

Sec. 1.2

3,4,5,6,8,9,11,12,16,17,21,23

3. $\frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{v}\|} = \frac{1}{5}(3,4)$ and $\frac{\bar{w}}{\|\bar{w}\|} = \frac{1}{10}(8,6)$ give unit vectors in the directions of \bar{v}, \bar{w}

Then $\cos \theta = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w}}{\|\bar{v}\| \|\bar{w}\|} = \frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{v}\|} \cdot \frac{\bar{w}}{\|\bar{w}\|} = \frac{1}{5}(3,4) \cdot \frac{1}{10}(8,6) = \frac{48}{50} = \frac{24}{25}$, and
 $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{25}\right) = 0.28379$ (in radians)

Given $\bar{w} = (8,6)$ the vectors $(4,3)$, $(-3,4)$, $(-4,-3)$ make an angle of 0° , 90° , 180° , respectively, with \bar{w} .

4. a) $\bar{v} \cdot (-\bar{v}) = -(\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}) = -\|\bar{v}\|^2 = -1$

b) Expand, the cross-terms cancel: $(\bar{v} + \bar{w}) \cdot (\bar{v} - \bar{w}) = \bar{v} \cdot \bar{v} - \bar{w} \cdot \bar{w} = 0$ (the diagonals of a rhombus meet at right angles)

c) $(\bar{v} + 2\bar{w}) \cdot (\bar{v} - 2\bar{w}) = 1 - 4 = -3$

5. $\bar{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3,1)$, $\bar{u}_2 = \frac{1}{3}(2,1,2)$

$\bar{U}_1 = (-1,3)$ and $\bar{U}_2 = (1,-2,0)$ or $(0,-2,1)$ are perpendicular to \bar{u}_1 and \bar{u}_2 respectively. Note that any combination $c(1,-2,0) + d(0,-2,1)$ is perpendicular to \bar{u}_2 and that exhausts all the possibilities.

6. a) Any multiple of $(1,2)$ is perpendicular to $(2,-1)$.

b) plane. (This is the plane $x + y + z = 0$.)

c) line. (This is the line through the origin perpendicular to the plane containing the two given vectors)

8. a) Clearly false, since $(1,0,0)$ is perpendicular to $(0,1,0)$ and to $(0,0,1)$ but those latter two vectors are not parallel.

b) True: $\bar{u} \cdot (\bar{v} + 2\bar{w}) = \bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} + 2(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{w}) = 0$ by assumption so \bar{u} is perpendicular to $\bar{v} + 2\bar{w}$. Geometrically, \bar{u} is perpendicular to any vector in the plane of \bar{v} and \bar{w} if \bar{u} is perpendicular to \bar{v} and \bar{w} .

c) True: $\|\bar{u} - \bar{v}\|^2 = (\bar{u} - \bar{v}) \cdot (\bar{u} - \bar{v}) = \|\bar{u}\|^2 - 2(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) + \|\bar{v}\|^2 = 1 - 0 + 1 = 2$. Any two orthogonal vectors that have length 1 are a distance $\sqrt{2}$ apart.

9. If the product of the slopes, $\frac{v_2 w_2}{v_1 w_1} = -1$ then $v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 = 0$ or $\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = 0$.

11. If $\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} < 0$ then $\cos \theta < 0$ so $\theta > \pi/2$. In three dimensions, given \bar{v} , the vectors \bar{w} satisfying $\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} < 0$ can be found on the opposite side of the plane that is perpendicular to \bar{v} .

12. We solve: $(\bar{w} - c\bar{v}) \cdot \bar{v} = 0$. We distribute through: $\bar{w} \cdot \bar{v} - c\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v} = 0$, $c = \frac{\bar{w} \cdot \bar{v}}{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}}$ and $\bar{p} = c\bar{v} = \left(\frac{\bar{w} \cdot \bar{v}}{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}}\right)\bar{v}$ is then referred to as the "projection" of \bar{w} on \bar{v} .

16. $\|\bar{v}\| = \|(1,1,\dots,1)\| = \sqrt{9} = 3$. So $\bar{u} = \frac{1}{3}(1,1,\dots,1)$ is a unit vector in the direction of \bar{v} .

$\bar{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1,-1,0,\dots,0)$ is perpendicular to \bar{v} , with length 1.

17. If $\bar{v} = (1,0,-1)$ then $\cos \alpha = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{i}}{\|\bar{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\cos \beta = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{j}}{\|\bar{v}\|} = 0$, $\cos \gamma = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{k}}{\|\bar{v}\|} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and

the sum of the squares is 1 as advertised.

21. Using the suggestion

$\|\bar{v} + \bar{w}\|^2 = \|\bar{v}\|^2 + 2\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} + \|\bar{w}\|^2 \leq \|\bar{v}\|^2 + 2\|\bar{v}\|\|\bar{w}\| + \|\bar{w}\|^2 = (\|\bar{v}\| + \|\bar{w}\|)^2$ and taking the

square roots on both sides, we have the triangle inequality $\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$

23. $\cos \beta = \frac{w_1}{\|\vec{w}\|}$, $\sin \beta = \frac{w_2}{\|\vec{w}\|}$. Now

$$\cos \theta = \cos(\beta - \alpha) = \cos \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \beta \sin \alpha = \frac{w_1 v_1}{\|\vec{w}\| \|\vec{v}\|} + \frac{w_2 v_2}{\|\vec{w}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{w}\| \|\vec{v}\|}.$$

(Actually I think it's more impressive going the other way - deriving the trig formula from the dot product formula for $\cos \theta$).