

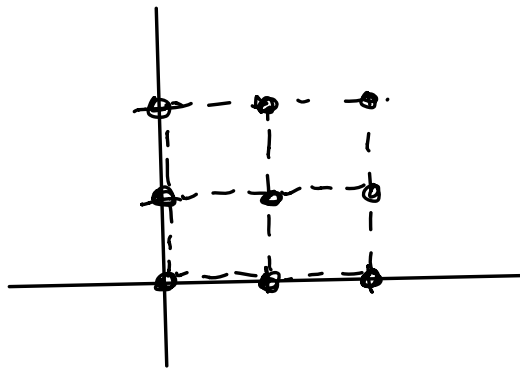
HW1 due Friday before class.

Hint for 1(a):

Draw the 9 points (x, y) where

$$x, y \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

" x and y are members of the set $0, 1, 2$."

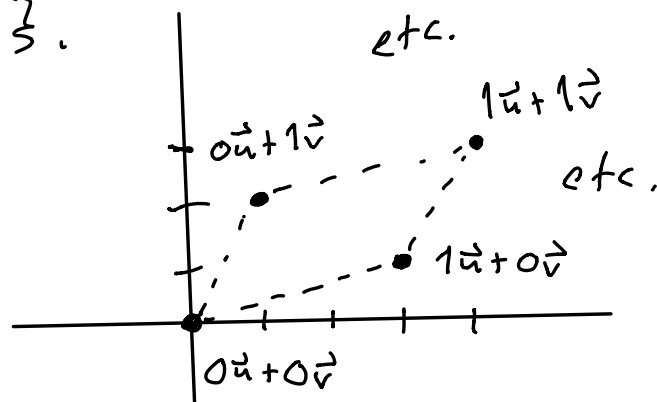


1(c): Let $\vec{u} = (3, 1)$ & $\vec{v} = (1, 2)$.

Draw the 9 points $x\vec{u} + y\vec{v}$ where

$$x, y \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} + \vec{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3+1 \\ 1+2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$





Review of Vector Arithmetic:

Three operations,

$$\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{addition}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow a\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{scalar mult.}$$

$$\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{dot product}$$

$$\text{vector} + \text{vector} = \text{vector}$$

$$\text{scalar} \times \text{vector} = \text{vector}$$

$$\text{vector} \cdot \text{vector} = \text{scalar}$$

What about

$$\text{vector} \times \text{vector} = \text{vector} \quad ?$$

In general, there is no sensible way to "multiply vectors."

However in 2D & 3D there are some peculiar special cases:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 v_1 - u_2 v_2 \\ u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Think:

$$(u_1 + u_2\sqrt{-1})(v_1 + v_2\sqrt{-1})$$

$$= (u_1v_1 - u_2v_2) + (u_1v_2 + u_2v_1)\sqrt{-1}]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_2v_3 - u_3v_2 \\ u_3v_1 - u_1v_3 \\ u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

STRANGE...

This is called the "cross product."
We will discuss it later. It only
applies to 3D vectors.

These operations satisfy many
obvious-looking rules:

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$$

⋮
etc.

But they also have
geometric meaning.

Geometric meaning of the dot product is the Pythagorean Theorem.

$$\|\vec{u}\|^2 = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2$$

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

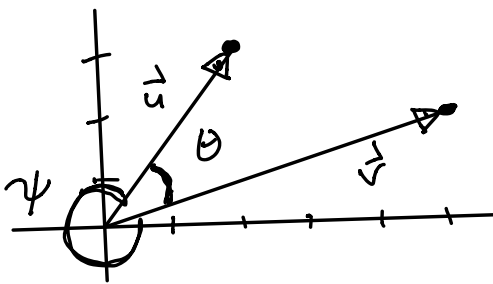
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}}$$



Examples :

$$2D: \quad \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$u_1 \ u_2$ $v_1 \ v_2$



compute
the angle θ .
(or ψ)

Just need the dot products :

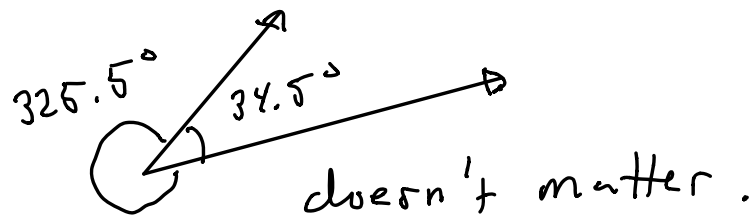
$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 = 10 + 6 = 16$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = u_1 u_1 + u_2 u_2 = 4 + 9 = 13$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = v_1 v_1 + v_2 v_2 = 25 + 4 = 29$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{13} \sqrt{29}} = 0.824$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \theta &= \arccos(0.824) \\ &= 34.5^\circ \text{ or } 325.5^\circ \\ &\quad -34.5^\circ \end{aligned}$$



