

## 6.2 Dot Product of Vectors (Target 8C & 8D)

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Find the component form of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and find the magnitude of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ .

1.  $A(2,4), B(-1,3)$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -1-2, 3-4 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -3, -1 \rangle$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-1)^2}$$

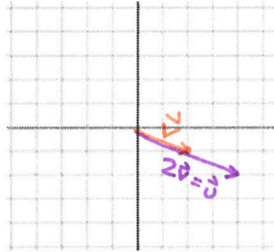
$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{10}$$

Let  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{w} = \langle -3, 1 \rangle$ . Find  $\vec{u}$  and sketch the vector operation.

2.  $u = 2v$

$$u = 2\langle 2, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \langle 4, -2 \rangle$$



1.  $A(4, -2), B(5, -5)$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle 5-4, -5-(-2) \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle 1, -3 \rangle$$

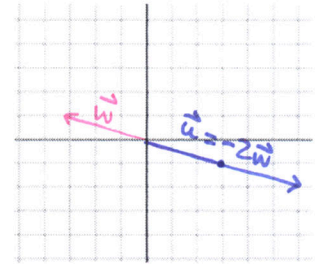
$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{10}$$

2.  $u = -2w$

$$u = -2\langle -3, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \langle 6, -2 \rangle$$



Find the unit vector.

3.  $v = \langle -2, 5 \rangle$

$$\text{unit vector} = \frac{\langle -2, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 5^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\langle -2, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$\text{unit vector} = \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}} \right\rangle$$

3.  $v = \langle 3, -2 \rangle$

$$\text{unit vector} = \frac{\langle 3, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 3, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\text{unit vector} = \left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \right\rangle$$

Find the direction angle of the vector.

4.  $v = -2i + 5j$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 5^2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 111.801^\circ$$

4.  $v = 3i - 2j$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\theta = 33.690^\circ$$

QUAD IV,  $\therefore$   
 $\theta = 360 - 33.690$   
 $\theta = 326.310^\circ$

Sketch the two vectors. Find the angle between the two vectors

5.  $v = 3i + 2j, w = -3i + j$

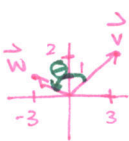
$$\cos \theta = \frac{v \cdot w}{|v||w|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3(-3) + 2(1)}{\sqrt{13} \sqrt{10}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-7}{\sqrt{13}\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-7}{\sqrt{13}\sqrt{10}}\right)$$

$$\theta = 127.875^\circ$$



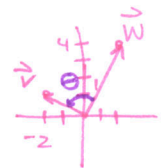
5.  $v = -2i + j, w = 2i + 4j$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-2(2) + 1(4)}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{20}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{0}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{20}}$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

$\therefore u \cdot v = 0$   
 $\therefore u, v$  orthogonal



Find  $u \cdot v$ .

6.  $|\vec{u}| = 8, |\vec{v}| = 12$ , and angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  is  $60^\circ$ .

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

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{u \cdot v}{8 \cdot 12}$$

$$8 \cdot 12 \cdot \cos 60^\circ = u \cdot v$$

$$u \cdot v = 48$$

6.  $|\vec{u}| = 4, |\vec{v}| = 5$ , and angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  is  $120^\circ$ .

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

$$\cos 120^\circ = \frac{u \cdot v}{4 \cdot 5}$$

$$4 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos 120^\circ = u \cdot v$$

$$u \cdot v = -10$$

Now, **WORK TOGETHER.**

7. Which pairs of vectors are orthogonal?

(A)  $\vec{v} = \langle 3, -2 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle -1, 2 \rangle$

$v \cdot w = 3(-1) + (-2)(2) = -7 \neq 0$  X

(B)  $\vec{v} = \langle -2, 0 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 0, 5 \rangle$

$v \cdot w = -2(0) + 0(5) = 0$  ✓  $\therefore \vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$  are orthogonal

(C)  $\vec{v} = \langle 3, -6 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle 2, 1 \rangle$

$v \cdot w = 3(2) + (-6)(1) = 0$  ✓  $\therefore \vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$  are orthogonal

(D)  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, -3 \rangle, \vec{w} = \langle -2, 3 \rangle$

$v \cdot w = 2(-2) + (-3)(3) = -13 \neq 0$  X not orthogonal

8. Find  $k$  so that  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are orthogonal.

$u = -4ki + 5j, v = 2i - 6j \rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

$-4k(2) + 5(-6) = 0$

$-8k - 30 = 0$

$-8k = 30$

$k = \frac{30}{-8}$

$k = -\frac{15}{4}$  or  $-3.75$

**WORK** Problems from <http://www.physicsclassroom.com/calcpad/energy/problem>

9. Renatta Gass is out with her friends. Misfortune occurs and Renatta and her friends find themselves getting a *workout*. They apply a cumulative force of 1080 N to push the car 218 m to the nearest fuel station. Determine the work done on the car.



$W = F \cdot d$

$= 1080 \text{ N} \cdot 218 \text{ m}$

$= 235440 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \rightarrow 235440 \text{ J}$

horizontal force distance horizontal

J = Joule

10. Hans Full is pulling on a rope to drag his backpack to school across the ice. He pulls upwards and rightwards with a force of 22.9 Newtons at an angle of 35 degrees above the horizontal to drag his backpack a horizontal distance of 129 meters to the right. Determine the work (in Joules) done upon the backpack.



$F_H = 22.9 \cos 35^\circ = 18.759 \text{ N}$

$W = F \cdot d = (18.759)(129)$

$= 2419.857 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \rightarrow 2419.857 \text{ J}$

Force distance horizontal

11. Lamar Gant, U.S. powerlifting star, became the first man to deadlift five times his own body weight in 1985. Deadlifting involves raising a loaded barbell from the floor to a position above the head with outstretched arms. Determine the work done by Lamar in deadlifting 300 kg to a height of 0.90 m above the ground.



$F_V = 300 \sin 90^\circ = 300$

$W = F \cdot d = (300 \text{ kg})(0.9 \text{ m}) = 270 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}$

$W = 270 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{10 \text{ N}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 2700 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

$\rightarrow 2700 \text{ J}$

1 kg ≈ 10 N

12. Sheila has just arrived at the airport and is dragging her suitcase to the luggage check-in desk. She pulls on the strap with a force of 190 N at an angle of 35 degrees to the horizontal to displace it 45 m to the desk. Determine the work done by Sheila on the suitcase.



$F_H = 190 \cos 35^\circ = 155.639$

$W = F \cdot d = (155.639 \text{ N})(45 \text{ m})$

$= 7003.750 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \rightarrow 7003.750 \text{ J}$

distance horizontal

13. While training for breeding season, a 380 gram male squirrel does 32 pushups in a minute, displacing its center of mass by a distance of 8.5 cm for each pushup. Determine the total work done on the squirrel while moving upward (32 times).

squirrel not a car



$F_V = 380 \sin 90^\circ = 380$

$W = F \cdot d = (380 \text{ g})(8.5 \text{ cm}) = 3230 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}$

$= 3230 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm} \left( \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \text{ N}}{1 \text{ kg}} \right) = .323 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

1 kg = 1000g, 1 m = 100 cm, 1 kg = 10 N

$\rightarrow 22 \dots \rightarrow 22(323) = 7106.6 \text{ J}$