

W3 - Applications of the Dot Product

Unit 5

MCV4U

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1) Determine the work done by each force \vec{F} , in Newtons, for each object moving along \vec{s} .

a) $\vec{F} = [3, -2]$, $\vec{s} = [1, 8]$

b) $\vec{F} = [8, -9]$, $\vec{s} = [-3, 7]$

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$$= 3(1) + (-2)(8)$$

$$= -13 \text{ Joules}$$

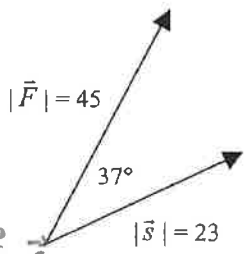
$$W = 8(-3) + (-9)(7)$$

$$= -87 \text{ Joules}$$

2) Determine the work done by the force \vec{F} , in Newtons, for each object moving along \vec{s} .

a)

b)

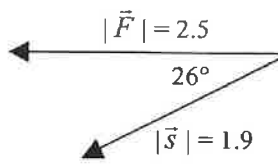


$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$$W = |\vec{F}| |\vec{s}| \cos(37)$$

$$= 45(23) \cos(37)$$

$$\approx 826.59 \text{ Joules}$$



$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$$W = |\vec{F}| |\vec{s}| \cos(26)$$

$$W = 2.5(1.9) \cos(26)$$

$$W \approx 4.27 \text{ Joules}$$

3) Determine the angle between the vectors in each pair.

a) $\vec{p} = [6, 7]$ and $\vec{q} = [3, 2]$

b) $\vec{r} = [-1, -7]$ and $\vec{s} = [5, 4]$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}}{|\vec{p}| |\vec{q}|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{6(3) + 7(2)}{(\sqrt{6^2 + 7^2})(\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2})}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}}{|\vec{r}| |\vec{s}|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-1(5) + (-7)(4)}{(\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-7)^2})(\sqrt{5^2 + 4^2})}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{32}{188.13}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-33}{\sqrt{50} \sqrt{41}}$$

4) Determine the projection of the first vector on the second.

a) $\vec{a} = [6, -1]$, $\vec{b} = [3, -4]$

b) $\vec{c} = [6, 7]$, $\vec{d} = [3, 2]$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}} (\vec{b})$$

$$= \frac{6(3) + (-1)(-4)}{3^2 + (-4)^2} [3, -4]$$

$$= \frac{22}{25} [3, -4]$$

$$= \left[\frac{66}{25}, \frac{-88}{25} \right]$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{d}} \vec{c} = \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}}{\vec{d} \cdot \vec{d}} \vec{d}$$

$$= \frac{6(3) + 7(2)}{3^2 + 2^2} [3, 2]$$

$$= \frac{32}{13} [3, 2]$$

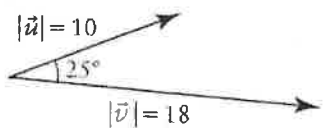
$$= \left[\frac{96}{13}, \frac{64}{13} \right]$$

$$\theta \approx 136.79^\circ$$

$$\theta \approx 15.71^\circ$$

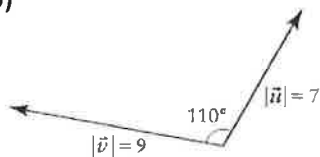
5) Determine the projection of \vec{u} on \vec{v}

a)



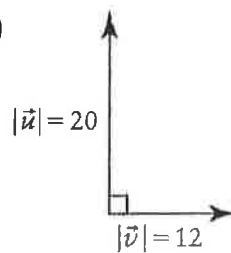
$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} &= |\vec{u}| \cos \theta (\hat{v}) \\ &= 10 \cos(25) \hat{v} \\ &\approx 9.06 \hat{v} \end{aligned}$$

b)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} &= |\vec{u}| \cos \theta (\hat{v}) \\ &= 7 \cos(110) \hat{v} \\ &\approx -2.39 \hat{v} \end{aligned}$$

c)



$$= \vec{0}$$

6) For each of the following, find the magnitude of the projection of \vec{x} on \vec{y} and also the vector projection of \vec{x} on \vec{y} .

a) $\vec{x} = [1, 1], \vec{y} = [1, -1]$

b) $\vec{x} = [2, 5], \vec{y} = [-5, 12]$

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{proj}_{\vec{y}} \vec{x}| &= \left| \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1(1) + 1(-1)}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} \right| \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{y}} \vec{x} &= 0 \left(\frac{\vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|} \right) \\ &= \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{proj}_{\vec{y}} \vec{x}| &= \left| \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|} \right| \\ &= \frac{2(-5) + 5(12)}{\sqrt{(-5)^2 + (12)^2}} \\ &= \frac{50}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{y}} \vec{x} &= \frac{50}{13} \left(\frac{\vec{y}}{|\vec{y}|} \right) \\ &= \frac{50}{13} \left(\frac{[-5, 12]}{13} \right) \\ &= \frac{50}{169} [-5, 12] \\ &= \left[\frac{-250}{169}, \frac{600}{169} \right] \end{aligned}$$

7) $\triangle DEF$ has vertices $D(-3, 5)$, $E(2, 3)$, and $F(6, 7)$. Calculate $\angle DEF$.

$$\vec{ED} = [-5, 2]$$

$$\vec{EF} = [4, 4]$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{ED} \cdot \vec{EF}}{|\vec{ED}| |\vec{EF}|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-5(4) + (2)(4)}{(\sqrt{29})(\sqrt{32})}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{928}}$$

$$\theta \approx 113.2^\circ$$

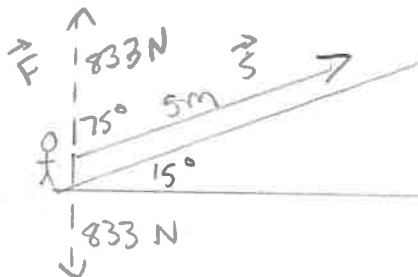
- 8) How much work is done by the orderly pushing an 85 kg person up a 5 m ramp inclined at an angle of 15° to the horizontal?

$$\vec{F} = 85(9.8) = 833 \text{ N}$$

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$$W = 833(5) \cos(75)$$

$$W \approx 1077.98 \text{ J}$$



- 9) A stage lamp is dragged 15 m along level ground by a 120 N force applied at an angle of 35° to the ground. It is then dragged up a 12 m ramp onto a stage by the same force. If the ramp is inclined at 15° to the ground. Find the total work done.

$$W = 120(15) \cos(35^\circ) + 120(12) \cos(20^\circ)$$

$$W \approx 2827.63 \text{ J}$$

- 10) A box on a wagon pulled a distance of 35 m by a 27 N force applied at an angle of 40° to the ground. The box is then lifted a distance of 1.5 m and placed on a table by exerting a force of 37 N. Find the total work done.

$$W = 27(35) \cos(40^\circ) + 37(1.5) \cos(0)$$

$$W \approx 779.4 \text{ J}$$

ANSWER KEY

1) a) -13 b) -87

2) a) 826.58 b) 4.269

3) a) $\theta = 15.7^\circ$ b) $\theta = 136.8^\circ$

4) a) [2.64, -3.52] b) [7.38, 4.92]

5) a) $9.1\hat{i}$ b) $-2.4\hat{j}$ c) $\vec{0}$

6) magnitude = 0, vector projection: $\vec{0}$ b) magnitude = $\frac{50}{13}$, vector projection: $\left[\frac{-250}{169}, \frac{600}{169} \right]$

7) 113.2°

8) 1077.98 J

9) 2865.4 J

10) 779.4 J