

## 12.3: The Dot Product

- Using the Dot product in finding the angle between two vectors

If  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  Then  $\theta$  between them :-

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} \right) \quad \text{The dot product} *$$

- Using dot product to know whether a two vectors are (orthogonal) perpendicular or not
- If  $u \cdot v = 0 \rightarrow$  then  $u$  and  $v$  are perpendicular

### properties

- $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$
  - $u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$
  - $0 \cdot u = 0$
  - $u \cdot u = |u|^2$
- How to find  $\theta$  :- \*

Example:

Question 5 page 680 (outline)

$$v = 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \quad u = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

a) find  $v \cdot u = (0 \times 1) + (5 \times 1) + (-3 \times 1)$   
 $= 0 + 5 - 3 = 2$

$$|v| = \sqrt{25 + 9} = \sqrt{34}$$
$$|u| = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{3}$$

b) find  $\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| |v|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{34} \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3 \times 34}} \approx 0.2$

The Rest of the Question (c,d) is in the second page

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# Projection

- The vector projection of  $u$  onto  $v$  is the vector

$$\text{Proj}_v u = \frac{(u \cdot v)}{|v|^2} v$$

- The scalar component of  $u$  in the direction of  $v$  is the scalar

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

How to find projection?

- continue** → **c** - The scalar component of  $u$  in the direction of  $v$

$$|u| = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{34}}$$

$$\text{so } |u| \cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{34}}$$

$$\text{d} - \text{Proj}_v u = \frac{(u \cdot v)}{|v|^2} v$$

$$= \left( \frac{2}{(\sqrt{34})^2} \right) (5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{17} (5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

- Example: Question 33 page 681 (underline)

$$P(2,1) \quad \vec{v} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

- find the equation of the line that passes through  $P$  and is perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$

$$\text{slope of } \vec{v} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$$\text{so slope of the line} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{equation :- } y - y_0 = m(x - x_0) \Rightarrow y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$$
$$\boxed{y = -\frac{x}{2} + 2}$$