1D: Let's make sure we understand the formula $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$ in 1-dimensional space.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} &= (u) & \text{1D vectors are} \\ \vec{v} &= (v) & \text{just scalars.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\vec{u}\|^2 = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = u^2$$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{u^2} = |u| \quad \text{absolute value}$$

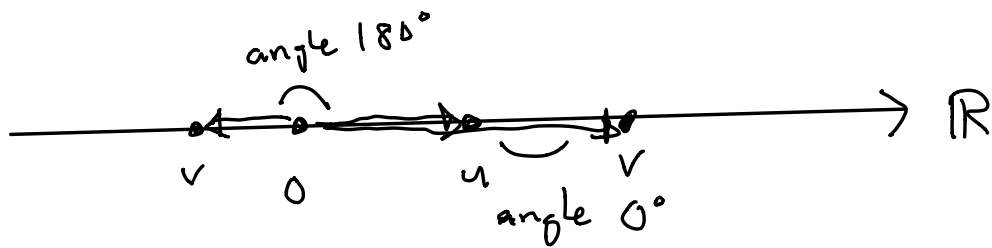
$$= \begin{cases} u & \text{if } u \geq 0, \\ -u & \text{if } u < 0, \end{cases}$$

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

$$uv = |u||v| \cos \theta .$$

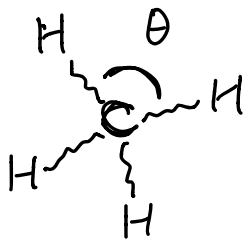
Does this make any sense ?

$$uv = \begin{cases} |u||v| & \text{if } u \& v \text{ have same sign} \\ -|u||v| & \text{if } u \& v \text{ opposite sign.} \end{cases}$$



3D: The tetrahedral angle.

Methane molecule

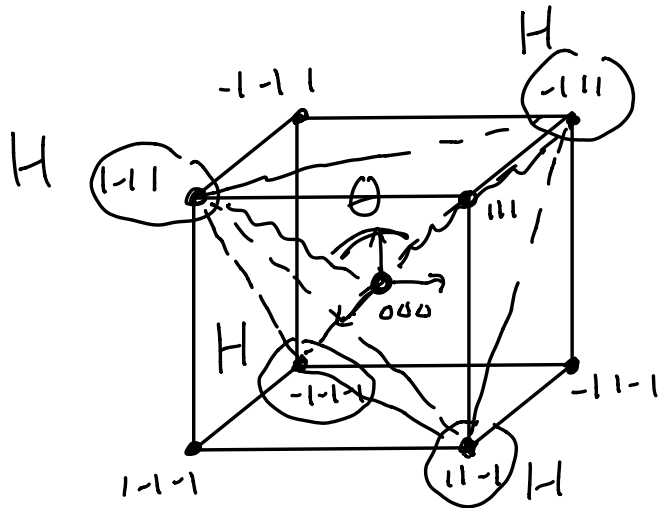


Angle between two
Hydrogen atoms is

$$\theta \approx 109.5^\circ$$

WHY ?

To compute this we will introduce a coordinate system:



$(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ are the vertices of a cube centered at $(0, 0, 0)$

Half of the vertices form a regular tetrahedron.

Pick any two Hydrogen atoms, say

$(1, -1, 1)$ & $(-1, 1, 1)$.

Now it's just mindless calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{(1, -1, 1) \cdot (-1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{(1, -1, 1) \cdot (1, -1, 1)} \sqrt{(-1, 1, 1) \cdot (-1, 1, 1)}} \\ &= \frac{-1 - 1 + 1}{\sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

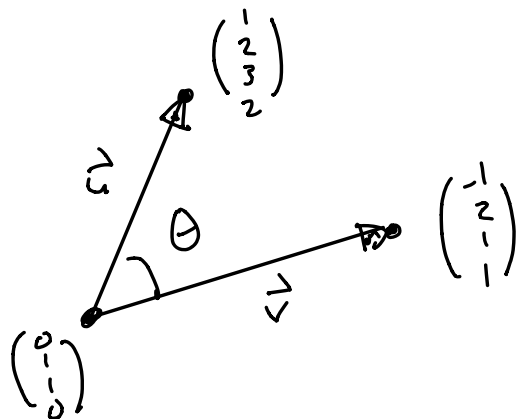
$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -1/3$$

$$\theta = \arccos(-1/3)$$

$$\approx 109.4712206 \dots$$

degrees. 😊

4D: Compute the following angle:



