

Inner Product Example: Dot product on  $R^n$ .

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The **dot product** of  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$  &  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$  is

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum_{k=1}^m u_k v_k.$$

In words,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is the sum of the products of the corresponding components of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Note that  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a real number (not a vector).

Examples:

$$(1, 2, 3) \cdot (4, 5, 6) = (1)(4) + (2)(5) + 3(6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (1)(-2) + (2)(1) = -2 + 2 = 0$$

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Defn: Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a vector in an inner product space  $\mathbf{V}$ . The **length** or **norm** of  $\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$

$$\|(3, 4)\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Defn: The vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is a **unit vector** if  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$ .

pythagorean theorem

$$2 \quad \begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

## 6.1: Inner Products.

Defn: Let  $V$  be a vector space over the real numbers. An **inner product** for  $V$  is a function that associates a real number  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  to every pair of vectors,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  such that the following properties are satisfied for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  in  $V$  and scalars  $c$ :

a.)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$

b.)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

c.)  $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$

d.)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

A vector space  $V$  together with an inner product is called an **inner product space**.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2$$

Thm 6.1.1': Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Then for all vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  and scalars  $c_1, c_2$ :

a.)  $(c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2)$   
 $= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}) + c_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v})$

b.)  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{0} = 0$

Defn:  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal (or perpendicular) if  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1(-2) + 2(1) = 0$

Thus  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a set of orthogonal unit vectors.

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} =$

Thus  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a set of orthogonal unit vectors.

Observation:  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} =$

Suppose  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$  is a pair of orthogonal unit vectors. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} =$$

**Note that  $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$  is a unit vector.**

Create a unit vector in the direction of the vector (3, 4):

$$\| (3, 4) \| = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Create a unit vector in the direction of the vector (1, 2):

Create a unit vector in the direction of the vector (-2, 1):