

IB Math HL1: 14I Parallelism

1. Find r and s so that \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are parallel if $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ r \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$.

Hint: \mathbf{b} is a multiple of \mathbf{a} .

$\vec{b} = m \vec{a}$
 $m \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} s \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = m \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ r \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m = -2$$

$(-3) = (-2)r \Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2}$

$s = (2) \cdot (-2) \Rightarrow s = -4$

2. Given $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$,

- a. Find a unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{a} .

Step 1: Find $|\mathbf{a}|$

Step 2: Divide \mathbf{a} by its own magnitude.

$$\text{unit vector of } \mathbf{a} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \mathbf{j}$$

- b. Find a vector of length 4 in the direction of \mathbf{a} .

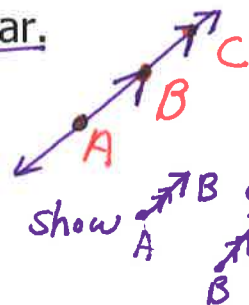
$$4(\text{unit vector of } \mathbf{a}) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{10}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}} \mathbf{j}$$

3. Show that $A(-1, 2, 3)$, $B(4, 0, -1)$, and $C(14, -4, -9)$ are collinear.

Hint: Find \vec{AB} and \vec{BC} . What do you notice about these vectors?

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - (-1) \\ 0 - 2 \\ -1 - 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 5i - 2j - 4k.$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{AB}) \cdot 2 = \vec{BC}$$



$$\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 - 4 \\ -4 - 0 \\ -9 - (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -4 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} = 10i - 4j - 8k. \quad \vec{AB} \parallel \vec{BC}$$

$\therefore A, B, \& C$ are

4. Find a and b if $K(1, -1, 0)$, $L(4, -3, 7)$, and $M(a, 2, b)$ are collinear.

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$$\vec{KL} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 1 \\ -3 - (-1) \\ 7 - 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{KL} \parallel \vec{LM}$$

$$x: (3) \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) = a - 4$$

$$a = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\vec{LM} = \begin{pmatrix} a - 4 \\ 2 - (-3) \\ b - 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a - 4 \\ 5 \\ b - 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y: (-2)m = 5$$

$$m = \frac{-5}{2}$$

$$z: (7) \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) = b - 7$$

$$b = \frac{-21}{2}$$

14J Dot Product

If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix}$, the Dot Product of \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} is

defined as $\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{W} = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + v_3 w_3$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$$

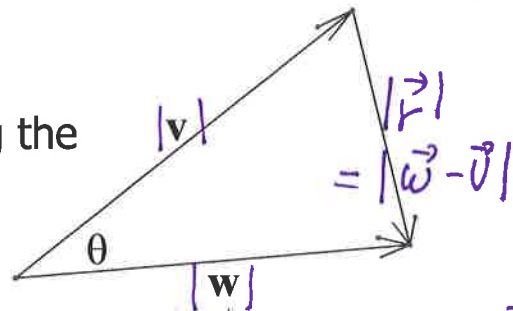
$$\neq \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$$

Example 1 If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$, find $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 15 - 2 - 6 = \boxed{7}$$

14J Applications of the Dot Product

Use the Law of Cosines to write an equation relating the magnitudes of these vectors. Solve for $\cos \theta$.



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \cos \theta$$

Where $v = v_1\hat{i} + v_2\hat{j} + v_3\hat{k}$ and $w = w_1\hat{i} + w_2\hat{j} + w_3\hat{k}$

$$\vec{v} + \vec{r} = \vec{w} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \vec{w} - \vec{v}$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$|\vec{w} - \vec{v}|^2 = |\vec{v}|^2 + |\vec{w}|^2 - 2|\vec{v}||\vec{w}|\cos \theta$$

$$(w_1 - v_1)^2 + (w_2 - v_2)^2 + (w_3 - v_3)^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 + w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 - 2|\vec{v}||\vec{w}|\cos \theta$$

$$= (w_1^2 - 2w_1v_1 + v_1^2) + (w_2^2 - 2w_2v_2 + v_2^2) + (w_3^2 - 2w_3v_3 + v_3^2)$$

$$= v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 + w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 - 2|\vec{v}||\vec{w}|\cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 [w_1v_1 + w_2v_2 + w_3v_3] = -2|\vec{v}||\vec{w}|\cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{w_1v_1 + w_2v_2 + w_3v_3}{|\vec{v}||\vec{w}|}$$

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

Fill in the blanks with right, acute, or obtuse.

If $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} > 0$, then θ is acute

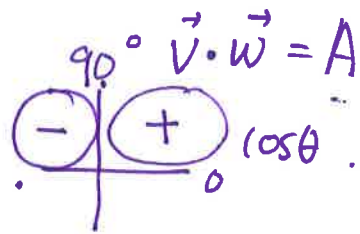
If $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$, then θ is right

If $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} < 0$, then θ is obtuse

$$0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

$$90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$$

$$90^\circ \quad \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = A$$


$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 90^\circ = 0 =$$

$$\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{v}| |\vec{w}|}$$

Example 1: Find the angle between $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{-21}{\sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} \cdot \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + 5^2}} \Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = -8 + 2 - 15 = -21$$

Example 2

Find a if $\mathbf{p} = 3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{q} = a\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ are perpendicular.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$3a - 28 = 0$$

$$a = \frac{28}{3}$$