

Name Solutions

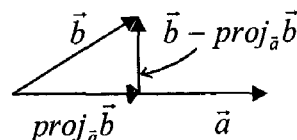
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1. Prove that for any two non-zero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , $\vec{b} - \text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$ is perpendicular to \vec{a} .

Show all steps and give reasons.

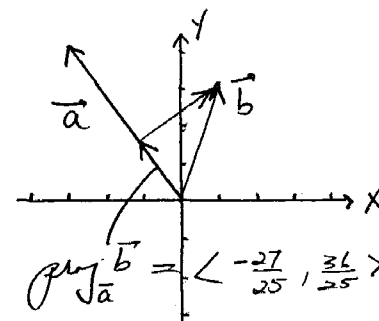
$$\begin{aligned} & \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} - \text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}) \quad (\text{want to show } = 0) \\ &= \vec{a} \cdot \left[\vec{b} - \left(\frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right) \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right] \quad (\text{defn of } \text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}) \\ &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \frac{(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a})}{|\vec{a}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}) \quad (\text{distribution of dot prod}) \\ &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}) \quad (\text{let } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2) \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{dot prod is commutative}) \end{aligned}$$



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2. Consider the two vectors $\vec{a} = \langle -3, 4 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$.

- a) Sketch both vectors on the axes to the right. (with tails at the origin)



- (b) Find the angle (degrees) between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos(\theta) \\ \langle -3, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 3 \rangle &= \sqrt{9+16} \sqrt{1+9} \cos(\theta) \\ 9 &= 5\sqrt{10} \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{5\sqrt{10}}\right) = 55.3^\circ \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find the scalar component of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} , ($\text{comp}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$).

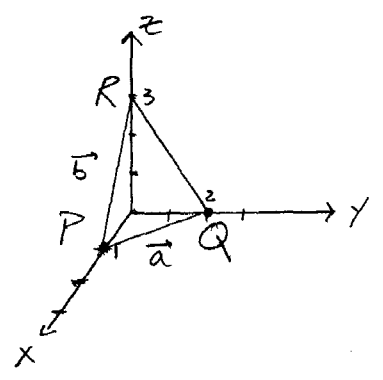
$$\vec{b} \cdot \hat{a} = \langle 1, 3 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle -3, 4 \rangle}{5} = \frac{-3+12}{5} = \frac{9}{5}$$

- (d) Find the vector projection of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} , ($\text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$) and sketch it in your graph above.

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b} = (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{a}) \hat{a} = \frac{9}{5} \frac{\langle -3, 4 \rangle}{5} = \left\langle \frac{-27}{25}, \frac{36}{25} \right\rangle$$

(15) 3. Consider the three points in space: $P(1, 0, 0)$, $Q(0, 2, 0)$, and $R(0, 0, 3)$.

a) Sketch the triangle in 3-d space on the axes to the right.



b) Find the area of the triangle ΔPQR .

$$\vec{a} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle -1, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{b} = \overrightarrow{PR} = \langle -1, 0, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 6, 3, 2 \rangle$$

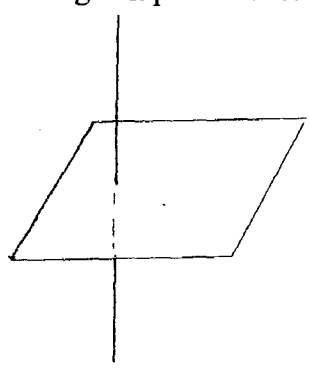
$$\text{area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{36 + 9 + 4} = \frac{7}{2}$$

c) Find parametric equations for the line going through the points P and R.

The line contains $P(1, 0, 0)$ and is parallel to $\vec{PR} = \langle -1, 0, 3 \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= 1 + (-1)t & x &= 1 - t \\ y &= 0 + 0(t) & y &= 0 \\ z &= 0 + 3(t) & z &= 3t \end{aligned} \quad ; \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

(10) 4. Find an equation for the plane going through the origin and perpendicular to the line given parametrically by $x = 1 + 2t$, $y = 1 + 3t$, $z = -2 + 4t$.



