

Cross Product

Another operation with vectors, but this time the result is a vector.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a &= a_1 i + a_2 j + a_3 k \\ b &= b_1 i + b_2 j + b_3 k \end{aligned} \right\} a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Side:  $3 \times 3$  determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \det A = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } a \times b &= \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} k \\ &= (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) i - (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1) j + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) k \end{aligned}$$

Proposition: Given two vectors  $a$  and  $b$ :

- (1)  $a \times b$  is perpendicular to both  $a$  and  $b$
- (2)  $a \times b = -b \times a$
- (3)  $\|a \times b\| = \|a\| \cdot \|b\| \cdot \sin \theta$  (where  $\theta$  is the angle between them)

Proof: (1) We want to check that  $(a \times b) \cdot a = 0$   
(and thus  $a \times b$  is perpendicular to  $a$ )

$$(a \times b) \cdot a = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) a_1 - (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1) a_2 - \dots \\ \dots (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{a_1 a_2 b_3} - \cancel{a_1 a_3 b_2} - \cancel{a_1 a_2 b_3} + \cancel{a_1 a_3 b_1} + \cancel{a_1 a_3 b_2} \dots \\ \dots - \cancel{a_1 a_3 b_1} = \boxed{0} \quad \blacksquare$$

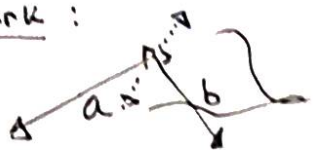
(3) We can check that

$$\|a \times b\|^2 = \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 \cdot \sin^2 \theta$$

First:  $\|a \times b\|^2 = (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2 + (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1)^2 + (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)^2$   
 $[x = x_1 i + x_2 j + x_3 k : \|x\| = (x \cdot x)^{1/2} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}]$

Second:  $\|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 (\sin^2 \theta) = \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$   
 $= \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 - \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 (\cos^2 \theta)$   
 $= \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2 - (a \cdot b)^2$   
 $= (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3)^2$   
 $= \dots$

Remark:



two potential cross-products

$\odot$  Direction of  $a \times b$  satisfies RHR.

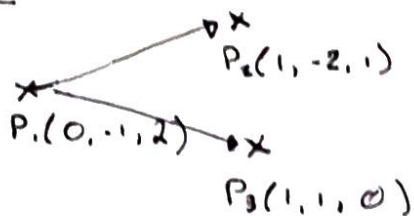
Remark: (1)  $i \times j$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 1i + 0j + 0k \\ j &= 0i + 1j + 0k \end{aligned} \quad / \quad i \times j = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} k = 1k \checkmark$$

Example: Find a vector perpendicular to the plane determined by  $P_1(0, -1, 2)$ ,  $P_2(1, -2, 1)$  and  $P_3(1, 1, 0)$

Solution:



$$n = \overrightarrow{P_1 P_2} \times \overrightarrow{P_1 P_3}$$

$$\overrightarrow{P_1 P_2} = (1-0)i + [-2-(-1)]j + \dots$$

$$\dots (1-2)k = i - j - k$$

$$\overrightarrow{P_1 P_3} = (1-0)i + [1-(-1)]j + \dots$$

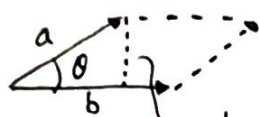
$$\dots (0-2)k = i + 2j - 2k$$

$$n = \overrightarrow{P_1 P_2} \times \overrightarrow{P_1 P_3} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} k \Rightarrow 4i + j + 3k$$

## Other geometric applications of cross products

(1) Remember:  $\|a \times b\| = \|a\| \cdot \|b\| \cdot \sin \theta$

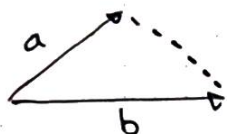


area of parallelogram  
formed by  $a$  and  $b$

$$\text{height} = \|a\| \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\text{length of base} = \|b\|$$

(2)

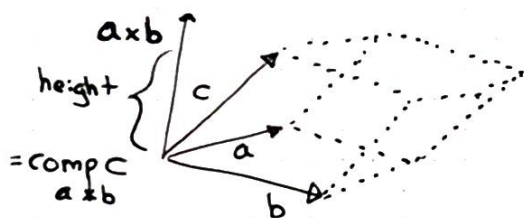


Area of the triangle formed by vectors  
 $a$  and  $b$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|a \times b\|$$

