

4. Two unit vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n satisfy $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Evaluate

(a) the angle between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , in radians

(b) $\mathbf{y} \cdot (7\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y})$

(c) the length of $2\mathbf{x} - 9\mathbf{y}$.

Hint: You do not need to use the cosine rule to solve this part.

5. Let $\mathbf{x} = (0, 1)$ and $\mathbf{y} = (-1, a)$ be two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 , where a is a real number.

(a) Compute the quantity $\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}$, in terms of a .

(b) Determine all values of a for which the angle between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} is $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (radians).

6. Let \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} be non-zero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

(a) Suppose that $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$. Show that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} must be perpendicular.

(b) Suppose that $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$ are non-zero and perpendicular. Show that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} must have the same length.

Note: you are not allowed to choose specific non-zero vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} and solve for them; your solutions have to work for **all** such vectors.