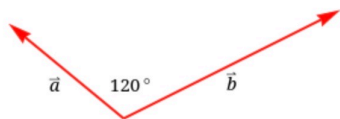


Find the magnitude of the cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  of the vectors shown in the figure, where  $\|\vec{a}\| = 5$  and  $\|\vec{b}\| = 9$ .




$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin(\theta)$$

$$= 45 \sin(120)$$

Let  $\vec{a} = \langle 2, 0, 4 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ . (Your instructors prefer angle bracket notation  $\langle \rangle$  for vectors.)

(a) Compute  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ .

(b) Compute  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ .

(c) Compute  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ .

(d) Are vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  parallel?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Part A

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle 0 - 12, -(4 + 4), 6 - 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -12, -8, 6 \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{array}$$

Part B

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \langle 6 - 2, -(-2 - 2), -1 - 3 \rangle$$

$$= \vec{a} \cdot \langle 4, 4, -4 \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

$$= 8 + 0 - 16$$

Part C

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \langle 4, 4, -4 \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & -4 \end{array}$$

$$= \langle 0 - 16, -(-8 - 16), 8 - 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -16, 24, 8 \rangle$$

Use the cross product to determine if the three points  $(1, 3, 4)$ ,  $(-3, 2, 5)$  and  $(0, -4, 3)$  lie on the same line.

- ☐ The three points lie on the same line.  
☐ The three points do not lie on the same line.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_{p_2 \rightarrow p_1} &= (1, 3, 4) - (-3, 2, 5) \\ &= \langle 4, 1, -1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Is } \langle 4, 1, -1 \rangle \times \langle 0, -4, 3 \rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$\langle 3 - 4, -(12 - 0), -16 - 0 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle -1, -12, -16 \rangle \neq 0$$

No, the points are not on the same line

Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\vec{u} = \langle 0, 3, -2 \rangle \text{ and } \vec{v} = \langle 4, 3, 2 \rangle$$

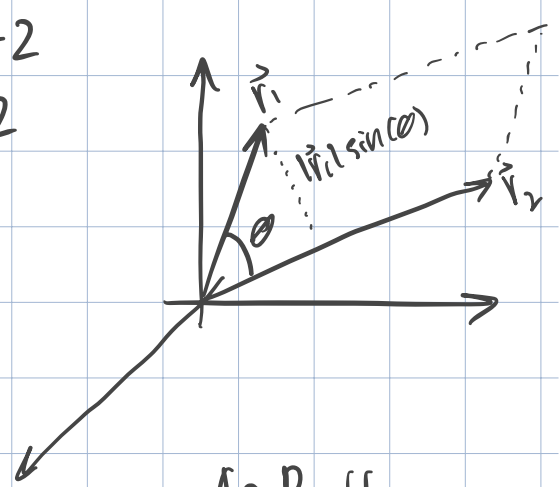
$$A = |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$$

$$= |\langle 6+6, -(0+8), 0-12 \rangle|$$

$$= |\langle 12, -8, -12 \rangle|$$

$$= \sqrt{12^2 + 8^2 + 12^2}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} A &= B \cdot h \\ &= |\vec{r}_1| \sin(\theta) \cdot |\vec{r}_2| \\ &= |\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2| \end{aligned}$$

Find the area of the triangle spanned by the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\vec{u} = \langle -2, -7, 2 \rangle \text{ and } \vec{v} = \langle -1, -2, -1 \rangle$$

Same logic as above but half it

$$A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$$

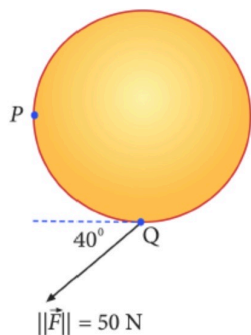
$$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\langle 7+4, -(2+2), 4-7 \rangle|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\langle 11, -4, -3 \rangle|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{11^2 + 4^2 + 3^2}$$

A force of magnitude 50 N is applied at the bottom point Q of a disk of radius 5 m that is pinned at P (leftmost point) as shown in the figure.



- (a) Find the angle between the force and the vector from P to Q.

