

Law of Cosines :

$$\|u - v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

$$(a_1 - a_2)^2 + (b_1 - b_2)^2 =$$

$$(a_1^2 + b_1^2) + (a_2^2 + b_2^2) - 2\|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

$$- 2a_1a_2 - 2b_1b_2 = -2\|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 = \|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

If $\mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{i} + b_1\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{w} = a_2\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j}$ are two vectors, the **dot product** $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2$$

If $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{w} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, find

(a) $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ (b) $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} &= (-2)4 + (5)1 \\ &= -8 + 5 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= (-2)(-2) + (5)(5) \\ &= 4 + 25 = 29 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem Angle between Vectors

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are two nonzero vectors, the angle θ , $0 \leq \theta < \pi$, between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is determined by the formula

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

Find the angle θ between $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$.

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

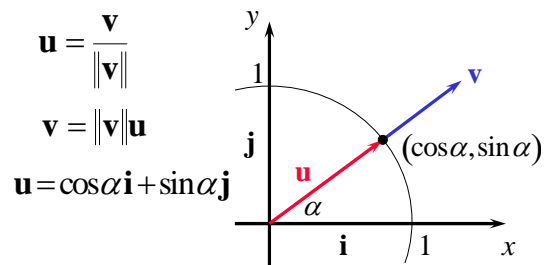
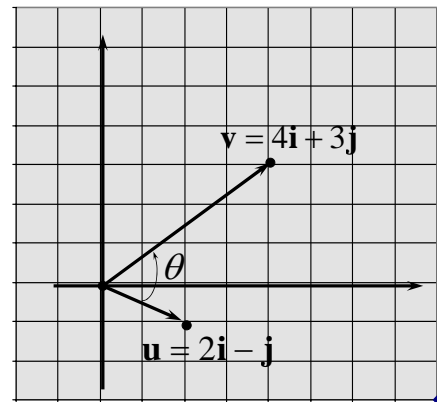
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (2)4 + (-1)3 = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{16 + 9} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{5} \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\theta \approx 63.4^\circ$$



$$\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\| (\cos\alpha \mathbf{i} + \sin\alpha \mathbf{j})$$

Theorem

Two vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are orthogonal if and only if

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

Determine whether the vectors $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$ are orthogonal.

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = (4)2 + (-1)8 = 0$$

