

# Math 233 - Quiz 2 (IC)

September 2, 2021

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1. (1 point) What does it mean for two vectors to be orthogonal?

TWO VECTORS ARE ORTHOGONAL IF THEIR

DOT PRODUCT IS ZERO:

$\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  ARE ORTHOG. IF  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ .

2. (1 point) Let  $\vec{u} = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{w} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ . Compute the projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto  $\vec{w}$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{w}} \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} \vec{w} = \frac{3+20-4}{1+16+4} \vec{w}$$

$$= \frac{19}{21} \vec{w}$$

$$= \frac{19}{21} \hat{i} - \frac{76}{21} \hat{j} + \frac{38}{21} \hat{k}$$

3. (1 point) Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{w}$  in problem #2. Write your final answer in degrees, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{19}{\sqrt{38} \sqrt{21}} \Rightarrow \theta \approx 47.73^\circ$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 19$$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{9+25+4} = \sqrt{38}$$

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{21}$$

# Math 233 - Quiz 2 (TH)

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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations when necessary. This quiz is due September 7.

1. (2 points) Suppose  $\vec{u}$  is a nonzero vector such that  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$ . Must it be true that  $\vec{v} = \vec{w}$ ? Explain your reasoning.

No. If  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$ , THEN  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w})$ , AND

THIS SIMPLY SAYS  $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$  IS ANY VECTOR ORTHOGONAL TO  $\vec{u}$ .

$\vec{v} - \vec{w}$  DOES NOT NEED TO BE THE ZERO VECTOR.

Ex  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}$ , BUT  $\hat{j} \neq \hat{k}$

2. (2 points) Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\vec{u} = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{w} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -5 & -2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-10-8) - \hat{j}(6+2) + \hat{k}(-12+5)$$

$$= -18\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Area} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{w}\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-18)^2 + (-8)^2 + (-7)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{437} \approx 20.9$$

3. (3 points) Find a vector of magnitude 5 that is orthogonal to both  $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & 0 & 7 \\ 4 & -5 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(0+35) - \hat{j}(-2-28) + \hat{k}(10-0)$$

$$= 35\hat{i} + 30\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

I'll use  $7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\text{MAGNITUDE IS } \sqrt{49 + 36 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{89}$$

VECTOR IS

$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{89}} (7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$