

Vectors and the Dot Product in Space

المتجهات والضرب النقطي في الفضاء

Definitions and Theorems:

تعريف ونظريات

- Vectors in space are denoted by $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$, where v_1, v_2 & v_3 are the components of the vector. The **zero vector** is $0 = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ and the **standard unit vectors** are $i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ and $k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.

يشار إلى المتجهات في الفضاء بواسطة $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ ، حيث أن v_1, v_2 & v_3 هي مكونات المتجه. المتجه الصفري هو $0 = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ ومتجهات الوحدة القياسية هي $i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ and $k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.

- The **length** of the vector v is $\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$
- Two vectors are **equal** if they have the same components that is, if they have the same length and direction.
يكون المتجهان متساويين إذا كان لهما نفس المكونات، أي إذا كان لهما نفس الطول والاتجاه.

- The **dot product** of $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ is
 $u * v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$

Properties the dot product:

- $u * v = v * u$ Exchange process
- $v * v = \|v\|^2$
- $u * v = 0$ Two vectors are **orthogonal**

- If θ is the angle between the two nonzero vectors u and v , then

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

إذا كانت θ هي الزاوية بين المتجهين غير الصفريين u و v ، إذن

Example (1): Find the length of the vectors $v = \langle 1, 3, 4 \rangle$

Solve:

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 16} = \sqrt{26} = 5.1$$

Example (2): Find the dot product of the vectors $u = \langle 2, 4, -3 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 5, 0, 4 \rangle$

Solve:

$$u * v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u * v = (2 * 5) + (4 * 0) + (-3 * 4) = 10 + 0 - 12 = -2$$

Example (3): Find the dot product of the vectors $u = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$

Solve:

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u \cdot v = (2 \cdot 1) + (-1 \cdot 0) + (1 \cdot -1) = 2 + 0 - 1 = 1$$

Example (4): Find the angle between the vectors $u = 3i + 4j$ and $v = 2j + 3k$.

Solve:

$$u = \langle 3, 4, 0 \rangle \text{ and } v = \langle 0, 2, 3 \rangle$$

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

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u \cdot v = (3 \cdot 0) + (4 \cdot 2) + (0 \cdot 3) = 0 + 8 + 0 = 8$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} = \sqrt{0^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13} = 3.61$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{8}{(5)(3.61)} = \frac{8}{18.05} = 0.44$$

Example (5): Find the angle between the vectors $u = 2i + 3k$ and $v = -i + 2j + 4k$.

Solve:

$$u = \langle 2, 0, 3 \rangle \text{ and } v = \langle -1, 2, 4 \rangle$$

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

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u \cdot v = (2 \cdot -1) + (0 \cdot 2) + (3 \cdot 4) = (-2) + 0 + 12 = 10$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + 0^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13} = 3.61$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 16} = \sqrt{21} = 4.58$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{10}{(3.61)(4.58)} = \frac{10}{16.53} = 0.60$$

Example (6): Find the orthogonal vectors of the vectors $u = \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle$, $v = \langle -4, 0, 2 \rangle$ and $w = \langle 1, -1, -2 \rangle$.

Solve:

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u \cdot v = (3 \cdot -4) + (-1 \cdot 0) + (2 \cdot 2) = (-12) + 0 + 4 = -8$$

$$u \cdot w = u_1 w_1 + u_2 w_2 + u_3 w_3$$

$$u \cdot w = (3 \cdot 1) + (-1 \cdot -1) + (2 \cdot -2) = 3 + 1 - 4 = 0$$

The vectors u and w are orthogonal

$$v \cdot w = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + v_3 w_3$$

$$v \cdot w = (-4 \cdot 1) + (0 \cdot -1) + (2 \cdot -2) = -4 + 0 - 4 = -8$$

Example (7): let $\|v\| = 5$, $\|u\| = 8$, $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ find $\|2v - 3u\|$

Solve:

$$\|2v - 3u\|^2 = 4(v \cdot v) - 12(v \cdot u) + 9(u \cdot u)$$

$$= 4\|v\|^2 - 12\|v\|\|u\|\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + 9\|u\|^2$$

$$= 4(5)^2 - 12(5)(8)(-0.5) + 9(8)^2 = 100 + 240 + 576 = 916$$

$$\|2v - 3u\| = \sqrt{916} = 30.27$$