

1. Let  $\vec{a} = \langle -3, 1, -2 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{u} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{v}$  have representation  $\vec{AB}$  where  $A(4, 1)$  and  $B(0, 1)$  are points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\vec{v} = \langle 0-4, 1-1 \rangle = \langle -4, 0 \rangle$$

- (a) Find the scalar and vector projections of  $\vec{v}$  onto  $\vec{u}$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} = \left( \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} \right) \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{-4}{\sqrt{2}} \right)}_{\text{comp}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v}} \frac{\langle 1, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \langle -2, 2 \rangle$$

- (b) Find the vector projection of  $\vec{a}$  onto  $\vec{b}$ .

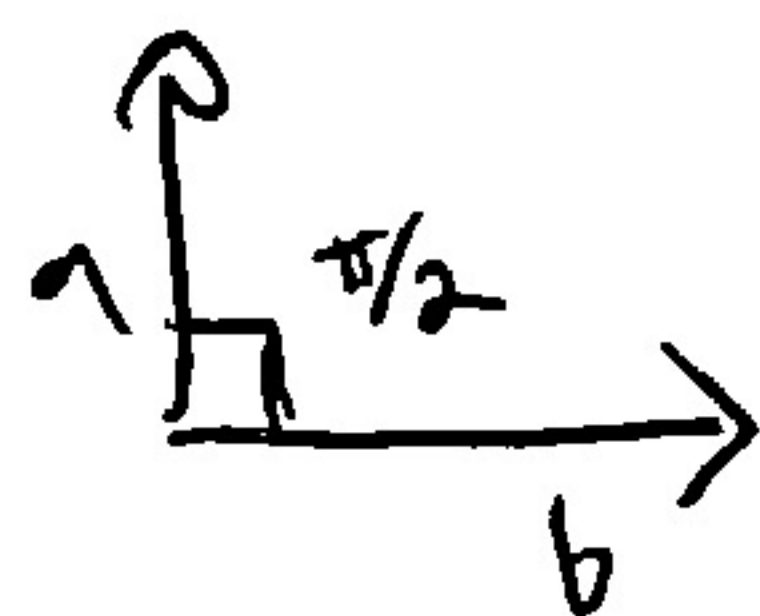
$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right) \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \left( \frac{\overbrace{-3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot (-1)}^{=0}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + (-1)^2}} \right) \left( \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right) = \vec{0}$$

i.e.  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$

- (c) Geometrically speaking, what must be true of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ? Justify your answer.

$\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular, since  $0 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$

$$\text{hence } \cos \theta = 0$$



$$\Downarrow$$

$$\theta = \pi/2$$

- (d) Find the (smaller) angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . (Please simplify your answer, when possible.)

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow -4 = (\sqrt{2}) \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \cos \theta$$

