

Question

Let takes that we have two vectors: $x = (x_1, y_1)$ and $y = (x_2, y_2)$. These vectors are

perpendicular, so we have: $\cos \alpha = \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 = 0$ and as they

have equal length, then $\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} = \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2} \Rightarrow x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_2^2 + y_2^2$.

Then their sum and difference will be equal: $x + y = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$ and

$x - y = (x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2)$. And in this case we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \beta &= \frac{(x_1 + x_2) \cdot (x_1 - x_2) + (y_1 + y_2) \cdot (y_1 - y_2)}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}} = \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2 + y_1^2 - y_2^2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}} = \\ &= \frac{(x_1^2 + y_1^2) - (x_2^2 + y_2^2)}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}} = \frac{|x_1^2 + y_1^2 - x_2^2 - y_2^2|}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow (x + y) \perp (x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Proved.

Answer: Proved.