

11.3 The Dot Product

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42. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle -3, 0, -4 \rangle$.

$$\text{a. } \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \right) \mathbf{a} = \left(\frac{\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 0, -4 \rangle}{1+4} \right) \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle = -\frac{3}{5} \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{6}{5}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\text{b. } \text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|^2} \right) \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 0, -4 \rangle}{9+16} \right) \langle -3, 0, -4 \rangle = -\frac{3}{25} \langle -3, 0, -4 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{9}{25}, 0, \frac{12}{25} \right\rangle$$

47. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$. Because

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \right) \mathbf{a} = \left[\frac{(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})}{1+4+9} \right] (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = \left(\frac{2-2+3}{14} \right) (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = \frac{3}{14} \mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7} \mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{14} \mathbf{k}$$

is parallel to \mathbf{a} , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}) = \left(\frac{3}{14} \mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7} \mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{14} \mathbf{k} \right) + \left[(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) - \left(\frac{3}{14} \mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7} \mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{14} \mathbf{k} \right) \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{14} \mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7} \mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{14} \mathbf{k} \right) + \left(\frac{25}{14} \mathbf{i} - \frac{10}{7} \mathbf{j} + \frac{5}{14} \mathbf{k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$13. \text{ One such vector is } \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}; \text{ another is } \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}.$$

$$17. \text{ For } P(1, 0, 0), Q(0, 1, 0), \text{ and } R(0, 0, 1), \overrightarrow{PQ} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{PR} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}, \text{ so } \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \text{ so}$$

$$\text{the area of } \triangle PQR \text{ is } \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}| = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1+1+1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

35. For $P(1, 0, 1)$, $Q(2, 3, 1)$, $R(-1, 2, -3)$, and $S\left(\frac{2}{3}, -1, 1\right)$, $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 1, 3, 0 \rangle$, $\overrightarrow{PR} = \langle -2, 2, -4 \rangle$, and $\overrightarrow{PS} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{3}, -1, 0 \right\rangle$.

$$\text{so } \overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot (\overrightarrow{PR} \times \overrightarrow{PS}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(0-4) - 3\left(0 - \frac{4}{3}\right) = 0. \text{ Thus, the points are coplanar.}$$

11.5 Lines and Planes in Space

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12. The direction of the given line is the same as that of $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -3, 1 \rangle$, so parametric equations of the required line are

$$x = -1 + 3t, y = 3 - 3t, z = -2 + t. \text{ To find the point where the line intersects the } yz\text{-plane, set } x = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow y = 2 \text{ and } z = -\frac{5}{3}. \text{ Thus, the required point is } \left(0, 2, -\frac{5}{3} \right).$$

27. A normal to the given plane is $\mathbf{n} = \langle 2, 3, -1 \rangle$. Because the required plane is parallel to the given plane, \mathbf{n} is also normal to the required plane, so an equation is $2(x-3) + 3(y-6) - 1(z+2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x + 3y - z = 26$.43. A normal to the plane $x + y + 2z = 6$ is $\mathbf{n} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ and a vector parallel to the line $L: x = 1 + t, y = 2 + t, z = -1 + t$ is $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, so the angle between the normal to the plane and the line is

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{n}| |\mathbf{v}|} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{|(1, 1, 2) \cdot (1, 1, 1)|}{\sqrt{1+1+4} \sqrt{1+1+1}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}} \approx 19.5^\circ. \text{ Therefore, the required angle is about } 90^\circ - 19.5^\circ = 70.5^\circ.$$