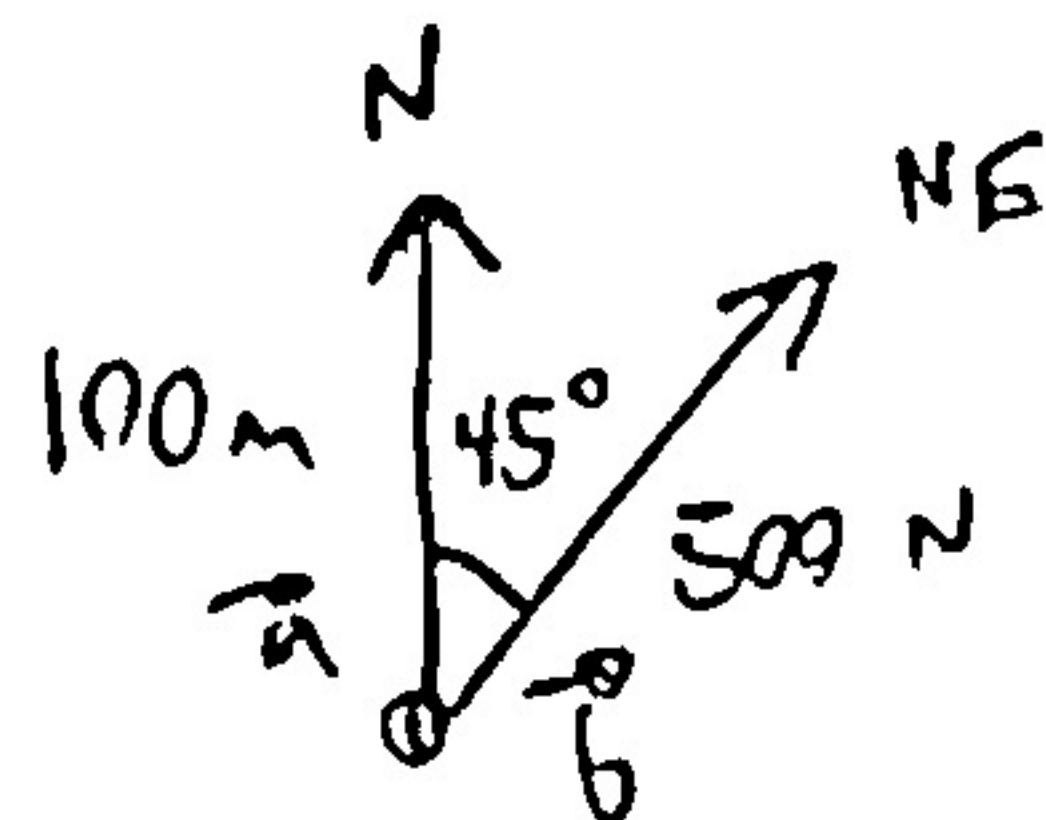
$$\text{so } \theta = 3\pi/4$$

- (e) How does the sign of the dot product relate to the (smaller) angle between the dotted vector?

Corresponds to sign of  $\cos \theta$ , so a positive  $\cos \theta$  means an angle less than  $\pi/2$  while a negative  $\cos \theta$  means an angle greater than  $\pi/2$ .



2. A boat travels 100 meters due north while the wind exerts a force of 500 newtons toward the northeast. How much work does the wind do?



The work done by the wind is  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|$  Joules  
(Newton-meters)

$$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}$$

$$= \left| 100 \cdot 500 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right| = 25000\sqrt{2} \text{ Joules}$$

3. Compute the cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  of the two vectors  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$ . Then find two unit vectors orthogonal to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (2 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 1)\hat{i} + (3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 2)\hat{j} + (1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2)\hat{k} = \langle 1, 4, -3 \rangle$$

