

**Vectors (Revisited)**  
 Given the points  $P(2, -7, -1)$  and  $R(-1, 4, 5)$ :

a.) Find  $|\vec{PR}|$ .  $\vec{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{166}$

b.) Find the vectors with magnitude 10 collinear to  $\vec{PR}$ .  
 $v = \pm \frac{10}{\sqrt{166}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

c.) Find the equation of a line (in all 3 forms) containing the points  $P(2, -7, -1)$  and  $R(-1, 4, 5)$ .

$r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  **Vector Eqn**

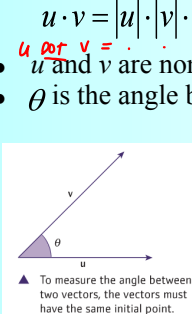
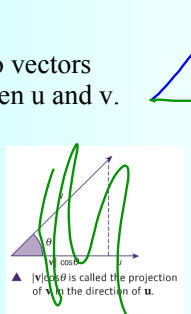
$x = 2 - 3\lambda$  **Parametric Eqns**  
 $y = -7 + 11\lambda$   
 $z = -1 + 6\lambda$

**Cartesian Eqns**  
 $\frac{x-2}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{11} = \frac{z+1}{6}$

**Dot Product / Scalar Product**

$u \cdot v = |u| \cdot |v| \cdot \cos \theta$

- $u$  and  $v$  are non-zero vectors
- $\theta$  is the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ .

**Important:** The dot product returns a scalar value, NOT a vector.

**Dot Product (Alternate Forms)**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|} \right)$$

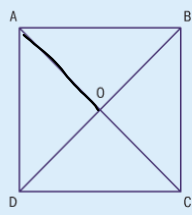
**Properties of the Dot Product**  $u \cdot v = |u| \cdot |v| \cdot \cos \theta$

→ Here are some important consequences of the geometric definition of the scalar product.

- The scalar product of two vectors is always a number.
- The definition of scalar product does not depend on the dimensions of the space.
- $u \cdot v = 0$  if and only if  $u = 0$ ,  $v = 0$  or  $u$  and  $v$  are **orthogonal**.
- $u \cdot v = \pm |u| |v|$  if  $u$  and  $v$  are parallel.
- $u \cdot u = |u|^2$
- $u \cdot v > 0$  when  $\theta$  is acute and  $u \cdot v < 0$  when  $\theta$  is obtuse.
- $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$
- $u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$
- $(\lambda u) \cdot v = \lambda (u \cdot v)$

**Example #2**

Consider the unit square ABCD. Let O be the point where the diagonals of the square meet. Find  $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{AB}$



$u \cdot v = |u| |v| \cos \theta$

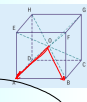
$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) (1) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

$= -\frac{1}{2}$

$\theta = 135^\circ$

**Example #1**

Consider the unit cube ABCDEFGH. Let O be the point where its four diagonals meet. Find  $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB}$



$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

$1^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cos \theta$

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

$1 = 1 - \cos \theta$

$0 = -\cos \theta$

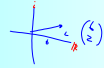
$\cos \theta = 0$

$\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$

$|a+bi| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$

$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} =$

$z = 6 + 2i$



Homework

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2 Use the diagram to show that given two non-zero vectors  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $u \cdot (-v) = -(u \cdot v) = (-u) \cdot v$ .

$u \cdot (-v) = |u||-v| \cos(\pi - \theta)$       $|u| = |-u|$   
 $-(u \cdot v) = |u||v| \cos \theta$       $|v| = |-v|$   
 $(-u) \cdot v = |-u||v| \cos(\pi - \theta)$

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 $-(u \cdot v) = |u||v| \cos(\pi - \theta)$   
 $(-u) \cdot v = |u||v| \cos(\pi - \theta)$

$\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\cos \theta$   
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Even vs. odd Functions  
 $f(x) = f(-x)$       $f(x) = -f(-x)$   
 $\cos x = \cos(-x)$       $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$

5 A triangle ABC has area 4. Given that  $AB = 2$  and  $AC = 5$ , find the possible values of  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}$ .

$\frac{\sin \angle A}{a} = \frac{\sin \angle B}{b}$

$\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} = |\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}| \cdot \cos \theta$

$\cos \theta = \frac{1.2}{2} = 0.6$       $= 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos \theta$   
 $= 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 0.6$   
 $= 6$

$(3-4-5) \times 4$   
 $(1.2-1.6-2.0) \div 10$   
 $1.2-1.6-2.0$

Exercise 1.11

7 Use the result in question 6 to show that given two vectors  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $u \cdot v = 0$  if  $|u+v| = |u-v|$ .

