

6.07 Angle Between Vectors Notes

Dot Product: if $u = \langle a_1, b_1 \rangle$ and $v = \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle$ then $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = a_1 \cdot a_2 + b_1 \cdot b_2$

Ex: Find the dot product between the following pairs of vectors.

1. $u = \langle 3, 6 \rangle, v = \langle -4, 2 \rangle$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 3(-4) + 6(2) = 0$$

2. $a = 2i + 5j, b = 8i - 4j$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2(8) + 5(-4) = 16 - 20 = -4$$

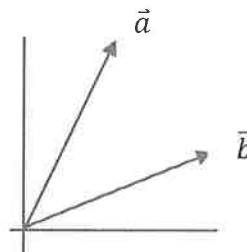
Angle Between 2 Vectors:

$$\vec{a} = |\vec{a}| \cos$$

$$\vec{b} =$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} =$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}}{|\vec{c}| |\vec{d}|} \rightarrow \frac{(-5)(4) + 8(-2)}{\sqrt{5^2 + 2^2} \cdot \sqrt{4^2 + 8^2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-36}{\sqrt{29} \cdot \sqrt{80}} \rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-36}{\sqrt{2320}} = -0.7474$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(-0.7474)$$

$$\theta = 138.366^\circ$$

Ex: Find the angle between vectors $\vec{c} = \langle -5, -2 \rangle$ and $\vec{d} = \langle 4, 8 \rangle$.

Orthogonal Vectors: Two vectors are orthogonal (perpendicular) if and only if their dot product is zero.

Ex: Create a non-zero vector \vec{n} that is orthogonal to $\vec{m} = \langle -4, 2 \rangle$.

$$-4(\underline{\quad}) + 2(\underline{\quad}) = 0 \quad \langle 2, 4 \rangle \text{ or } \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \text{ or } \langle -3, -6 \rangle$$

(infinitely many possibilities)

Parallel Vectors: vectors are parallel if the dot product is equal to the product of their magnitudes ($\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|$)

Ex: Determine the angle between the following pairs of vectors.

$\langle -2, 5 \rangle$ and $\langle -6, 15 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-2(-6) + 5(15)}{\sqrt{4+25} \cdot \sqrt{36+225}}$$

$\langle 8, 12 \rangle$ and $\langle 6, 9 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{8(6) + 12(9)}{\sqrt{64+144} \cdot \sqrt{36+81}}$$

$\langle 10, 11 \rangle$ and $\langle -5, -5.5 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{10(-5) + 11(-5.5)}{\sqrt{10^2+11^2} \cdot \sqrt{25+5.5^2}}$$

6.07 Practice: #1-9, 19-24

Determine if the following vectors are parallel, orthogonal, or neither.

1. $u = \langle 3, -5 \rangle, v = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$

2. $u = \langle -10, -16 \rangle, v = \langle -8, 5 \rangle$

3. $u = \langle 9, -3 \rangle, v = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$

4. $u = \langle 4, -4 \rangle, v = \langle 7, 5 \rangle$

5. $u = \langle 1, -4 \rangle, v = \langle 2, -8 \rangle$

6. $u = 11i + 7j; v = -7i + 11j$

7. $u = \langle -4, 6 \rangle, v = \langle -5, -2 \rangle$

8. $u = 8i + 6j; v = -i + 2j$

9. **SPORTING GOODS** The vector $u = \langle 406, 297 \rangle$ gives the numbers of men's basketballs and women's basketballs, respectively, in stock at a sporting goods store. The vector $v = \langle 27.5, 15 \rangle$ gives the prices in dollars of the two types of basketballs, respectively. (Example 1)

a. Find the dot product $u \cdot v$.

b. Interpret the result in the context of the problem.

$$1) u \cdot v = 3(6) + 2(-5) = 18 - 10 = \boxed{8} \text{ (not orthogonal)}$$

$$3) u \cdot v = 9(1) + 3(-3) = \boxed{0} \text{ (orthogonal)}$$

$$5) u \cdot v = 1(2) + 4(8) = \boxed{34} \text{ (not orthogonal)}$$

$$7) u \cdot v = (-4)(-5) + 6(-2) = 20 - 12 = \boxed{8} \text{ (not orthogonal)}$$

$$9) u \cdot v = 406(27.5) + 297(15) = \$15,620 \text{ (total cost of all basketballs in stock)}$$

Find the angle θ between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} to the nearest tenth of a degree. (Example 3)

16. $\mathbf{u} = \langle 0, -5 \rangle, \mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -4 \rangle$

17. $\mathbf{u} = \langle 7, 10 \rangle, \mathbf{v} = \langle 4, -4 \rangle$

18. $\mathbf{u} = \langle -2, 4 \rangle, \mathbf{v} = \langle 2, -10 \rangle$

19. $\mathbf{u} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{v} = -4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$

20. $\mathbf{u} = \langle -9, 0 \rangle, \mathbf{v} = \langle -1, -1 \rangle$

21. $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{v} = -7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$

22. $\mathbf{u} = \langle 6, 0 \rangle, \mathbf{v} = \langle -10, 8 \rangle$

23. $\mathbf{u} = -10\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{v} = 10\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$

24) $\mathbf{u} = \langle 3, -5 \rangle \quad \mathbf{v} = \langle -7, 6 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3(-7) + 6(-5)}{\sqrt{9+25} \cdot \sqrt{49+36}} = \frac{-51}{\sqrt{34} \cdot \sqrt{85}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{10}} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-3}{\sqrt{10}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 161.565^\circ$$

24. **CAMPING** Regina and Luis set off from their campsite to search for firewood. The path that Regina takes can be represented by $\mathbf{u} = \langle 3, -5 \rangle$. The path that Luis takes can be represented by $\mathbf{v} = \langle -7, 6 \rangle$. Find the angle between the pair of vectors. (Example 3)

20) $\mathbf{u} = \langle -9, 0 \rangle \quad \mathbf{v} = \langle -1, -1 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-9(-1) + 0(-1)}{\sqrt{81+0} \cdot \sqrt{1+1}} = \frac{+9}{9\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{+1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

21) $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, -3 \rangle \quad \mathbf{v} = \langle -7, -3 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(1)(7) + (-3)(-3)}{\sqrt{1^2+3^2} \cdot \sqrt{7^2+3^2}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{58}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{16}{\sqrt{580}} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{16}{\sqrt{580}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 48.366^\circ$$

22) $\mathbf{u} = \langle 6, 0 \rangle \quad \mathbf{v} = \langle -10, 8 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{6(-10) + 0(8)}{\sqrt{36+0} \cdot \sqrt{100+64}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-60}{(6)(\sqrt{164})}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{\sqrt{41}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 141.340^\circ$$

23) $\mathbf{u} = \langle -10, 1 \rangle \quad \mathbf{v} = \langle 10, -5 \rangle$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-10(10) + 1(-5)}{\sqrt{100+1} \cdot \sqrt{100+25}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-105}{\sqrt{101} \cdot \sqrt{125}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-21}{\sqrt{505}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 159.146^\circ$$