

**Note** if  $v \neq 0$ , then

1. The unit vector that has the same direction as  $v$  is  $u = \frac{v}{|v|}$
2. The equation  $v = |v| \frac{v}{|v|}$  expresses  $v$  in terms of its length and direction.

### Examples:

- 1- Find a unit vector  $u$  in the direction of the vector from  $P_1(1,0,1)$  to  $P_2(3,2,0)$ .
- 2- Find a vector of magnitude 7 in the direction of  $v=12i-5k$

## The Dot Product

The dot product or scalar product of vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is the number  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 \cdot v_1 + u_2 \cdot v_2 + u_3 \cdot v_3$

**Example:** Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle -1, 0, -1 \rangle$ . Find  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ .

### Proposition (Properties of the Dot Product)

If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are any vectors and  $c$  is a scalar, then

1.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$
2.  $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}) = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$
3.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$
4.  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$
5.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$

# Theorem (Angle Between Two Vectors)

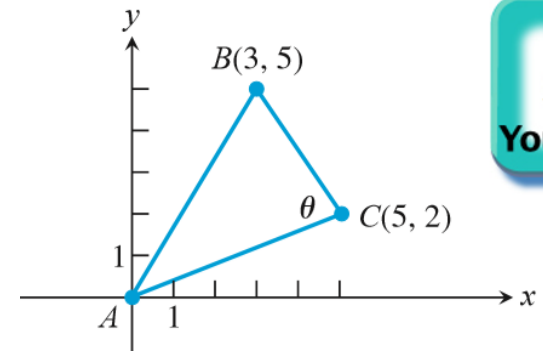
If  $\theta$  is the angle between two nonzero vectors

$\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  then

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

## Examples:

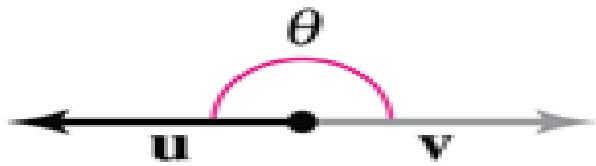
- 1-Find the angle between  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$
- 2-Find the angle  $\theta$  in the triangle ABC determined by the vertices  $A(0,0)$ ,  $B(3,5)$ ,  $C(5,2)$ .
- 3-Prove that  $m\mathbf{a} \cdot n\mathbf{b} = mn(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$  where  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  are any vectors and  $m, n$  any scalars.



# Sign of the scalar product

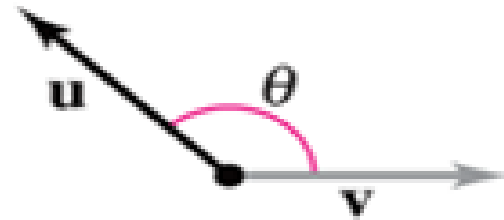
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta$$

Opposite  
direction



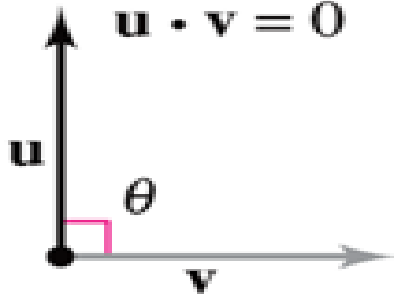
$$\theta = \pi$$
$$\cos \theta = -1$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} < 0$$



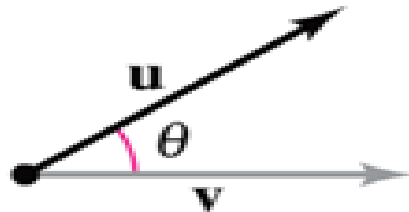
$$\pi/2 < \theta < \pi$$
$$-1 < \cos \theta < 0$$