(3) Volume of the Parallelepiped determined by 3 vectors

$a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$



$$V = (\text{area of base}) \times \text{height}$$

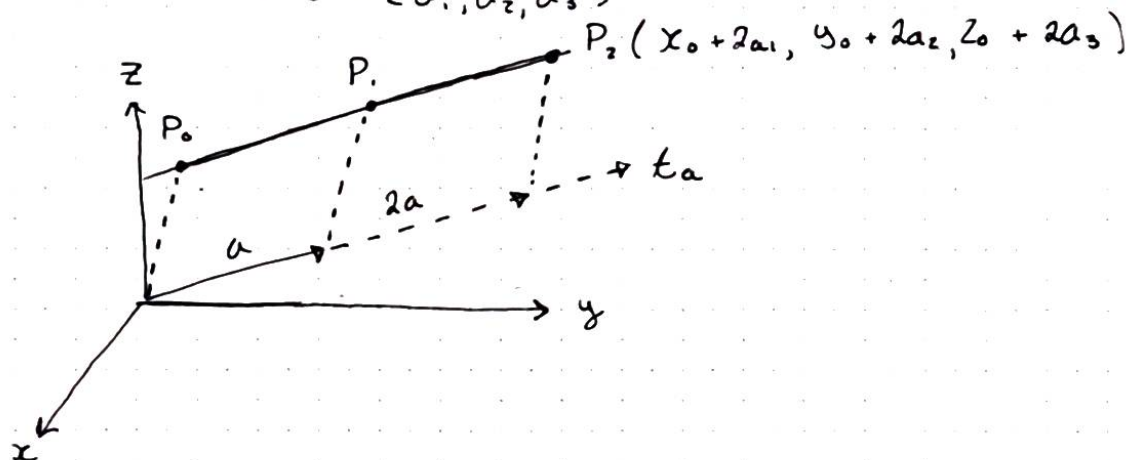
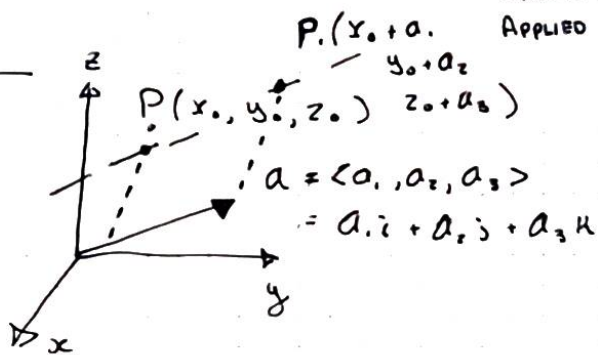
$$= \underbrace{\|a \times b\|}_{\text{area of base}} \cdot \text{height}$$

$$= \|a \times b\| \cdot \text{comp}_{a \times b} C = \frac{C \cdot (a \times b)}{\|a \times b\|} \|a \times b\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Volume} = C \cdot (a \times b)$$

# Equations of Lines and Planes

Lines: Set up: we want to write the equation of a line that contains a given point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and which has the dir. of a vector  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$



Answer: Equation of this line:  $\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + ta_1 \\ y &= y_0 + ta_2 \\ z &= z_0 + ta_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Parametric} \\ \text{eq'n of line} \end{array}$   
( $t$  = parameter)

If we eliminate  $t$ :

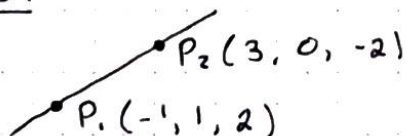
$$t = \frac{x - x_0}{a_1} ; t = \frac{y - y_0}{a_2} ; t = \frac{z - z_0}{a_3}$$

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a_1} = \frac{y - y_0}{a_2} = \frac{z - z_0}{a_3}$$

(Symmetric equation of line)

Ex. Find the equation of the line that passes through  $P_1(-1, 1, 2)$  and  $P_2(3, 0, -2)$

Sol.



Line  $\leftarrow$  Point  $P_1(-1, 1, 2)$   
direction vector  
 $a = \overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$   
 $= \langle 3 - (-1), 0 - 1, -2 - 2 \rangle$



$$= \langle 4, -1, -4 \rangle$$

$$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3$$

Equation of line:

$$x = 1 + t \cdot 4 = 1 + 4t$$

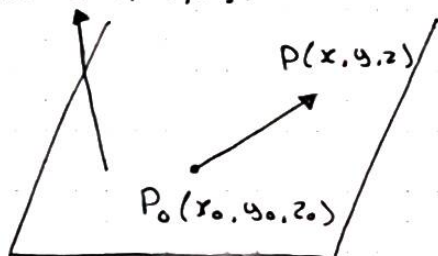
$$y = 1 + t(-1) = 1 - t$$

$$z = 1 + t(-4) = 1 - 4t$$

Planes: Set up: We will write the equation of a plane that passes through a given point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and has  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle = a_1 i + a_2 j + a_3 k$  as a normal vector.

