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→ Previously in 3D: $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} \cdot \hat{x} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \hat{y} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \hat{z} \end{bmatrix}$

or $\vec{v} = (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{x}) \hat{x} + (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{y}) \hat{y} + (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{z}) \hat{z}$

Now, with the fictitious dimension added:

vector in $(3+1)D$ $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} \cdot \hat{x} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \hat{y} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \hat{z} \\ \vec{v} \cdot \hat{f} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{always set to 1}$

For a "real" vector $\vec{v}$ however; e.g., a vector in 3D, $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{f} = 0$

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→ projection and reflection, we'll use

$\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}$ = component of $\vec{v}$ along $\hat{n}$

$\vec{v} - (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) \hat{n}$: part of $\vec{v}$ perpendicular to $\hat{n}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}_p \cdot \hat{x} &= \vec{v} \cdot \hat{x} - (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n})(\hat{n} \cdot \hat{x}) \\ &= v_x - (v_x n_x + v_y n_y + v_z n_z) n_x \\ &= (1 - n_x^2) v_x - n_x n_y v_y - n_z n_x v_z \end{aligned}$$

and so on...

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}_r \cdot \hat{x} &= \vec{v} \cdot \hat{x} - 2(\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n})(\hat{n} \cdot \hat{x}) \\ &= v_x - 2(v_x n_x + v_y n_y + v_z n_z) n_x \\ &= (1 - 2n_x^2) v_x - 2n_x n_y v_y - 2n_z n_x v_z \end{aligned}$$

and so on...