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Calculus Lect

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$$\text{So } \theta(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Unit vectors have length 1.

$\frac{1}{\|\vec{u}\|} \vec{u}$ has length 1.

In \mathbb{R}^3 , if $\vec{u} = (-2, 1, 2)$ then

$$\frac{1}{\|\vec{u}\|} \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}} \cdot (-2, 1, 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} (-2, 1, 2) = \frac{1}{3} (-2, 1, 2) = \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

is a vector of length 1 in the same direction of \vec{u} .

Parallel vectors If $A = (2, 0, -1)$ and

$B = (1, 2, -3)$ then

$$\vec{AB} = B - A = (1, 2, -3) - (2, 0, -1) = (-1, 2, -2)$$

and $\|\vec{AB}\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

and

$$\frac{1}{\|\vec{AB}\|} \vec{AB} = \frac{1}{3} (-1, 2, -2) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

and $\frac{-1}{\|\vec{AB}\|} \vec{AB} = -\frac{1}{3} (-1, 2, -2) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

are unit vectors parallel to \vec{AB} .

Projections: Projection of \vec{v} onto the \vec{u} line. ^{A. Ram}

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = \left\langle \vec{v}, \frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} \right\rangle \frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u}$$

If $\vec{u} = (3, 1, -2)$ and $\vec{v} = (1, 0, 5)$

then

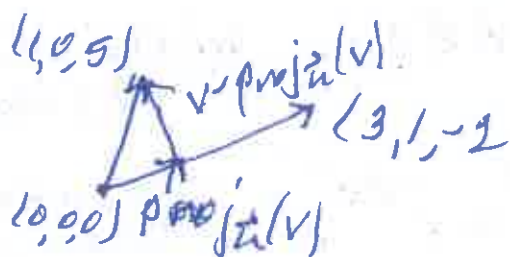
$$\text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\langle (1, 0, 5), (3, 1, -2) \rangle}{\|(3, 1, -2)\|^2} (3, 1, -2)$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot (-2)}{3^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} (3, 1, -2) = \frac{-7}{14} (3, 1, -2)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$$

and

$$\vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = (1, 0, 5) - \left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) = \left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 4\right)$$



$L = \{t\vec{u} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the line through the origin in the direction containing \vec{u} .

then $\text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v})$ is the closest point to \vec{v} on the line L .

Span the set of linear combinations (using \mathbb{R} -span addition and scalar multiplication).

$$\{t\vec{u} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\} \quad \text{Line containing } \vec{u}$$

$$\{c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{v} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\} \quad \text{plane containing } \vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v}$$

Problem Is $(5, 7) \in \text{span}\{(1, 1), (2, 3)\}$?

Is $(5, 7) = c_1(1, 1) + c_2(2, 3)$ for some $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$?

Do there exist $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$5 = c_1 + 2c_2,$$

$$7 = c_1 + 3c_2?$$

$$c_1 = 5 - 2c_2$$

$$7 = 5 - 2c_2 + 3c_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } c_1 &= 5 - 2c_2 & \text{So } c_1 &= 5 - 2 \cdot 2 = 1 \\ 2 &= c_2 & c_2 &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (5, 7) = 1 \cdot (1, 1) + 2 \cdot (2, 3)$$

and $(5, 7) \in \text{span}\{(1, 1), (2, 3)\}$.

In fact $(1, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(2, 3) = (0, \frac{1}{2})$ so $-2(1, 1) + (2, 3) = (0, 1)$

and $(1, 1) - \frac{1}{3}(2, 3) = (\frac{1}{3}, 0)$ so $3 \cdot (1, 1) - (2, 3) = (1, 0)$.

So $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are in $\text{span}\{(1, 1), (2, 3)\}$.

So $\text{span}\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} = \mathbb{R}^2$ is a subset of $\text{span}\{(1, 1), (2, 3)\}$.

So $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span}\{(1,1), (2,3)\}$

If $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ then

$$\begin{aligned} (a,b) &= a(1,0) + b(0,1) \\ &= a(3 \cdot (1,1) - (2,3)) + b(-2(1,1) + (2,3)) \\ &= (3a - 2b)(1,1) + (-a + b)(2,3). \end{aligned}$$

The "standard" basis of \mathbb{R}^3

$$\hat{i} = (1,0,0), \quad \hat{j} = (0,1,0), \quad \hat{k} = (0,0,1)$$

Every vector $(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a linear combination of $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ (in a unique way)

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1(1,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0) + a_3(0,0,1)$$

For example

$$\begin{aligned} (5, 2, 1) &= (5, 0, 0) + (0, 2, 0) + (0, 0, 1) \\ &= 5 \cdot (1, 0, 0) + 2 \cdot (0, 1, 0) + (0, 0, 1) \\ &= 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Perpendicular vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are perpendicular

if $\theta(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ i.e. if $\cos|\theta(\vec{u}, \vec{v})| = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$

i.e. if $0 = \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|}$ i.e. if $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$