



Def: (linear independence of vectors)

We say that vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent if for any linear combination

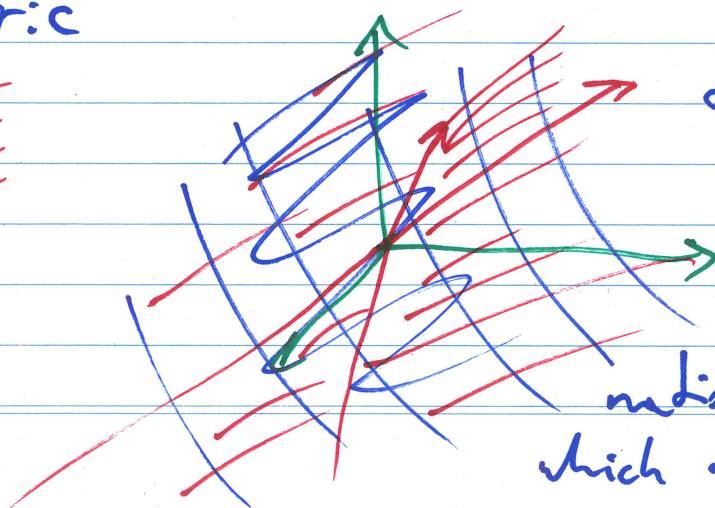
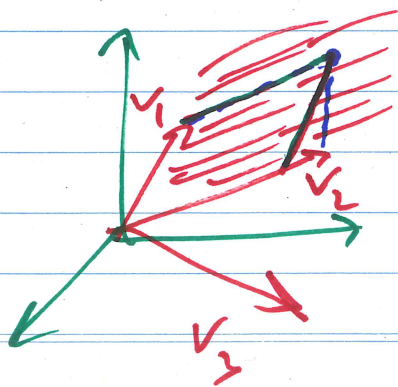
$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$$

Claim: Two vectors are linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  they are not parallel.

Exercise: Show that any 4 vectors in 3-dimensional space are NOT linearly independent (linearly dependent)

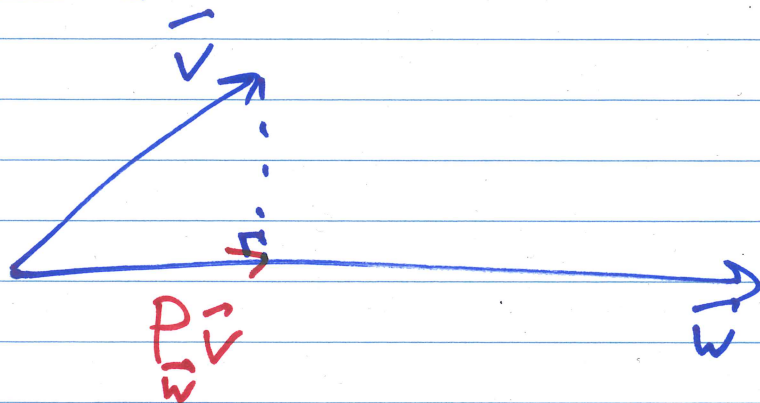
Pf: Geometric



"No space" for 4-th vector s.t. it is not a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  which are

linearly independent.

Projection :



We can geometrically project vector  $\vec{v}$  on  $\vec{w}$ . (if  $\vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$ )

Goal: To find  $P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$  by looking at its geometric properties.

Properties of  $P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$ :

-  $P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$  is on the line generated by  $w$ .

In other words, there exists a real s.t.

$$P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v} = \lambda \cdot w.$$

- The angle between  $P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$  &  $\vec{v} - P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$  is  $90^\circ$ . In other words,

$P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{v} - P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$ .

We will find  $\lambda$  (in  $P_w v = \lambda v$ ) by use of Pythagoras theorem:

$$|v|^2 = \underbrace{|\lambda w|^2}_{P_w v} + \underbrace{|v - \lambda w|^2}_{P_w^\perp v}$$

Let's  $v = (a, b)$   
 $w = (c, d) \Rightarrow v - \lambda w = (a - \lambda c, b - \lambda d)$

Then  $|v|^2 = a^2 + b^2$

$$|\lambda w|^2 = \lambda^2 (c^2 + d^2)$$

$$|v - \lambda w|^2 = (a - \lambda c)^2 + (b - \lambda d)^2$$

And we have:

$$\underbrace{(a^2 + b^2)}_{|v|^2} = \lambda^2 (c^2 + d^2) + (a - \lambda c)^2 + (b - \lambda d)^2$$

$$0 = \cancel{\lambda^2} \lambda^2 (c^2 + d^2) - \cancel{\lambda} \lambda (ac + bd)$$

$$\lambda \cdot (\lambda (c^2 + d^2) - (ac + bd)) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ (not interesting)} \quad \lambda = \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} = \frac{ac+bd}{|\vec{w}|^2} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{w}|^2}$$

Conclusion:

$$P_{\vec{w}} \vec{v} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{w}|^2} \cdot \vec{w}$$