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1. Consider the vector $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 1)$. Find two **nonzero** vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} that are perpendicular to \mathbf{u} and are perpendicular to each other.

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-2) = 0$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot (1) + 0 \cdot (-2) = 0$$

2. Again, $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 1)$. Suppose \mathbf{z} is another vector and $\|\mathbf{z}\| = 2$.

Note: $\|\mathbf{u}\| = (1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{3}$

1. What is the maximum possible value of $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{z}$? $2\sqrt{3}$ (Cauchy-Schwarz)
2. What is the minimum possible value of $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{z}$? $-2\sqrt{3}$ (ditto)
3. What is the maximum possible value of $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{z}\|$? $2 + \sqrt{3}$ (triangle inequality).
4. Give an example of a vector \mathbf{z} with $\|\mathbf{z}\| = 2$ such that $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{z}\|$ attains its maximum possible value.

$$\mathbf{z} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \vec{u} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right).$$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{z} = \vec{u} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \vec{u} = \left(1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \vec{u}. \quad \|\vec{u} + \vec{z}\| = \left(1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \sqrt{3} = 2 + \sqrt{3}.$$