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Quiz 8

Question 1. (2 marks) Given $\vec{u} = (2, 0, -1)$, $\vec{v} = (-1, -1, 3)$ determine whether the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is acute, obtuse or if they are orthogonal.

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = (2, 0, -1) \cdot (-1, -1, 3) = -2 + 0 - 3 = -5 < 0$$

\therefore THE ANGLE IS OBTUSE

Question 2. (5 marks) Given $\vec{u} = (2, 0, -1)$, $\vec{v} = (-1, -1, 3)$

(a) Find the orthogonal projection of \vec{u} on \vec{v} .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}_1 = \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v} = \frac{(2, 0, -1) \cdot (-1, -1, 3)}{(-1, -1, 3) \cdot (-1, -1, 3)} (-1, -1, 3) \\ &= \frac{-5}{11} (-1, -1, 3) = \left(\frac{5}{11}, \frac{5}{11}, -\frac{15}{11} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Decompose \vec{u} into two vectors, one parallel to \vec{v} and one orthogonal to \vec{v} . Indicate which vector is parallel and which vector is perpendicular.

$$\vec{w}_2 = \vec{u} - \vec{w}_1 = (2, 0, -1) - \left(\frac{5}{11}, \frac{5}{11}, -\frac{15}{11} \right) = \left(\frac{17}{11}, -\frac{5}{11}, \frac{4}{11} \right)$$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$$

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 PARALLEL TO \vec{u}
PERPENDICULAR TO \vec{u}

Question 2. (3 marks) Find the cosine of the angle θ between: $\vec{u} = (1, 2, 0)$, $\vec{v} = (2, -2, 1)$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{(1, 2, 0) \cdot (2, -2, 1)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (0)^2} \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{9}} = -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$