

**Geometric Algebra HW 2 (Geometric Product)**  
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1. For each of the following vectors, find the inverse. Draw the unit circle on the plane, and draw each vector and its inverse.

a.  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

b.  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

c.  $w = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

d.  $x = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

*Answers:*  $u^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $w^{-1} = w = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$

2. Let  $u = e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $v = (\cos \frac{\pi}{6})e_1 + (\sin \frac{\pi}{6})e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Show the following:

a.  $uv = (\cos \frac{\pi}{6}) + (\sin \frac{\pi}{6})e_1e_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}e_1e_2$

( $uv$  is a rotor representing a rotation by  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ .)

b.  $vu = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}e_1e_2$

( $vu$  is a rotor representing a rotation by  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ .)

c.  $vuv = v(uv) = (vu)v = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

(applying  $uv$  on the right (or  $vu$  on the left) rotates  $v$  by  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ )

d.  $vvu = v(vu) = (uv)v = e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(applying  $vu$  on the right (or  $uv$  on the left) rotates  $v$  by  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ )

e.  $uvuv = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}e_1e_2$

( $uvuv = (uv)^2$  is a rotor representing rotation by  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ )

f.  $(vu)(uv) = 1$

g.  $vvuvv = e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

h.  $uvuvuv = e_1e_2$

( $uvuvuv = (uv)^3$  a rotor representing rotation by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (the unit bivector))