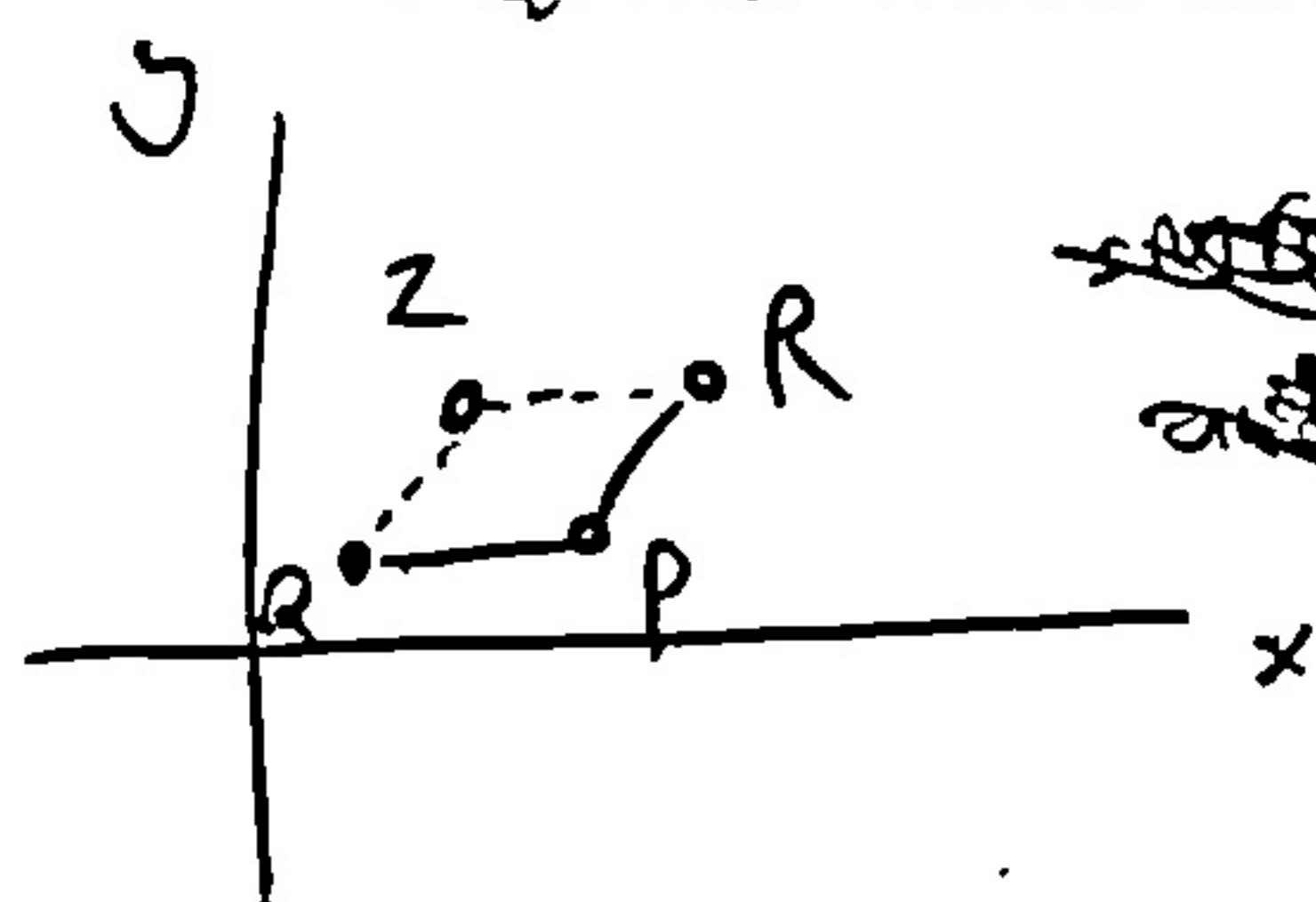
so two unit vectors orthogonal to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} \langle 1, 4, -3 \rangle \text{ and } -\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} \langle 1, 4, -3 \rangle$$

$$\text{now } |\langle 1, 4, -3 \rangle| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (4)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{26}$$

4. Consider the points  $P(3, 1, 0)$ ,  $Q(1, 1, 0)$ , and  $R(4, 3, 0)$  in the  $xy$ -plane.

- (a) What are the coordinates of the (unique) point  $Z$  that completes a parallelogram  $PQZR$ ? Find the area of this parallelogram.



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in order to be a parallelogram, we need

