

$\vec{v} = (a, b)$

$\frac{a}{|\vec{v}|} = \cos \theta$

$a = |\vec{v}| \cos \theta$

$\frac{b}{|\vec{v}|} = \sin \theta$

$b = |\vec{v}| \sin \theta$

$\vec{v} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} = \left( |\vec{v}| \cos \theta \right) \vec{i} + \left( |\vec{v}| \sin \theta \right) \vec{j}$

component form of  $\vec{v}$ .

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a normal force  
50 lb object  
50  
50  
50  
gravity

$\frac{?}{50} = \sin(17^\circ)$

$50 \cdot \sin(17^\circ)$

$50 \cdot \cos(17^\circ)$

Ex: Write a vector of length 7 and at an angle  $135^\circ$  to the positive x-axis in component form.

Know:  $|\vec{v}| = 7$   $a = 7 \cos(135^\circ)$   $b = 7 \sin(135^\circ)$

$\vec{v} = [a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}]$   $a = -7\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$   $b = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2}$

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$\vec{v} = \frac{-7\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{i} + \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{j}$

$\vec{v} = \left( -\frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$

Dot Product of Two Vectors

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If  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are two vectors then the dot product of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  is a number defined as  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}| \cdot \cos \theta$

$\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$

If  $\vec{u} = (a, b)$  and  $\vec{v} = (c, d)$ , it turns out that  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = ac + bd$

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Ex:  $\vec{u} = (5, 12)$  •  $\vec{v} = (-3, 4)$

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 5(-3) + 12 \cdot 4 = -15 + 48 = 33$

Find the angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ?

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

$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}|} = \frac{33}{13 \cdot 5} = \frac{33}{65}$

$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{33}{65} \right) \approx 59.5^\circ$

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The angle  $\theta$  between vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  can be calculated by:

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

$= \frac{(5, 2) \cdot (3, 7)}{\sqrt{25+4} \sqrt{9+49}}$

$= \frac{15+14}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{58}} = \frac{29}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{58}}$

$\theta = 45^\circ$

Ex: let  $\vec{u} = 5\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ ;  $\vec{v} = 3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} = (3, 7)$

(a) Find  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$  (b) Find the angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 7$

$= 15 + 14$

$= 29$

$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}|} = \frac{29}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{58}}$

$= \frac{\sqrt{29}}{\sqrt{58}} = \sqrt{\frac{29}{58}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

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