$\vec{N} = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$ is normal to the plane

$P(0, 0, 0)$ is a pt on the plane

$$\Rightarrow 2(x-0) + 3(y-0) + 4(z-0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y + 4z = 0$$

(15) 5. State whether each of the following is a vector, a scalar, or makes no sense:

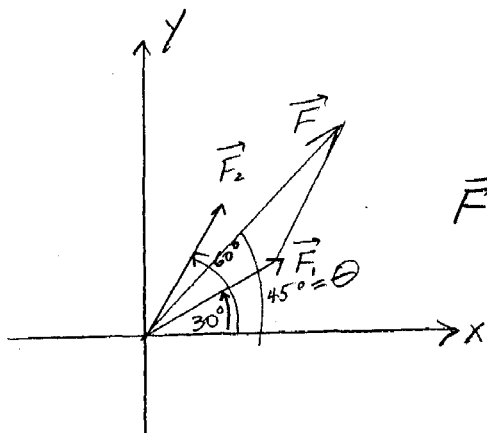
(a) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} = (\text{scalar}) \text{ vector} = \underline{\text{vector}}$ (b) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot |\vec{c}| = \text{vect} \cdot \text{scal} = \underline{\text{no sense}}$

(c) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \text{vector} \times \text{vect} = \underline{\text{vect}}$ (d) $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \text{vect} \cdot \text{vector} = \underline{\text{scalar}}$

(e) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \text{scal} \times \text{vect} = \underline{\text{no sense}}$ (f) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) + |\vec{c}| = \text{scalar} + \text{scalar} = \underline{\text{scalar}}$

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- (10) 6. Two forces \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 each with magnitude 10 Newtons make angles of 30° and 60° respectively with the positive x-axis in the 2-d plane. If $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$, find the magnitude and the angle \vec{F} makes with the positive x-axis.



$$\vec{F}_1 = \langle 10 \cos(30^\circ), 10 \sin(30^\circ) \rangle = \langle 10 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 10 \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \langle 5\sqrt{3}, 5 \rangle$$

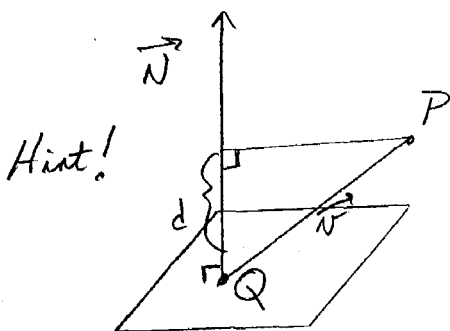
$$\vec{F}_2 = \langle 10 \cos(60^\circ), 10 \sin(60^\circ) \rangle = \langle 5, 5\sqrt{3} \rangle$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = \langle 5\sqrt{3} + 5, 5 + 5\sqrt{3} \rangle = (5\sqrt{3} + 5) \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{F}| = (5\sqrt{3} + 5)\sqrt{2} = 19.3$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{5\sqrt{3} + 5}{5\sqrt{3} + 5} \right) = \tan^{-1}(1) = 45^\circ$$

- (10) 7. Find the distance between the point $P(1, 1, 1)$ and the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 1$.



$Q(1, 0, 0)$ is in the plane; $\vec{N} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ is \perp the plane.

$$\vec{N} = \overrightarrow{QP} = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$d = |\vec{N} \cdot \hat{N}| = \left| \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{1+4+9}} \right| = \frac{2+3}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{5\sqrt{14}}{14} \approx 1.34$$

- (10) 8. Where does the line given parametrically by $x = 3 + t$, $y = 2 + 3t$, $z = -2 + 2t$ intersect the plane $x + y - z = 3$?

$$x + y - z = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (3+t) + (2+3t) - (-2+2t) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 + 2t = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 + (-2) = 1 \\ y &= 2 + 3(-2) = -4 \\ z &= -2 + 2(-2) = -6 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow P(1, -4, -6)$$