

# Cross Product.

only defined for vectors with 3 components.

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_3 \\ \mathbb{R}^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle a_2 b_3 - b_2 a_3, a_3 b_1 - b_3 a_1, a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2 \rangle$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{a} = \langle 4, 3, -2 \rangle \quad \vec{b} = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle$$

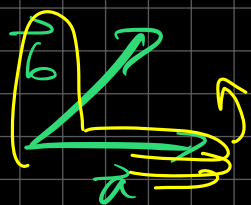
$$\begin{aligned} \text{find } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} &= \langle (3)(1) - (-1)(-2), (-2)(2) - (1)(4), (4)(-1) - (2)(3) \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, -8, -10 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

is new vector  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ ?

$$\langle 1, -8, -10 \rangle \cdot \vec{a} = (1)(4) + (-8)(3) + (-10)(-2) = 0.$$

$$\langle 1, -8, -10 \rangle \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

for every  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$   $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \perp \vec{a}, \vec{b}$

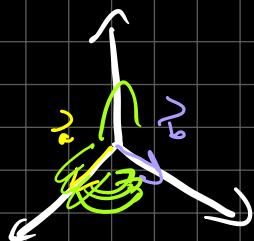


order of cross product  
determines if orthogonal  
vector is "up" or "down"

if we do  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$   $\uparrow$  up  
 $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$   $\downarrow$  down

In previous ex:  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a} = \langle -1, 8, 10 \rangle = -\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

Right hand Rule



$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \vec{a} = t\hat{i} + \cos t\hat{j} + \sin t\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \sin t\hat{j} + \cos t\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (t\hat{i} + \cos t\hat{j} + \sin t\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} - \sin t\hat{j} + \cos t\hat{k})$$

Try using distributive property.

$$\vec{a} \times (\alpha \vec{b}) = \alpha (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (t\hat{i}) \times (\hat{i}) - (t\hat{i}) \times (\sin t\hat{j}) + (t\hat{i}) \times (\cos t\hat{k})$$

$$+ \cos t \hat{j} \times \hat{i} - \cos t \hat{j} \times \sin t \hat{j} + \cos t \hat{j} \times \cos t \hat{k}$$

$$+ \sin t \hat{k} \times \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{k} \times \sin t \hat{j} + \sin t \hat{k} \times \cos t \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{t(\hat{i} \times \hat{i})}_{\vec{0}} - \underbrace{t \sin t(\hat{i} \times \hat{j})}_{\vec{0}} + \underbrace{t \cos t(\hat{i} \times \hat{k})}_{\vec{0}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\cos t(\hat{j} \times \hat{i})}_{\vec{0}} - \underbrace{\sin t \cos t(\hat{j} \times \hat{j})}_{\vec{0}} + \underbrace{\cos^2 t(\hat{j} \times \hat{k})}_{\vec{0}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sin t(\hat{k} \times \hat{i})}_{\vec{0}} - \underbrace{\sin^2 t(\hat{k} \times \hat{j})}_{\vec{0}} + \underbrace{\sin t \cos t(\hat{k} \times \hat{k})}_{\vec{0}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -t \sin t \hat{k} - t \cos t \hat{j} - \cos t \hat{k} + \cos^2 t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + \sin^2 t \hat{i}$$

$$\boxed{= \hat{i} + (\sin t - t \cos t) \hat{j} - (\cos t + t \sin t) \hat{k}}$$

$$(11) (\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \times (\hat{k} - \hat{i}) = \hat{i} - (-\hat{k}) - \vec{0} + (\hat{j}) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

(13)  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  ✓ scalar are any meaningful?

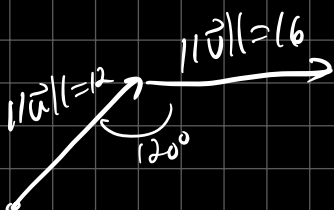
$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  ✓ vector

$(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})$  ✗ scalar  $\times$  scalar = bad.

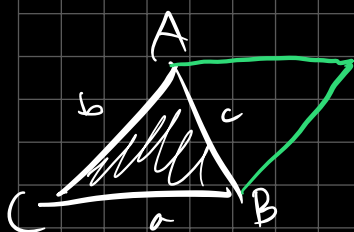
$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})$  ✓ scalar.

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$

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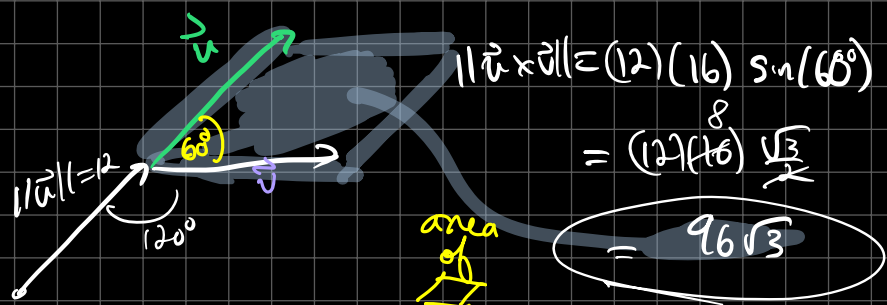


Find  $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \underbrace{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta}_{\text{geometric of } \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|}$



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle = ab \sin C$$

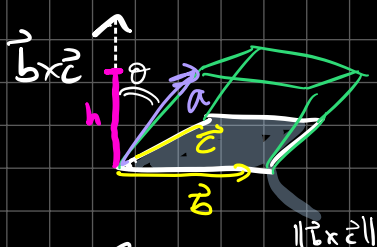


$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$  info board (page).

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| &= (12)(16) \sin(60^\circ) \\ &= (12)(16) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= 96\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

(35) Find volume of parallelepiped with adjacent edges PQ, PR, PS

$$P(-2, 1, 0) \quad Q(2, 3, 2) \quad R(1, 4, -1) \quad S(3, 6, 1)$$



opposite  
planes  
parallel.

to find volume.

Volume

$$V = Ah$$

$$= \|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\| h$$

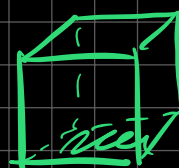
$$= \|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\| \|\vec{a}\| \cos \theta$$

$$= \left| \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \right|$$

find from trigonometry.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{h}{\|\vec{a}\|} \Rightarrow h = \|\vec{a}\| \cos \theta$$

scalar triple product.



Back to problem

$$P(-2, 1, 0) \quad Q(2, 3, 2) \quad R(1, 4, -1) \quad S(3, 6, 1).$$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 2 - (-2), 3 - 1, 2 - 0 \rangle = \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 1 - (-2), 4 - 1, -1 - 0 \rangle = \langle 3, 3, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PS} = \langle 3 - (-2), 6 - 1, 1 - 0 \rangle = \langle 5, 5, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Volume} = |\vec{PQ} \cdot (\vec{PR} \times \vec{PS})| = 16$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} |\vec{PS} \cdot (\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR})| = 16$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} |\vec{PR} \cdot (\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS})| = 16$$

What happens if one of the vectors is coplanar w/ others?  
 $h = 0.$

$$V = 0$$

$$|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = 0$$

if this is true  
then  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$   
are coplanar.

Quiz open Thursday 12<sup>am</sup> due Friday 11:59<sup>pm</sup>