

1. Compute and interpret dot products of vectors.
2. Understand when vector operations are possible based on dimensions.
3. Use vectors to solve modeling problems.

Warm Up:

Given $\vec{u} = \langle 2, 4 \rangle$ and $\vec{v} = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$ determine the magnitude and direction (in degrees counterclockwise from the x-axis) of both vectors.

Dot Product Problems with Solutions:

1. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$

$$-2 * 0.5 + 4 * 5 + 0 * (-2) = -1 + 20 + 0 = 19$$

2. $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

Same as above: 19

3. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$

$$= 19 + (-2 * 1 + 4 * (-1) + 0 * 2) = 19 - 2 - 4 + 0 = 13$$

4. $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$

$$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \langle 1.5, 4, 0 \rangle; \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = -2 * 1.5 + 4 * 4 + 0 * 0 = -3 + 16 = 13$$

5. $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}$

Cannot compute: dimensions mismatch

6. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}$

$$(-2)^2 + 4^2 + 0^2 = 4 + 16 + 0 = 20$$

7. $|\vec{u}|^2$

$$20$$

8. Prove $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}| \cos \theta$

By definition from geometric interpretation.

9. Given $|\vec{a}| = 2\sqrt{6}$, $|\vec{b}| = 2\sqrt{3}$, angle = 45

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2\sqrt{6} \cdot 2\sqrt{3} \cdot \cos(45^\circ) = 4\sqrt{18} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2\sqrt{36} = 12$$

10. $\vec{r} = \langle -2, 4 \rangle$, $\vec{s} = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} = -2 * 1 + 4 * 3 = -2 + 12 = 10; |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{20}, |\vec{s}| = \sqrt{10}; \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{200}} \right)$$

11. Which vectors are orthogonal?

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ orthogonal; $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{d} = 26$ not orthogonal; $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$ orthogonal. So (u,c) and (c,d) are perpendicular.

12. Work done by 30lb force at 60° over 10ft

$$W = 30 \cdot 10 \cdot \cos(60^\circ) = 150 \text{ ft-lb}$$

13. AAA Party Supply Store sales and profit

$$\text{Sales} = 16267.5; \text{Cost} = 1883.8; \text{Profit} = 14383.7$$