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



$$\theta = \pi/2$$
$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} > 0$$



$$0 < \theta < \pi/2$$
$$0 < \cos \theta < 1$$

Same  
direction



$$\theta = 0$$
$$\cos \theta = 1$$

# Orthogonal Vectors

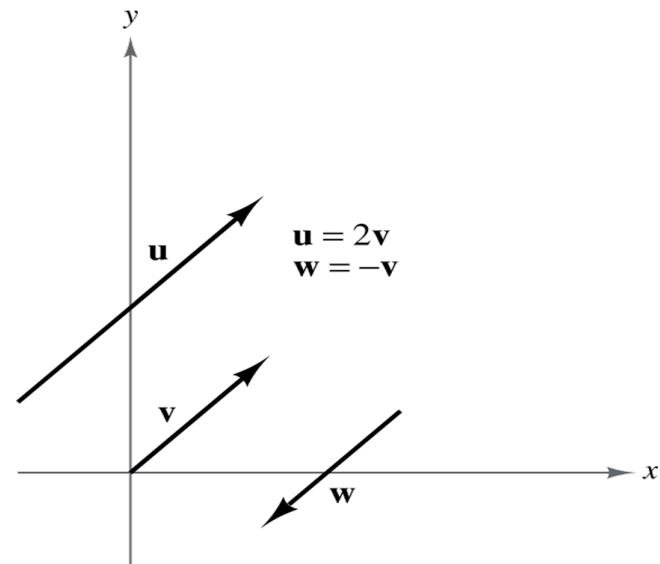
- ❖ Two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  are said to be orthogonal or perpendicular if the angle between them is  $90^\circ$ . In other words,

$$u \text{ and } v \text{ are orthogonal} \iff u \cdot v = 0.$$

- ❖ The zero vector is considered to be perpendicular to all vectors.

# Parallel Vectors

Two nonzero vectors  $u$  and  $v$  are parallel if there is some scalar  $c$  such that  $u=cv$ .



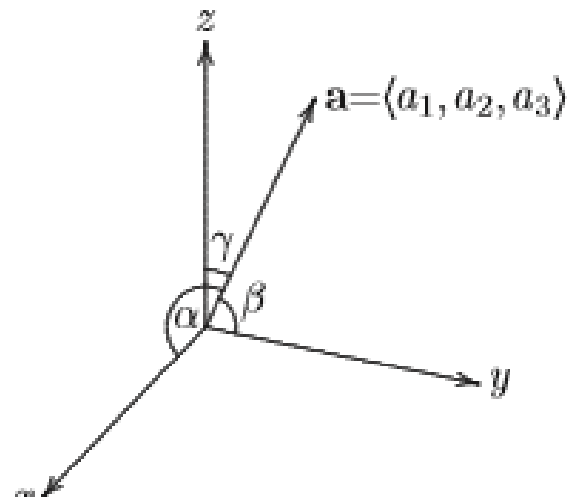
## Examples:

- $2i + 2j - k$  is orthogonal to  $5i - 4j + 2k$  because  
 $(2i + 2j - k)(5i - 4j + 2k) = (2)(5) + (2)(-4) + (-1)(2) = 0$ .
- Prove that the angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

## Homework:

- Find the angle between  $u=i-2j+2k$  and  $v= -3i+6j-6k$
- Let  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in  $[0, \pi]$  are angles that  $a$  makes with the  $x, y, z$  axes respectively. Show that

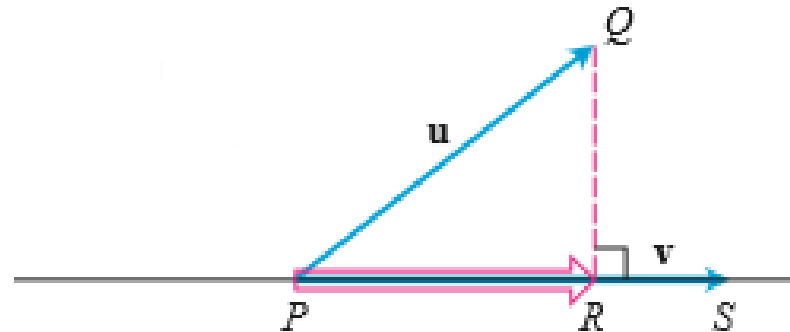
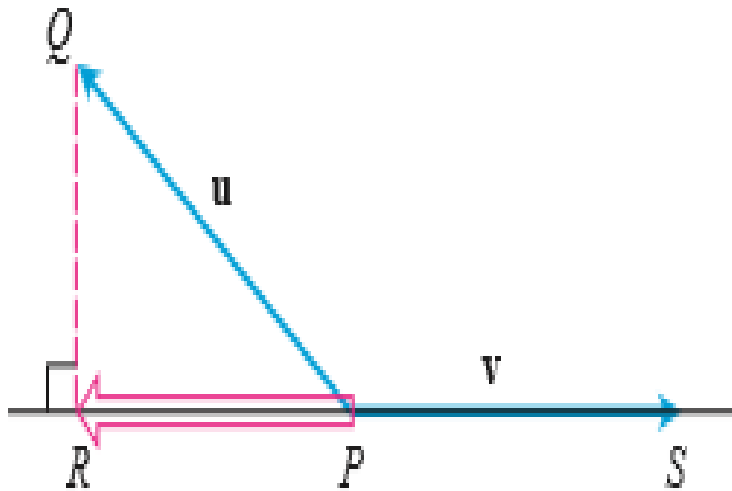
$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$