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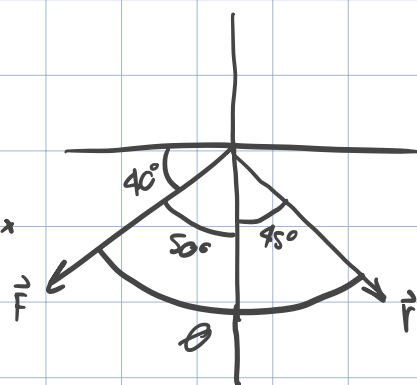
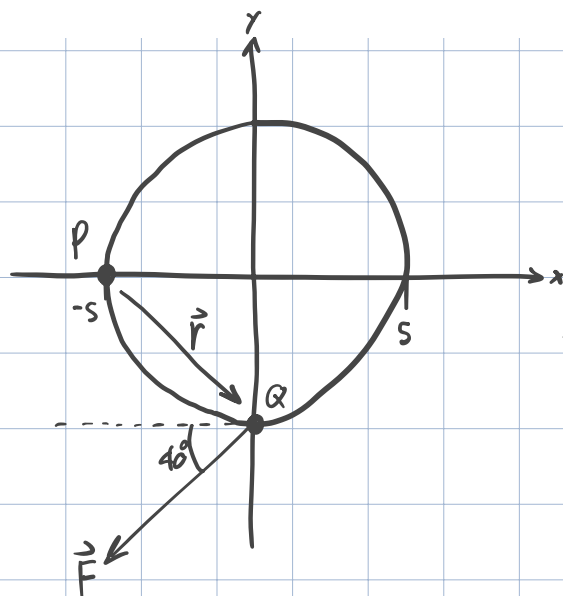
- (b) Find the magnitude of the applied torque.

 N-m

Part A

$$\theta = 50 + 45$$

$$= 95^\circ$$



Part B

$$T = |\vec{F} \times \vec{r}|$$

$$= 50\sqrt{50} \sin(95)$$

Calculate the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the position vectors  $\vec{a} = \langle 5, 0, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle -3, 4, 5 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle 2, 3, 5 \rangle$ .

 cubic units

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

$$= \langle 0 - 4, -(25 + 3), 20 \rangle \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \end{array}$$

$$= \langle -4, -28, 20 \rangle \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$= -8 - 84 + 100$$

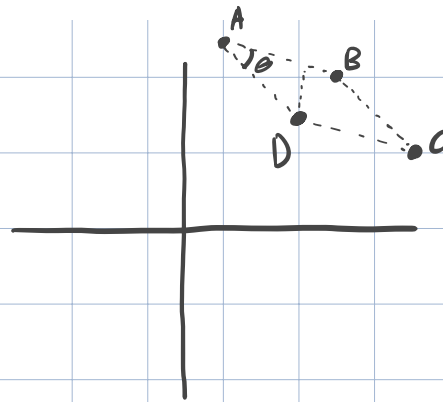
$$= 8 \text{ cubic units}$$

Compute the area of the parallelogram with vertices  $A(1, 5)$ ,  $B(4, 4)$ ,  $C(6, 2)$  and  $D(3, 3)$ .

$$\text{Area} = bh$$

$$b = |\vec{AB}|$$

$$h = |\vec{AD}| \sin(\theta)$$



$$\text{Area} = |\vec{AB}| |\vec{AD}| \sin(\theta)$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{r}_1 = \vec{AB} \text{ and } \vec{r}_2 = \vec{AD}$$

$$\vec{r}_1 = \langle 3, -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \langle 2, -2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Area} = |\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2|$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$= |\langle 0-0, 0-0, -6+2 \rangle|$$

$$= |\langle 0, 0, -4 \rangle|$$

$$= 4$$

Find all vectors  $\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  that solve the given vector equation.

$$\vec{v} \times \hat{i} = 6\hat{j}$$

- ☐  $\vec{v} = \langle a, 6, 0 \rangle$  with  $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ No solution exists.
- ☐  $\vec{v} = \langle 0, 6, 0 \rangle$
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$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \times \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle = 6\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} a & b & c \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\langle 0, -(0-c), 0-b \rangle = 6\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle 0, c, -b \rangle = \langle 0, 6, 0 \rangle$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$c = 6$$

$$0 = -b \text{ or } b = 0$$

Not any specification for  $a$ ,  
so we know that it doesn't matter  
what  $a$  is.

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, 0, 6 \rangle$$

Basically, for any value of  $a$   
this will be true, so we can  
let  $a$  be  $a$ .