Observe:

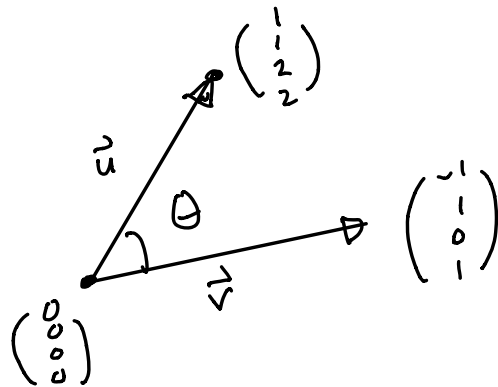
$$\vec{u} = \text{head} - \text{tail}$$

$$= (1, 2, 3, 2) - (0, 1, 1, 0) = (1, 1, 2, 2)$$

$$\vec{v} = \text{head} - \text{tail}$$

$$= (-1, 2, 1, 1) - (0, 1, 1, 0) = (-1, 1, 0, 1)$$

The picture in standard position:



Mindless computation:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}} = \frac{-1 + 1 + 0 + 2}{\sqrt{1+1+4+4} \sqrt{1+1+0+1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{10} \sqrt{3}} = 0.365 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \arccos(0.365) \\ &\approx 68.6^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

[Meaning: The arrows \vec{u} & \vec{v} live inside a 2D plane sitting in 4D space. We measure the angle in the 2D plane.]

100D : Consider any $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{100}$ satisfying

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0 \quad \& \quad \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} = 1.$$

Compute the angle between

$$\vec{u} = 2\vec{x} + 3\vec{y}$$

$$\vec{v} = 5\vec{x} + 2\vec{y}.$$

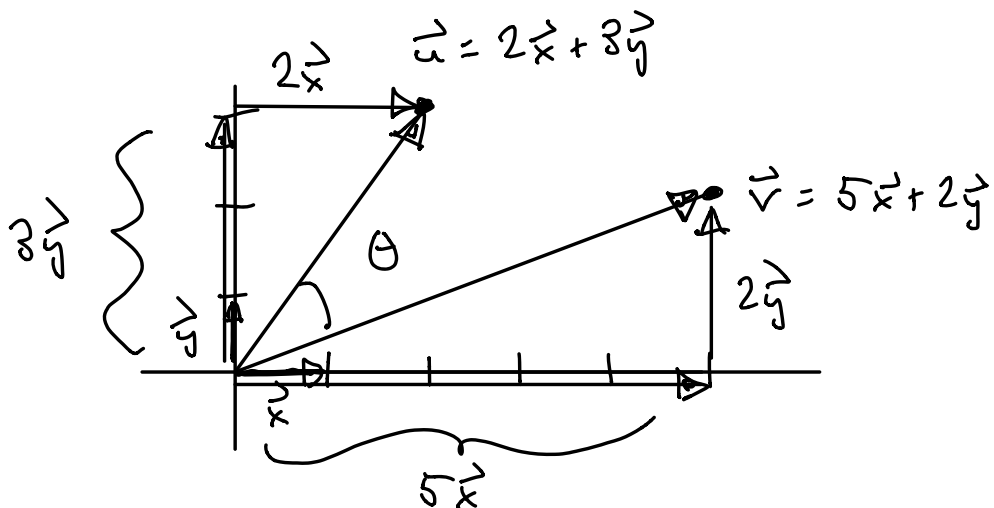
How on Earth ?!

Mindlessly apply the arithmetic:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= (2\vec{x} + 3\vec{y}) \cdot (5\vec{x} + 2\vec{y}) \\ &= 10\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} + 4\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + 15\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} + 6\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} \\ &= 10 \underbrace{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}_1 + 19 \underbrace{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}_0 + 6 \underbrace{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}}_1 \\ &= 16. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} &= (2\vec{x} + 3\vec{y}) \cdot (2\vec{x} + 3\vec{y}) \\ &= 4 \underbrace{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}_1 + 12 \underbrace{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}_0 + 9 \underbrace{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}}_1 \\ &= 13. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can draw \vec{u} & \vec{v} :



Where have we seen this before?

Big Idea:

We can use the vectors \vec{x} & \vec{y} to define a temporary coordinate system. We can easily compute θ inside this coordinate system.

$$\text{Say: } \vec{u} = 2\vec{x} + 3\vec{y} = "(2, 3)"$$

$$\vec{v} = 5\vec{x} + 2\vec{y} = "(5, 2)"$$

[Remark: However, if the coordinate vectors \vec{x} & \vec{y} are not perpendicular, i.e., if $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} \neq 0$, then the angles will be distorted.]