

Math 5222

Homework Set #1

**#1.5** Using the vectors  $\vec{u} \sim (2, -3, 4)$  and  $\vec{v} \sim (1, 0, 1)$  given in Exercise 1.4, compute  $\text{Proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v})$  and  $\text{Proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{u})$ .

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$$\text{Proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{u}) \hat{u} \sim ((1, 0, 1) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}(2, -3, 4)) \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}(2, -3, 4)$$

$$|\vec{u}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{29}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}(2, -3, 4)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6}{29}(2, -3, 4)}$$

$$\text{Proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{u}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \hat{v}) \hat{v} \sim ((2, -3, 4) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, 1)) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, 1)$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2}(1, 0, 1)$$

$$= \boxed{(3, 0, 3)}$$

#1.7 Using

$$(1.11) \quad \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 - |\vec{v} - \vec{u}|^2),$$

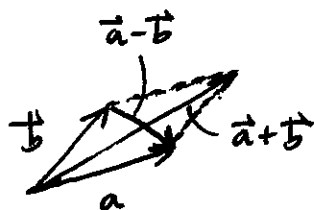
prove the distributive law

$$(1.14) \quad \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} \quad \text{for all } \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w},$$

without introducing Cartesian coordinates.

We will use the fact (from plane geometry) that if  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are the co-terminal edges of a parallelogram, then

$$(*) \quad 2|\vec{a}|^2 + 2|\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2. \quad (\text{Parallelogram Law... see diagram})$$



Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ , and  $\vec{w}$  be arbitrary vectors in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 - |\vec{v} + \vec{w} - \vec{u}|^2) && \text{by (1.11)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 - |(\vec{v} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}) + (\vec{w} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 - 2|\vec{v} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}|^2 - 2|\vec{w} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}|^2 + |(\vec{v} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u}) - (\vec{w} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2) && \text{by (*)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 + |\vec{v} - \vec{w}|^2 - 2|\frac{1}{2}\vec{v} + (\frac{1}{2}\vec{v} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2 - 2|\frac{1}{2}\vec{w} + (\frac{1}{2}\vec{w} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\vec{u}|^2 + 2|\vec{v}|^2 + 2|\vec{w}|^2 - 2 \left( 2|\frac{1}{2}\vec{v}|^2 + 2|\frac{1}{2}(\vec{v} - \vec{u})|^2 - |\frac{1}{2}\vec{v} - (\frac{1}{2}\vec{v} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2 \left( 2|\frac{1}{2}\vec{w}|^2 + 2|\frac{1}{2}(\vec{w} - \vec{u})|^2 - |\frac{1}{2}\vec{w} - (\frac{1}{2}\vec{w} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{u})|^2 \right) \right] && \text{by (*)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\vec{u}|^2 + 2|\vec{v}|^2 + 2|\vec{w}|^2 - |\vec{v}|^2 - |\vec{v} - \vec{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\vec{u}|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - |\vec{w}|^2 - |\vec{w} - \vec{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\vec{u}|^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 - |\vec{v} - \vec{u}|^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{w}|^2 - |\vec{w} - \vec{u}|^2 \right] \\
&= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} \quad \text{by (1.11)}.
\end{aligned}$$

**#1.12** ( We will use the notation  $\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v}$  instead of  $\vec{u}\vec{v}$  for the tensor (or direct) product of two vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . That is,  $(\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v})(\vec{w}) = \vec{u}(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w})$  for all  $\vec{w}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ .)

If  $\vec{u} \sim (1, -1, 2)$ ,  $\vec{v} \sim (3, 2, 1)$ , and  $\vec{w} \sim (4, 1, 7)$ , compute

(a)  $(\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v})(\vec{w})$       (b)  $(\vec{v} \otimes \vec{u})(\vec{w})$       (c)  $(\vec{w} \otimes \vec{u})(\vec{u})$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad (\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v})(\vec{w}) &= \vec{u}(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) \sim (1, -1, 2)((3, 2, 1) \cdot (4, 1, 7)) \\ &= (3 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 7)(1, -1, 2) \\ &= \boxed{21(1, -1, 2)} \quad \text{or} \quad (21, -21, 42). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad (\vec{v} \otimes \vec{u})(\vec{w}) &= \vec{v}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}) \sim (3, 2, 1)((1, -1, 2) \cdot (4, 1, 7)) \\ &= (1 \cdot 4 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 7)(3, 2, 1) \\ &= \boxed{17(3, 2, 1)} \quad \text{or} \quad (51, 34, 17). \end{aligned}$$

Note: The results of (a) and (b) show that  $\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v} \neq \vec{v} \otimes \vec{u}$  in general. Therefore tensor products are not "commutative".

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad (\vec{w} \otimes \vec{u})(\vec{u}) &= \vec{w}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) \sim (4, 1, 7)((1, -1, 2) \cdot (1, -1, 2)) \\ &= (1 \cdot 1 + (-1)(-1) + 2 \cdot 2)(4, 1, 7) \\ &= \boxed{6(4, 1, 7)} \quad \text{or} \quad (24, 6, 42). \end{aligned}$$

#1.18 Let  $A$  be an arbitrary, 3-dimensional skew tensor.

