

Math2310 - Fall '22

Syllabus - Lecture 04

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Review

- prop Generalized Pythagoras theorem - Cosine law.
- [5] Using the Cosine law to prove the identity

$$a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 = \|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos(\theta)$$

where θ is the angle formed by $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

- Equation of a plane using the normal vector [6]
- Equation of a line in \mathbb{R}^2 using a normal vector
 - rotation of a vector by 90° counterclockwise

Topics

1 The cross product [1,2,3]

- Algebraic expression and properties.
- Geometric properties
 - magnitude
 - direction
- Differences between \mathbb{R}^3 and \mathbb{R}^2
- Chirality/handedness.
- Signed area
- Inequalities of the cross product
 - when it vanishes
 - when it is maximal
- Cross product as area of parallelogram: \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3
- The volume of the parallelepiped and the triple product formula

- Using the cross product to find a normal to a parameterized plane [4]

2 Projections

- unit vectors and normalization
- defn projections
- using dot products to compute projections onto:
 - lines [7,8]
 - planes [9]

References

Videos

1. Cross products | Chapter 10, Essence of linear algebra - YouTube
2. Cross Product of Two Vectors Explained! - YouTube
3. The Vector Cross Product - YouTube
4. Normal to a Plane using the Vector Product of Two Vectors- Worked Example - YouTube
5. Proof of Law of Cosines using Dot Product - YouTube
6. Normal vector from plane equation | Vectors and spaces | Linear Algebra | Khan Academy - YouTube
7. Projection Vector Proof - YouTube
8. Orthogonal Projections - Scalar and Vector Projections - YouTube
9. Projection of a vector onto a plane - YouTube

Textbook

- [Ste] Chap 12.3 The Dot Product pp847 - 854
- [Ste] Chap 12.5 Equations of Lines and Planes pp864 - 870
- [Ste] Chap 12.4 The Cross product pp855-864

Additional material