

1.2-Dot Product



Definitions:

The *dot product* of the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} is given by $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$

Derivation of the Computational Formula:

(in text)

if $\vec{a} = a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j}$ and $\vec{b} = b_1 \vec{i} + b_2 \vec{j}$,
then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$ Scalar

Properties of the Dot Product- in text

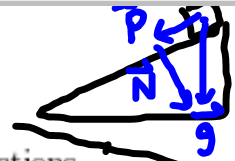
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$$

From the definition of the dot product, it follows that the angle between 2 vectors is given by $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$

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a and b are *orthogonal* if and only if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

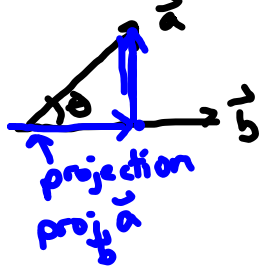
(2-D) only
If $\vec{a} = a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j}$, then $\vec{a}^\perp = -a_2 \vec{i} + a_1 \vec{j}$
Orthogonal Complement

Intro:



Block on Ramp
 Resolve \vec{g} into 2 components
 (one \parallel to ramp, 1 \perp to ramp)
 "projected \vec{g} onto \vec{p} "

Scalar and Vector Projections-



Project \vec{a} onto \vec{b} :

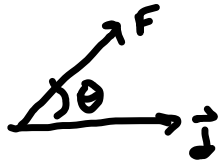
$$|\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a}| = |\vec{a}| \cos \theta$$

$$= |\vec{a}| \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\text{comp}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}} \quad \text{Scalar Projection}$$

$$\boxed{\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} \vec{b}} \quad \text{Vector Projection}$$

Work- A force exerted over a displacement



$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d}$$

$$= |\vec{F}| |\vec{d}| \cos \theta$$

Examples:

Find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$:

$$\vec{i} - \vec{j} \quad \vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$$

if $\vec{a} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= (1)(1) + (-1)(2) \\ &= 1 - 2 = \boxed{-1}\end{aligned}$$

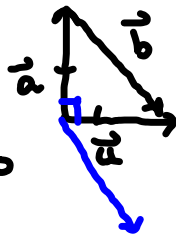
in the figure given in class

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

$$= 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \cos 135^\circ$$

unit Pyth

$$= \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{-2}{2} = \boxed{-1}$$



\vec{u} is a unit vector

Find the angle between the vectors $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$ and $6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$.

$$\cos \Theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$
$$= \frac{(1)(6) + (2)(-8)}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} \cdot \sqrt{6^2 + (-8)^2}} = \frac{-10}{10\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

Find x such that $\vec{a} = \langle x, 1 \rangle \perp \vec{b} = \langle 4+x, 3 \rangle$

Dot product: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$(x)(4+x) + (1)(3) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -3, -1$$

$$4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} \quad \vec{i} - 2\vec{j}$$

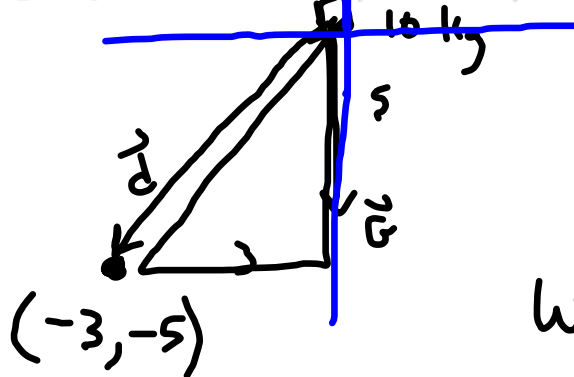
If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 5 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 1, -2 \rangle$, find the scalar and vector projection of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a}

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{4(1) + 5(-2)}{\sqrt{4^2 + 5^2}} = \frac{-6}{\sqrt{41}}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} &= \left(\frac{-6}{\sqrt{41}} \right) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}|} \mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{-6}{\sqrt{41}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{41}} (4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j}) = \frac{-6}{41} (4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j}) \\ &= \left\langle \frac{-24}{41}, \frac{-30}{41} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

A 10 kg block slides down a ramp which is 5 m tall and 3 m horizontal. Find the work done by gravity if the block slides (friction-free) all the way down the ramp.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_G &= -98\vec{j} \\ \mathbf{r}_G &= -3\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} \\ W &= \mathbf{F}_G \cdot \mathbf{r}_G \\ &= (0)(-3) + (-98)(-5) \\ &= 490 \text{ Nm or J} \end{aligned}$$

Find the distance from the point $(0, 5)$ to the line $2y = 6$

1) Find a vector from point to line

$$(0, 3) \text{ on line } \vec{b} = 3\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} = -2\vec{j}$$

2) Find a vector in the direction of line

$$(0, 3) \text{ and } (6, 0) \vec{a} = 6\vec{i} - 3\vec{j}$$

3) Find vector \perp to line

$$\vec{a}^\perp = 3\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} \text{ (or } -3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j}\text{)}$$

4) Project \vec{b} onto \vec{a}^\perp (scalar)

$$\text{comp}_{\vec{a}^\perp} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a}^\perp \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}^\perp|} = \frac{(3)(0) + 6(-2)}{\sqrt{3^2 + 6^2}} = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{45}}$$

$$\text{dist} = |\text{comp}_{\vec{a}^\perp} \vec{b}| = \frac{12}{\sqrt{45}} = \frac{12}{3\sqrt{5}} = \boxed{\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}}$$

