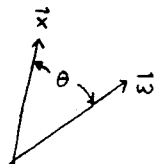


dot product (or inner product): $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = w_0 x_0 + \dots + w_n x_n$



$$= |\vec{w}| |\vec{x}| \cos \theta$$

$\theta \equiv$ angle between \vec{w} and \vec{x}

length (or absolute value): $|\vec{x}| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}$

length squared: $|\vec{x}|^2 = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$

Euclidean distance squared: $|\vec{w} - \vec{x}|^2 = (\vec{w} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{w} - \vec{x})$

Commutative: $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}$

Distributive: $\vec{w} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{y}$

moral: " \cdot " similar to mult.

Scaling: $a\vec{x} \cdot b\vec{y} = ab(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y})$ $a\vec{x} \equiv (ax_1, \dots, ax_n)$

Orthogonality: $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{w} \perp \vec{x}$ since $\cos \theta = 0$
 perpendicular

Norms: $|\vec{x}|_p = \sqrt[p]{|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p}$ (p^{th} root)

$|\vec{x}|_1 = |x_1| + \dots + |x_n|$ city blocks dist.

Note: $|\vec{x}| \neq |\vec{x}|_1$

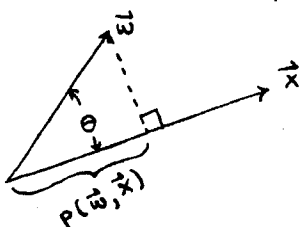
$$|\vec{x}| = |\vec{x}|_2$$

$|\vec{x}|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = |\vec{x}|$ assume real #
so $|x_i|^2 = x_i^2$

$|\vec{x}|_\infty = \max_{x_i} |x_i|$ biggest element in vec.

Projections: (of \vec{w} onto \vec{x}) $p(\vec{w}, \vec{x}) = \left(\frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|} \right) \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|} \neq p(\vec{x}, \vec{w})$

= portion of \vec{w}
in \vec{x} direction



scalar unit vector in \vec{x} direction

$$= (|\vec{w}| \cos \theta) \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|}$$

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ex: $\vec{w} = (1, 2, 3)$ $\vec{x} = (4, 5, 6)$ $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = 1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 6 = 32$

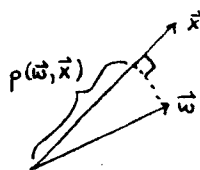
$$|\vec{w}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{32}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{77}}, \quad \theta = 12^\circ$$

$$|\vec{x}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{77}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{distance}^2 &= |\vec{w} - \vec{x}|^2 = |(1-4, 2-5, 3-6)|^2 = |(-3, -3, -3)|^2 \\ &= (-3)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-3)^2 = 27 \end{aligned}$$

use projections to decompose \vec{w} into components \perp to \vec{x} and \parallel (parallel) to \vec{x} :



sol'n: $p(\vec{w}, \vec{x})$ is part of \vec{w} in \vec{x} direction
The rest of \vec{w} is $\therefore \perp \vec{x}$.

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{w} = \underbrace{p(\vec{w}, \vec{x})}_{\parallel \vec{x}} + \underbrace{\vec{w} - p(\vec{w}, \vec{x})}_{\perp \vec{x}}$$

$$p(\vec{w}, \vec{x}) = \left(\frac{\vec{w} \cdot \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|}}{|\frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|}|} \right) \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|} \quad \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|} = \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{77}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{32}{\sqrt{77}} \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{77}} \right) = \left(\frac{128}{77}, \frac{160}{77}, \frac{192}{77} \right)$$

$$\vec{w} - p(\vec{w}, \vec{x}) = \left(1 - \frac{128}{77}, 2 - \frac{160}{77}, 3 - \frac{192}{77} \right)$$

This idea is basis for Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization, a process which creates vectors \perp to each other from a starting set of vectors that are not \perp (orthogonal).

e.g. \vec{x} and $\vec{w} - p(\vec{w}, \vec{x})$ are \perp

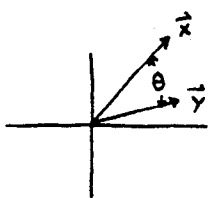
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Dot Products: $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} \equiv x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_N y_N \equiv [x_1, \dots, x_N] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$

$|\vec{x}|^2 \equiv x_1^2 + \dots + x_N^2 = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$

geometric view $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = |\vec{x}| |\vec{y}| \cos \theta$ where $\theta \equiv$ angle between \vec{x} and \vec{y}
 $|\vec{x}| \equiv$ length of \vec{x}

$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$ or \vec{x} orthogonal to \vec{y}
 $\cos 90^\circ = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0$



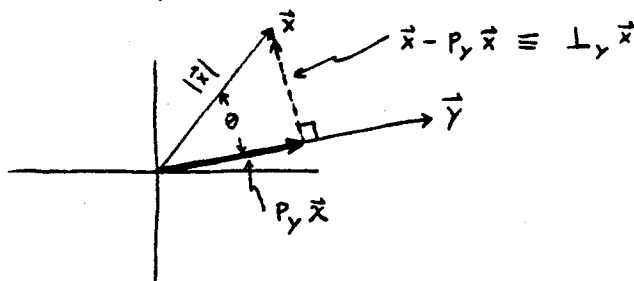
$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$ is a scalar

Algebra of \cdot

$$a(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}) = a\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot a\vec{y}$$

$$\vec{x} \cdot (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{z}$$

Projections:



We can always write $\vec{x} = P_y \vec{x} + L_y \vec{x}$

where $P_y \vec{x} \equiv$ projection of \vec{x} on \vec{y}

• Think of this as the amount of \vec{y} in \vec{x} , or think of this as the part of \vec{x} that is parallel to \vec{y} .

$L_y \vec{x} \equiv$ perpendicular component of \vec{x} to \vec{y}

• Think of this the thing that makes \vec{x} different from \vec{y} , or think of this as the part of \vec{x} that is perpendicular to \vec{y} .

As expected $\vec{y} \cdot L_y \vec{x} = 0$ since vectors are \perp

From diagram above: $\left. \begin{array}{l} |P_y \vec{x}| = |\vec{x}| \cos \theta \\ P_y \vec{x} \parallel \vec{y} \text{ (parallel to } \vec{y}) \end{array} \right\} P_y \vec{x} = \left[\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|} \right] \frac{\vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|}$