||v|} \right)$$

Ex 3) Find the angle between two vectors u & v .

a) $u = \langle 2, 3 \rangle, v = \langle -2, 5 \rangle$

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

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \cdot -2 + 3 \cdot 5}{\sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{29}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 55.5^\circ$$

b) $u = \langle 2, 1 \rangle, v = \langle -1, -3 \rangle$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \cdot -1 + 1 \cdot -3}{\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{10}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 135^\circ$$

Definition ----- Orthogonal Vectors → The vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$

Ex 4) Prove that the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle -6, 4 \rangle$ are orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \cdot -6 + 3 \cdot 4 \\ & -12 + 12 \\ & 0 \\ & \text{Orthogonal} \end{aligned}$$

Projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} ----- If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are nonzero vectors, the projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} is $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}$

Ex 5) Find the vector projection of $\mathbf{u} = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$ onto $\mathbf{v} = \langle 5, -5 \rangle$. Then write \mathbf{u} as the sum of two orthogonal vectors, one of which is $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} &= \frac{6 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot -5}{(\sqrt{50})^2} \cdot \langle 5, -5 \rangle \\ &= \frac{20}{50} \langle 5, -5 \rangle \\ \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} &= \langle 2, -2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \text{ Unknown} + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u} \\ \text{Unknown} + \langle 2, -2 \rangle &= \langle 6, 2 \rangle \\ -\langle 2, -2 \rangle \quad -\langle 2, -2 \rangle & \\ \text{Unknown} &= \langle 4, 4 \rangle \\ \langle 4, 4 \rangle + \langle 2, -2 \rangle &= \langle 6, 2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Ex 6) Find the vector projection of $\mathbf{u} = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$ onto $\mathbf{v} = \langle 12, -5 \rangle$. Then write \mathbf{u} as the sum of two orthogonal vectors, one of which is $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} &= \frac{-3 \cdot 12 + 4 \cdot -5}{13^2} \langle 12, -5 \rangle \\ &= \frac{-56}{169} \langle 12, -5 \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{-672}{169}, \frac{280}{169} \right\rangle \\ &\quad \text{or} \\ &\quad \langle 3.98, 1.66 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Unknown} + \left\langle \frac{-672}{169}, \frac{280}{169} \right\rangle = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$$

$$\text{Unknown} = \left\langle \frac{165}{169}, \frac{396}{169} \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \frac{165}{169}, \frac{396}{169} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{-672}{169}, \frac{280}{169} \right\rangle = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$$

$$\text{or} \\ \langle 0.98, 2.34 \rangle + \langle -3.98, 1.67 \rangle = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$$

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(1) $u = \langle 3, 9 \rangle$
 $v = \langle 6, 5 \rangle$
 $18 + 45$
 63

(2) $u = -i + 5j$
 $v = -6i - 2j$
 $\langle -1, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle -6, -2 \rangle$
 $6 + -10$
 -4

(3) $\langle -7, -9 \rangle \cdot \langle 8, 4 \rangle$
 $-56 + -36$
 -92

(4) $\langle 0, 9 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, -8 \rangle$
 $0 + -72$
 -72

(5) $u = \langle 4, -9 \rangle$
 $v = \langle -9, 4 \rangle$
 $4 \cdot -9 + -9 \cdot 4$
 -72
~~Orthogonal~~ Neither

(6) $u = -5i - 2j$
 $v = -10i + 25j$
 $-5 \cdot -10 + -2 \cdot 25$
 0
 Orthogonal

(7) $\langle -2, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 8, -1 \rangle$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{-2 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot -1}{\sqrt{8} \cdot \sqrt{65}}$
 $\theta = 142.1^\circ$

(8) $\langle 3, 6 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -8 \rangle$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3 \cdot 3 + 6 \cdot -8}{\sqrt{45} \cdot \sqrt{73}} \right)$
 $\theta = 132.9^\circ$

(9) $u = \langle -8, -2 \rangle$
 $v = \langle -3, 3 \rangle$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-8 \cdot -3 + -2 \cdot 3}{\sqrt{68} \cdot \sqrt{18}} \right)$
 $\theta = 59.04^\circ$

(10) $u = -8j$
 $v = -9i - 2j$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{0 \cdot -9 + -8 \cdot -2}{8 \cdot \sqrt{85}} \right)$
 $\theta = 77.5^\circ$

(11) $u = \langle 8, 2 \rangle$
 $v = \langle -7, -3 \rangle$
 $\text{Proj}_v u = \frac{8 \cdot -7 + 2 \cdot -3}{58} \langle -7, -3 \rangle$
 $= \left\langle \frac{217}{29}, \frac{93}{29} \right\rangle$

(12) $u = 5i - 5j$
 $v = 7i - 5j$
 $\text{Proj}_v u = \frac{5 \cdot 7 + -5 \cdot -5}{74} \langle 7, -5 \rangle$
 $= \left\langle \frac{210}{37}, -\frac{150}{37} \right\rangle$

(13) $u = \langle -2, -3 \rangle$
 $v = \langle -7, 9 \rangle$
 $\text{Proj}_v u = \frac{-2 \cdot -7 + -3 \cdot 9}{130} \langle -7, 9 \rangle$
 $\text{Proj}_v u = \left\langle \frac{7}{10}, -\frac{9}{10} \right\rangle$
 Unknown + $\left\langle \frac{7}{10}, -\frac{9}{10} \right\rangle = \langle -2, -3 \rangle$
 $\left\langle -\frac{27}{10}, -\frac{21}{10} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{7}{10}, -\frac{9}{10} \right\rangle = \langle -2, -3 \rangle$

Practice with Dot Products and Angles between Vectors

Precalculus
DEFINITION

1) Find the dot product of u and v . Then determine if it is orthogonal.

a) $u = \langle 3, -2 \rangle$ and $v = \langle -5, 1 \rangle$

$$-15 + -2$$

$$-17$$

b) $u = \langle -2, -3 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 9, -6 \rangle$

$$-18 + 18$$

$$0$$

c) $u = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 3, 6 \rangle$

$$-9 + 24$$

$$15$$

d) $u = \langle 2, 7 \rangle$ and $v = \langle -14, 4 \rangle$

$$-28 + 28$$

$$0$$

2) Find the magnitude of:

a) $c = \langle -1, -7 \rangle$

$$\sqrt{50}$$

b) $a = \langle -6, 5 \rangle$

$$\sqrt{61}$$

c) $m = \langle -3, 11 \rangle$

$$\sqrt{130}$$

3) Find the angle θ between vectors u and v to the nearest tenth of a degree.

a) $u = \langle -5, -2 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 4, 4 \rangle$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-5 \cdot 4 + -2 \cdot 4}{\sqrt{29} \cdot \sqrt{32}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 156.8^\circ$$

b) $u = \langle 9, 5 \rangle$ and $v = \langle -6, 7 \rangle$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{9 \cdot -6 + 5 \cdot 7}{\sqrt{106} \cdot \sqrt{85}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 101.5^\circ$$

c) $u = \langle -3, -5 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 2, -3 \rangle$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-3 \cdot 2 + -5 \cdot -3}{\sqrt{34} \cdot \sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 64.7^\circ$$

d) $u = \langle 1, -4 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 2, 6 \rangle$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1 \cdot 2 + -4 \cdot 6}{\sqrt{17} \cdot \sqrt{40}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 147.5^\circ$$