$u \cdot v = 0$       $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$       $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$       $|u| = |u|^2$   
 $u+v = \begin{pmatrix} u_1+v_1 \\ u_2+v_2 \end{pmatrix}$       $u-v = \begin{pmatrix} u_1-v_1 \\ u_2-v_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$|u+v| = \sqrt{(u_1+v_1)^2 + (u_2+v_2)^2}$       $|u-v| = \sqrt{(u_1-v_1)^2 + (u_2-v_2)^2}$

$\sqrt{(u_1+v_1)^2 + (u_2+v_2)^2} = \sqrt{(u_1-v_1)^2 + (u_2-v_2)^2}$   
 $(u_1+v_1)^2 + (u_2+v_2)^2 = (u_1-v_1)^2 + (u_2-v_2)^2$   
 $u_1^2 + 2u_1v_1 + v_1^2 + u_2^2 + 2u_2v_2 + v_2^2 = u_1^2 - 2u_1v_1 + v_1^2 + u_2^2 - 2u_2v_2 + v_2^2$   
 $2u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2 = -2u_1v_1 - 2u_2v_2$   
 $2(u_1v_1 + u_2v_2) = -2(u_1v_1 + u_2v_2)$   
 $4(u_1v_1 + u_2v_2) = 0$   
 $u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 = 0$   
 $u \cdot v = 0$

Dot Product/Scalar Product

Given two vectors in a plane:

~~$u = u_1i + u_2j$~~       $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$   
 ~~$v = v_1i + v_2j$~~       $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$

Given two vectors in 3D:

~~$u = u_1i + u_2j + u_3k$~~       $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$   
 ~~$v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$~~       $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$

$v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$       $u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$   
 $u = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$       $u \cdot v = 2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 2$

Example 1

Find  $u \cdot v$  when:

$u = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$   
 $= 2(-1) + 3(-2)$   
 $= -2 - 6$   
 $= -8$

## Example #1

Find the <sup>dot</sup> scalar product of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  given that  $|\mathbf{u}| = 2$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}| = 3$ , and the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $60^\circ$ .

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{3}$$

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## Example 2

Find  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  when:

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -1(-4) + 2(-1) - 3(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 4 - 2 - 6 \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

## Example 3

Given the points  $A(-1, 0, 2)$ ,  $B(0, 1, -2)$  and  $C(1, 1, 1)$ , find  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC}$ .

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

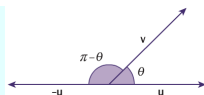
$$\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC} = 1 + 0 - 12 = \boxed{-11}$$

## Exercise 11I

- 1 Find the scalar product of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  given that  $|\mathbf{u}| = 1.5$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}| = 4$  and the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $30^\circ$ .

## Exercise 11I

- 2 Use the diagram to show that given two non-zero vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (-\mathbf{v}) = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (-\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .



## Exercise 11I

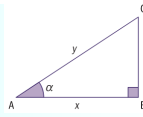
- 3 Consider an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ . Find  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{AC}$ .

**Exercise 11I**

4 In right-angled triangle ABC,  $\hat{A} = \alpha$ ,  $\hat{B} = 90^\circ$ ,  $AB = x$  and  $AC = y$ .

Find, in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $\alpha$

- a  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}$       b  $\vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}$       c  $\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{CB}$



**Exercise 11I**

5 A triangle ABC has area 4.

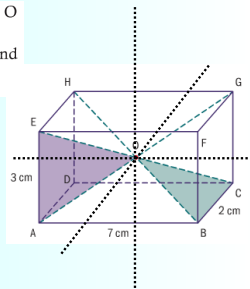
Given that  $AB = 2$  and  $AC = 5$ , find the possible values of  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}$ .

**Exercise 11I**

8 Consider the cuboid ABCDEFGH with centre O shown here.

Using the information given on the diagram, find

- a  $\vec{OB} \cdot \vec{OC}$       b  $\vec{AO} \cdot \vec{OE}$



**Exercise 11J**

1 Find  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  when

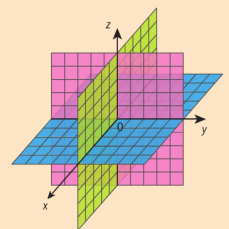
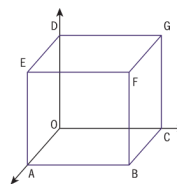
a  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$       b  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

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2 Given the points  $A(-1, 3, -2)$ ,  $B(-1, 1, 2)$  and  $C(1, -1, 1)$ , find  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC}$  and  $\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{BC}$ .

3 The unit cube OABCDEFG in the diagram has its faces parallel to the coordinate planes.

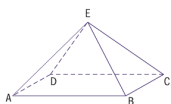
The coordinate planes are mutually perpendicular and intersect at the origin O.



- a Write down the coordinates of its vertices.  
b Hence, find  $\vec{OF} \cdot \vec{OG}$  and  $\vec{AF} \cdot \vec{BC}$ .

## EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

- 4 Consider a square-based pyramid  $ABCDE$  such that the  $x$ -axis contains  $B$  and  $D$ , the  $y$ -axis contains  $A$  and  $C$  and the positive part of the  $z$ -axis contains  $E$ .



Given that the area of the base is 4 square units and the volume of the pyramid is  $\frac{8}{3}$  cubic units, find

- the coordinates of its vertices
- $|\vec{EA}|$  and  $\vec{EA} \cdot \vec{EB}$
- the size of angle  $A\hat{E}B$ .