

## 2.6.37

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# Question

The vector from origin to the points  $A$  and  $B$  are

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad (1)$$

respectively, then the area of  $\triangle OAB$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Theoretical Solution

**Solution:**

**Given**

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Using the triangle-area formula,

$$\text{ar}(\triangle OAB) = \frac{1}{2} \|(A - O) \times (B - O)\| = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\|. \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -9\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}, \quad (4)$$

# Theoretical Solution

**Solution:**

**Given** hence

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 2^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{229}. \quad (5)$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{\text{area}(\triangle OAB) = \frac{\sqrt{229}}{2}}. \quad (6)$$

# C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main() {
    // Vectors a and b
    double ax = 2, ay = -3, az = 2;
    double bx = 2, by = 3, bz = 1;

    // Cross product a * b
    double cx = ay*bz - az*by;
    double cy = az*bx - ax*bz;
    double cz = ax*by - ay*bx;

    // Magnitude of cross product
    double magnitude = sqrt(cx*cx + cy*cy + cz*cz);
}
```

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// Area of triangle OAB
double area = 0.5 * magnitude;

printf(The area of triangle OAB is: %.2f\n, area);

return 0;
}
```

# Python Code

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d import Poly3DCollection

# Vectors
a = np.array([2, -3, 2])
b = np.array([2, 3, 1])

# Cross product and area
cross = np.cross(a, b)
area = 0.5 * np.linalg.norm(cross)
print(Area of triangle OAB:, area)

# Points
origin = np.array([0, 0, 0])
A = a
B = b
```

# Python Code

```
# Create 3D plot
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
# Plot vectors a and b
ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, a[0], a[1], a[2], color='r', label='a =
(2,-3,2)')
ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, b[0], b[1], b[2], color='b', label='b =
(2,3,1)')

# Draw triangle OAB
verts = [[origin, A, B]]
ax.add_collection3d(Poly3DCollection(verts, alpha=0.3, facecolor=
'cyan'))

# Labels and legend
ax.set_xlabel('X')
ax.set_ylabel('Y')
ax.set_zlabel('Z')
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ax.legend()  
# Set equal aspect ratio  
ax.set_box_aspect([1,1,1])  
  
# Save figure as image  
plt.savefig(triangle_OAB.png, dpi=300)  
plt.show()
```

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