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Do Sugg HW Section 1.1

Note: Coursepack uses bold font for vectors
 c : scalar
 c : vector

1.2 Length and Angle

$$\vec{u} = [1, 4, 2, -9]$$

$$\vec{v} = [2, 3, -2, -1]$$

dot product $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 1(2) + 4(3) + 2(-2) + (-9)(-1)$
 $= 19$

Ex: a) $[1, 5] \cdot [2, -3]$
 $= 1(2) + 5(-3)$
 $= -13$

$$b) [1, 5] \cdot [2, -3, 0]$$

undefined

$$c) [u_1, u_2] \cdot [u_1, u_2]$$
$$= u_1^2 + u_2^2$$

FACT

3 Properties about Dot Product

$$1) \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \geq 0$$

$$2) \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} \text{ for all } \vec{u}, \vec{v}$$

$$3) \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \text{ if and only if } \vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

Means:

$$3a) \text{ If } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \text{ then } \vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad \text{LESS OBVIOUS}$$

$$3b) \text{ If } \vec{u} = \vec{0} \text{ then } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{OBVIOUS}$$

EX: Simplify

$$a) (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + 2 \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

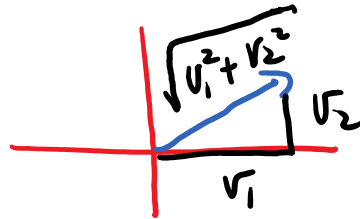
$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & 3\vec{u} \cdot (-2\vec{v} + 7\vec{w}) \\ & = -6\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + 21\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} \end{aligned}$$

Caution: $\vec{u} \vec{v}$ is meaningless

Def

The length of $\vec{v} = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$

is $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$



Ex: a) $\|[1, 1, 1, -2]\|$

$$= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{7}$$

b) $\|[3, -1]\|$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{10}$$

Notice $[3, -1] \cdot [3, -1] = 9 + 1 = 10$

FACT $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = \|\vec{u}\|^2$ for any \vec{u}

Ex: Let $\vec{v} = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$

Simplify $\|-3\vec{v}\|$

$$= \|-3v_1, -3v_2, -3v_3\|$$

$$= \sqrt{9v_1^2 + 9v_2^2 + 9v_3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9(v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2)}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$$

$$= 3\|\vec{v}\|$$

FACT

$$\|c\vec{a}\| = |c|\|\vec{a}\|$$

Def

A unit vector has length 1.

To normalize a vector means find a unit vector in the same direction.

FACT

$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v}$ has length 1
and points in the same direction as \vec{v}



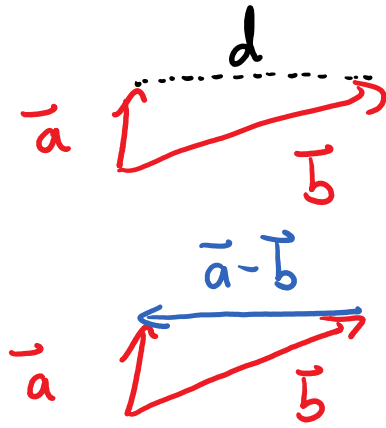
Ex: Normalize $\vec{v} = [4, -2, 1]$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} [4, -2, 1]$$

FACT

The distance between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is

$$d(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|$$



Ex: Find distance between $[3, 7]$ and $[-1, 2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \|[3, 7] - [-1, 2]\| \\
 &= \|[4, 5]\| \\
 &= \sqrt{41}
 \end{aligned}$$

FACT: Triangle Inequality

$$\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| \leq \|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\| \quad \text{for any } \vec{u}, \vec{v}$$