# Vector projection

The vector projection of  $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  onto a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PS}$  is the vector  $\overrightarrow{PR}$  determined by dropping a perpendicular from  $Q$  to the line  $PS$ . The notation for this vector is

$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$  (“the vector projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ ”).

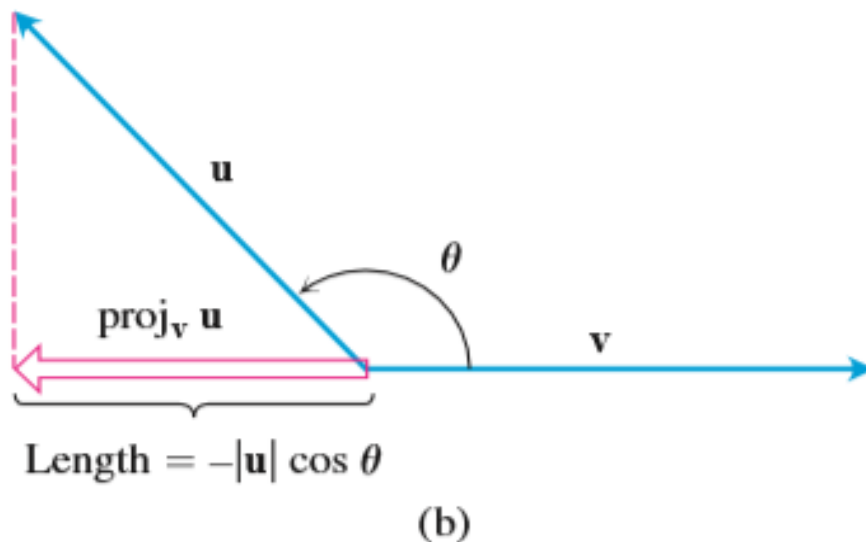
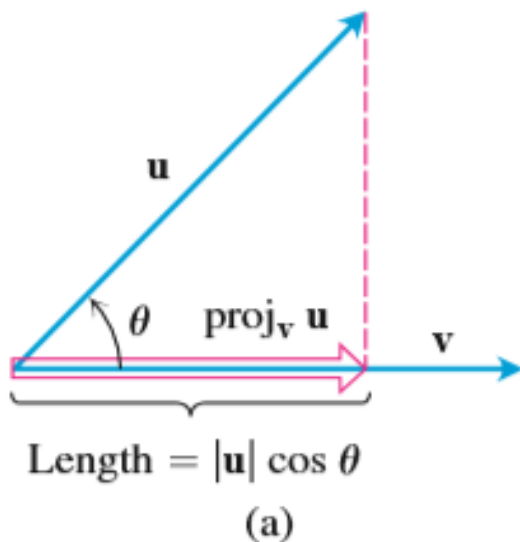


# Vector projection

➤ Vector projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$  is:  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}$

➤ Scalar projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$  is:  $|\mathbf{u}| \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$

Note that the scalar projection is negative if  $\theta > 90^\circ$ .





## Example:

Find the scalar and vector projection of  $u=6i+3j+2k$  onto  $v=i-2j-2k$ .

## Cross Product

If  $u = u_1i + u_2j + u_3k$  and  $v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$  then the cross product or vector product of  $u$  and  $v$  is

$$u \times v = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} k.$$

$$= (u_2v_3 - v_2u_3)i - (u_1v_3 - v_1u_3)j + (u_1v_2 - v_1u_2)k$$

- $i \times j = k$ ,  $j \times k = i$ ,  $k \times i = j$  and  $i \times i = j \times j = k \times k = 0$ .

**Example:** Let  $u = \langle 1, 3, 4 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle 2, 7, -5 \rangle$ . Find  $u \times v$ .

**Theorem :**

Let  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  and  $w = \langle w_1, w_2, w_3 \rangle$ , then

$$u \cdot (v \times w) = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

**Corollary:**  $u \times v$  is perpendicular to both  $u$  and  $v$ .

## Theorem:

If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  (so  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ), then

$$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$$