- (a) By expressing  $A$  in terms of its Cartesian components (and noting that only 3 of these can be assigned arbitrarily since  $A = -A^T$ ), find a vector  $\vec{\omega}$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v}$ .
- (b) Use the results of Exercise 1.16 to show that  $\vec{\omega}$  is unique.  $\vec{\omega}$  is called the axis of  $A$  and is important in rigid body dynamics. See Exercise 4.20.
- (c) Show that  $\vec{v} \cdot A\vec{v} = 0$  for all  $\vec{v}$ , in any number of dimensions.
- (d) Show that  $A\vec{\omega} = \vec{0}$ . Check this result by using the numerical values obtained in Exercise 1.17(c).

(a) Suppose  $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy} & A_{xz} \\ A_{yx} & A_{yy} & A_{yz} \\ A_{zx} & A_{zy} & A_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A^T \sim \begin{bmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{yx} & A_{zx} \\ A_{xy} & A_{yy} & A_{zy} \\ A_{xz} & A_{yz} & A_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$

so  $A = -A^T$  if and only if  $\begin{cases} A_{xx} = A_{yy} = A_{zz} = 0, \\ A_{yx} = -A_{xy}, A_{zx} = -A_{xz}, A_{zy} = -A_{yz}. \end{cases}$

Therefore  $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{xy} & A_{xz} \\ -A_{xy} & 0 & A_{yz} \\ -A_{xz} & -A_{yz} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $A_{xy}$ ,  $A_{xz}$ , and  $A_{yz}$  are

arbitrary real numbers. By Problem 1.6, pp. 18-19, the Cartesian components of  $\vec{u}_x$  are given by

$$\vec{u}_x \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_z & u_y \\ u_z & 0 & -u_x \\ -u_y & u_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Comparing Cartesian components of  $A$  and  $\vec{u} \times$  we see that

if  $\vec{\omega} \sim (-A_{yz}, A_{xz}, -A_{xy})$  then  $A = \vec{\omega} \times$ ; i.e.  $A\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$   
for all vectors  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ .

(b) Suppose  $A\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$  and  $A\vec{v} = \vec{\sigma} \times \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Then  
 $\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} = \vec{\sigma} \times \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ , so by Exercise 1.16,  $\vec{\omega} = \vec{\sigma}$ ; i.e.  $\vec{\omega}$  is unique.

(c) Since  $A = -A^T$ , we have

$$-A\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot (-A\vec{v}) = \vec{v} \cdot A^T \vec{v} \stackrel{(1.33)}{=} A\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

for all  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^n$ . That is  $2A\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$  so  $A\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ .

(d)  $A\vec{\omega} \stackrel{\text{part (a)}}{=} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{\omega} = \vec{0}$ . From Exercise 1.17,

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/2 \\ -1 & 3/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\omega} \sim \left(\frac{3}{2}, 1, 0\right).$$

$$\text{Therefore } A\vec{\omega} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/2 \\ -1 & 3/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so } A\vec{\omega} = \vec{0}.$$

#1.20 As in Figure 1.10, let  $\hat{n} dA$  denote an oriented differential element of area at a point  $P$  and time  $t$  in a continuum (e.g. a fluid or solid) and let  $\vec{F} dA$  denote the force that the material into which  $\hat{n}$  points exerts across  $dA$ .  $\vec{F}$  is called the stress at  $P$  and  $t$  in the direction  $\hat{n}$ ,  $\vec{F}_n \equiv \text{Proj}_{\hat{n}}(\vec{F})$  the normal stress, and  $\vec{F}_s \equiv \vec{F} - \vec{F}_n$  the shear stress. By considering the equations of motion of a tetrahedron of the material of arbitrarily small volume, instantaneously centered at  $P$ , it can be shown that  $\vec{F} = T \hat{n}$ , where  $T = T^T$  is the (Cauchy) stress tensor at  $P$  and  $t$ . If

$$T \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{n} \sim (1, 2, -1),$$

compute the normal and shear stress.

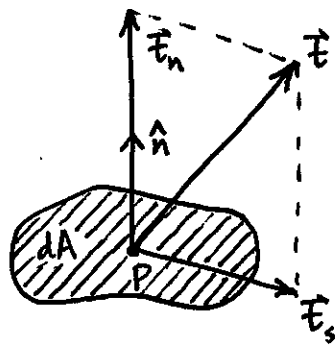


Figure 1.10

$$\text{Stress: } \vec{F} = T \hat{n} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$|\hat{n}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{Normal Stress: } \vec{F}_n = \text{Proj}_{\hat{n}}(\vec{F}) = (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) \hat{n} \sim \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1, 7, -5) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1, 2, -1) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1, 2, -1)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\vec{F}_n \sim \frac{10}{3\sqrt{6}} (1, 2, -1)}.$$



Shear Stress:  $\vec{T}_s = \vec{T} - \vec{T}_n \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 7, -5) - \frac{10}{3\sqrt{6}}(1, 2, -1)$

$$\boxed{\vec{T}_s \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\left(-\frac{7}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}\right)} \sim \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}(-7, 1, -5)$$