$$P_x - Q_x = 3 - 1 = 2 = R_x - Z_x \Rightarrow \underline{Z_x = 2}$$

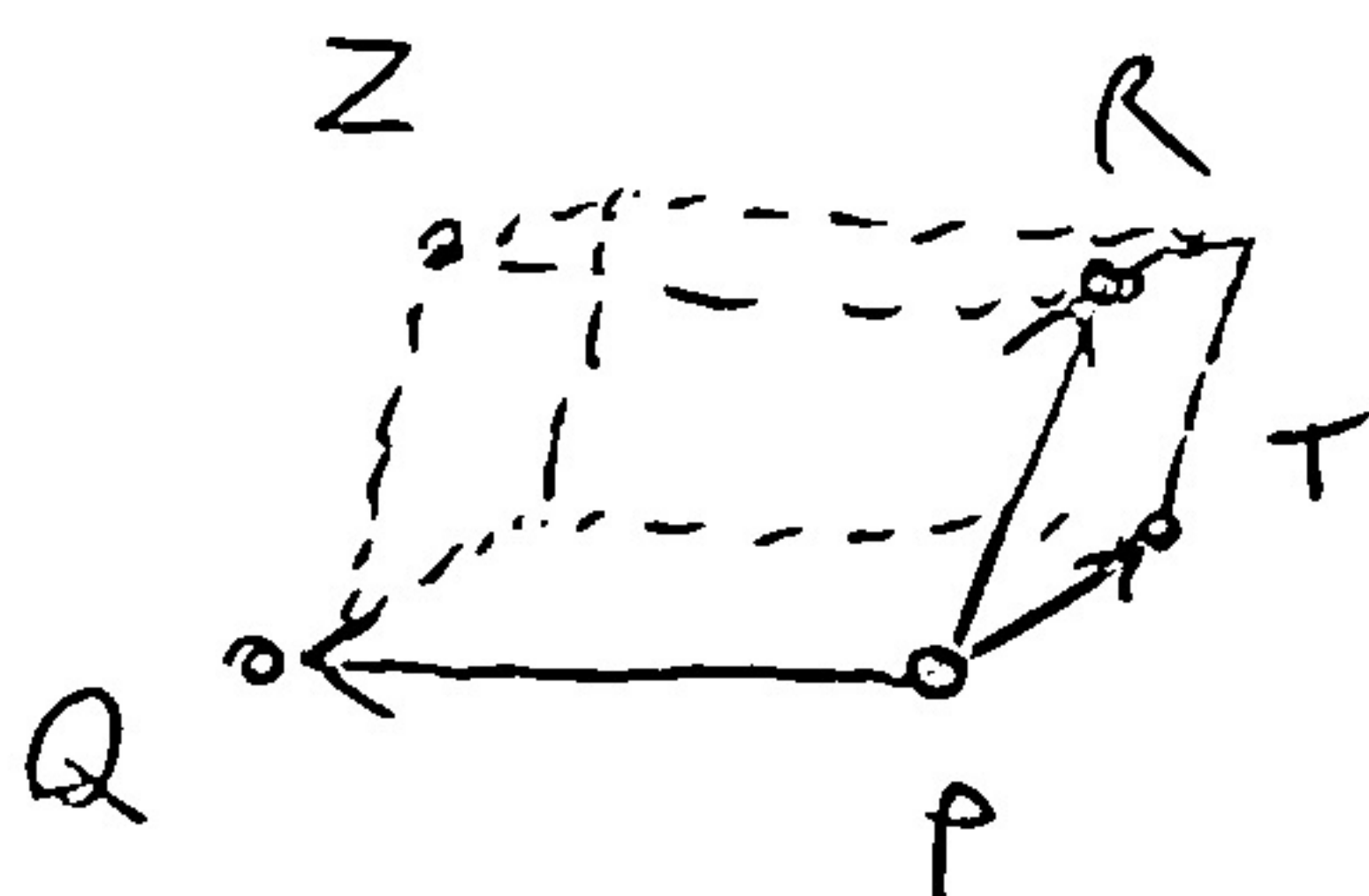
$$R_y - P_y = 3 - 1 = 2 = Z_y - Q_y \Rightarrow \underline{Z_y = 3}$$

so

$Z(2, 3, 0)$  is part.

area is  $4 \text{ m}^2$   
(base  $\cdot$  height  $= 2 \cdot 2$ )

- (b) Consider the additional point  $T(3, 2, 2)$ . What is the volume of the parallelepiped with adjacent edges  $PQ$ ,  $PT$ , and  $PR$ ?



$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 1-3, 1-1, 0-0 \rangle = \langle -2, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PT} = \langle 3-3, 2-1, 2-0 \rangle = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 4-3, 3-1, 0-0 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{volume is c.g. } |\vec{PR} \cdot (\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PT})|$$

$$= |\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 4, -2 \rangle| = 8 \text{ m}^3$$

~~$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 1-3, 1-1, 0-0 \rangle = \langle -2, 0, 0 \rangle$$~~



5. Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the vectors  $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 6\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{v} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ .

(a) Use the dot product to find  $\cos \theta$ .

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 - 6 \cdot 6 = (2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2) \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{-23}{49} = \cos \theta$$

(b) Use the cross product to find  $\sin \theta$ .

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta \Rightarrow \cancel{49 \sin \theta} \quad | \langle \overset{36}{24}, -24, 0 \rangle | = 49 \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{12\sqrt{13}}{49} = \sin \theta$$

(c) Confirm that  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ .

$$\left[ -\frac{23}{49} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{12\sqrt{13}}{49} \right]^2 = \frac{529 + 144 \cdot 13}{49^2}$$

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$$\frac{2401}{2401} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$