

Lec 2

Standard basis vecs for \mathbb{R}^d with $d > 3$.

$$e_1 = \langle 1, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$$

$$e_i = \langle 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0 \rangle$$

↑
i-th coordinate

Dot Product aka "inner product"

Def: Let $\vec{u} = \langle x_1, \dots, x_d \rangle$
 $\vec{v} = \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$

Then $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^d x_i y_i$ } A scalar, sum of product for every pair of coord in same dim.

Some properties

- $c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{v})$
- $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$
- $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$
- $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = \|\vec{u}\|^2$

← Proofs follow from definition

Dot prod applications

* Measuring angles

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Let θ :



Theorem "Physicists' dot product"

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

$$\vec{u} = \langle 0, 3, -3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$$

Find angle between them.

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

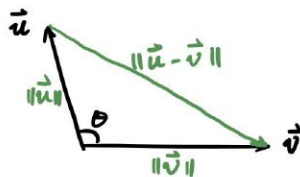
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{0 + 3 + 3}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{18}} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{6}{\sqrt{6 \cdot 18}} \right)$$

$$\approx 54.7^\circ$$

Proof:



By law of cos:

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2 \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\| \cos \theta$$

$$(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - 2 \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} - 2 \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - 2 \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\| \cos \theta$$

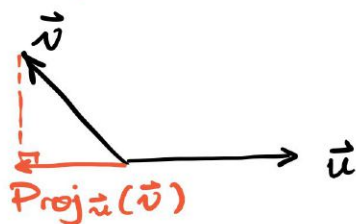
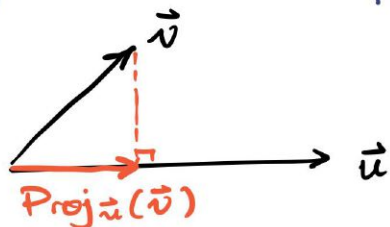
$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{u}\| \cos \theta$$

* Vector projection

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

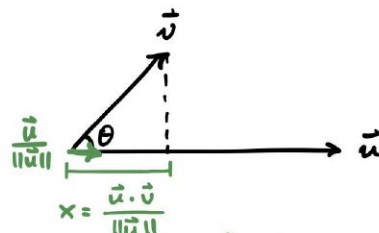
$\text{Proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v})$ measures portion of \vec{v} in direction of \vec{u}

Projection of \vec{v} onto \vec{u}



Formula:

$$\text{Proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u}$$



Well, $\frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|}$ gives unit vector in dir of \vec{u}

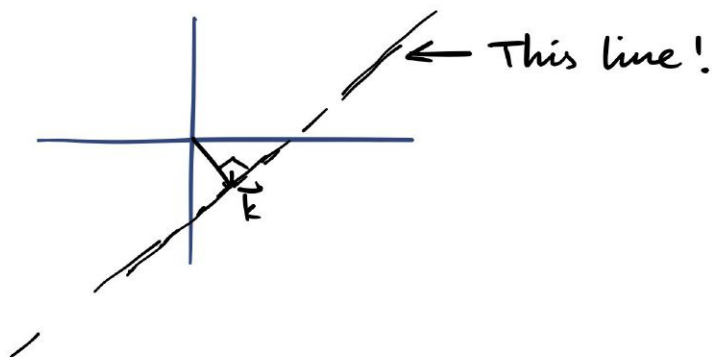
$$\text{Also } \cos \theta = \frac{x}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{x}{\|\vec{v}\|} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|}$$

Called scalar projection.

Denoted $\text{comp}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v})$

In \mathbb{R}^2 find set of vectors \vec{v} s.t. $\text{comp}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = k$ for $\vec{u} \neq 0$ and k constant.



Try do it using formula