

1.2 Length and Angle Gt'd

Fact

The angle θ between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is defined to be $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$



FORMULA

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

for any \vec{u}, \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^n

Comments

- 1) In \mathbb{R}^4 and higher dimensions, this is a definition of θ
- 2) θ is always defined

Ex: Find the angle between $\vec{u} = [1, -4]$ and $\vec{v} = [2, 3]$

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

$$-10 = \sqrt{17} \sqrt{13} \cos \theta$$

$$1(2) + (-4)(3)$$

$$\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2}$$

$$\frac{-10}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{13}} = \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-10}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$\approx 132^\circ$$

The sign of $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ gives some info about θ :

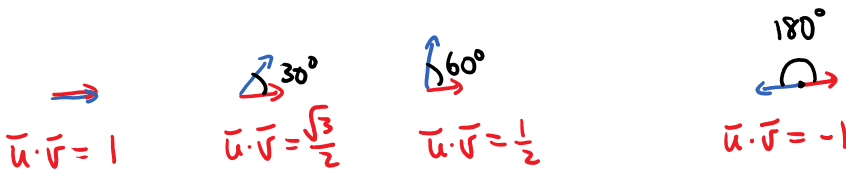
The sign of $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ gives some info about θ :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &> 0 \\ \cos \theta &> 0 \\ 0^\circ \leq \theta < 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= 0 \\ \cos \theta &= 0 \\ \theta &= 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &< 0 \\ \cos \theta &< 0 \\ 90^\circ < \theta \leq 180^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Suppose \vec{u} and \vec{v} are unit vectors.
Then $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ gives the value of $\cos \theta$



Def

\vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthogonal if $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$



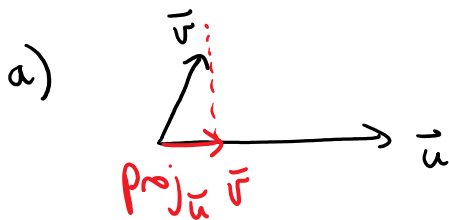
\vec{u} and \vec{v} are perpendicular
" orthogonal

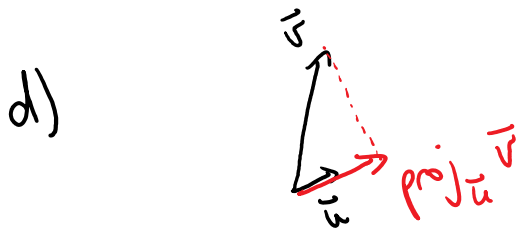
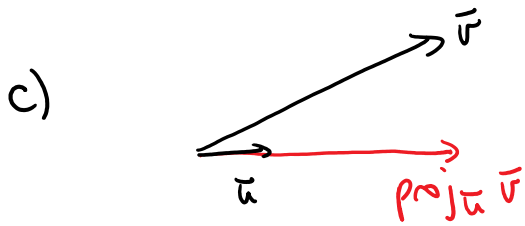
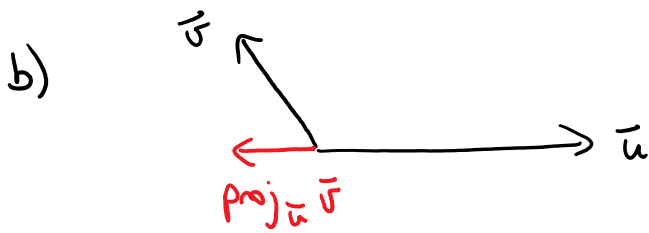
(geometry)
(algebra)

The projection of \vec{v} onto \vec{u} is
written $\text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v}$

Could be read as "projection onto \vec{u} of \vec{v} "

Quick Ex:

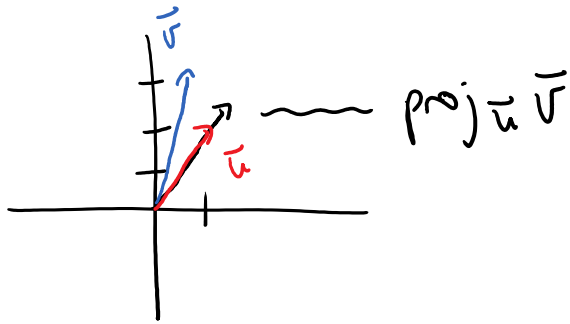




$$\text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u}$$

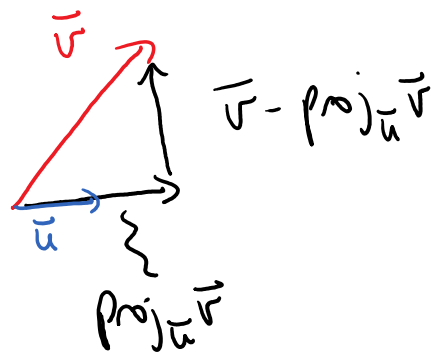
Ex: Find $\text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v}$ for $\vec{u} = [1, 2]$
and $\vec{v} = [1, 3]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u} \\ &= \frac{7}{5} [1, 2] \end{aligned}$$



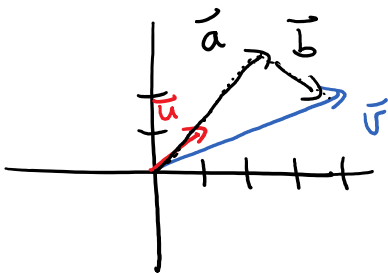
FACT

Given \vec{u} and \vec{v} , we can decompose \vec{v} into vectors parallel and perpendicular to \vec{u} .



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

Find \vec{a} and \vec{b} so that $\vec{v} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$,
 \vec{a} is parallel to \vec{u} and \vec{b} is perpendicular to \vec{u} .



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} \\ &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2} [1, 1]$$

$$= 3 [1, 1]$$

$$= [3, 3]$$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{b} = \vec{v} - \vec{a}$$

$$= [4, 2] - [3, 3]$$

$$= [1, -1]$$

No formula sheet for the course.