Answer:

$$a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$



Vector  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  is perp.

$$\text{to } \overrightarrow{P_0P} = \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle$$

$$\therefore a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(y - y_0) + a_3(z - z_0) = 0$$

dot product

$$a \cdot \overrightarrow{P_0P} = 0$$

$$a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 z - \underbrace{(a_1 x_0 + a_2 y_0 + a_3 z_0)}_{\text{number}} = 0$$

Ex. Find the equation of the plane determined by  $P(-1, -2, 0)$ ,  $Q(1, 0, -1)$  and  $R(2, 1, 0)$

Sol. Plane:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Point: } P(-1, -2, 0) \\ \quad \quad \quad x_0 \quad y_0 \quad z_0 \\ \text{normal vector: } n = \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} \end{array} \right. = 3i - 3j + 0k$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 1 - (-1), 0 - (-2), -1 - 0 \rangle = \langle 2, 2, -1 \rangle$$

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

$$n = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} k$$

$$= 3i - 3j + 0k$$

Eg. of plane:  $\underbrace{3}_{a_1}(x - \underbrace{(-1)}_{x_0}) + \underbrace{(-3)}_{a_2}(y - \underbrace{(-2)}_{y_0}) + \underbrace{(0)}_{a_3}(\underbrace{z - 0}_{z_0}) = 0$

$$\therefore 3x - 3y + 3 - 6 = 0$$

$$3x - 3y - 3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x - y - 1 = 0}$$

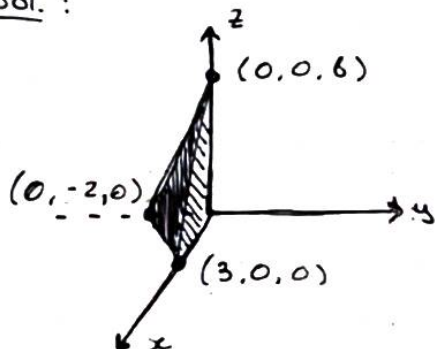
Remark: We see that planes have equations, of the form  
 $a_1x + a_2y + a_3z - d = 0$   
↑  
number

Ex.:  $2x - 3y + 1z - 6 = 0$

$a = \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle$  = normal vector to this plane

Draw the plane

Sol.:



We will find the intercepts

of  $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$

with the axes:

with x-axes:  $y = 0$   
 $z = 0$   
 $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$   
 $2x - 6 = 0$   
 $x = 3$

with y-axes:

$x = 0$   
 $z = 0$   
 $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$   
 $-3y - 6 = 0$   
 $y = -2$

with z-axes:  
 $x = 0$   
 $y = 0$   
 $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$   
 $z - 6 = 0$   
 $z = 6$

Ex. What is the equation of the plane that passes through the point  $P(-1, 0, 3)$  and is parallel to the plane  $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$

Sol.

$P(-1, 0, 3)$   
 $2x - 3y + z - 6 = 0$

Plane  $\leftarrow$  Point  $P(-1, 0, 3)$   
 normal vector  
 $a = \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle$   
 $a_1, a_2, a_3$

Eg. plane:  $2(x - (-1)) - 3(y - 0) + 1(z - 3) = 0$   
 $a_1 \quad x_0 \quad a_2 \quad y_0 \quad a_3 \quad z_0$

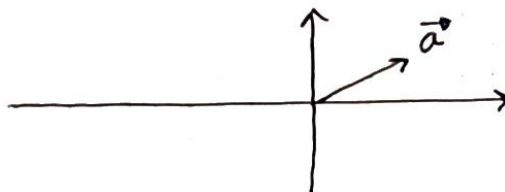
$$2x - 3y + z + 2 - 3 = 0$$

$$2x - 3y + z - 1 = 0$$

## 7.6 - Vector Spaces

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2-space  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
n-space  $\mathbb{R}^n$



A vector in n-space is any ordered n-tuple  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$

$$\text{IF } \vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

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

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n \rangle$$

$$k\vec{a} = \langle ka_1, ka_2, \dots, ka_n \rangle$$

The length of  $\vec{a}$

$$\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$$

The dot product of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n$$

$\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$\mathbb{R}^4: (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$$

↑  
priced  
stock

$$\mathbb{R}^4: (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$$

location of  
an object

→ time

Vector space: a set of elements on which two operations are defined, one called vector addition and the other called scalar multiplication, and the following 10 properties are satisfied:

(i) IF  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ ,  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$

(ii) For all  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ ,  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$   
(commutative law)

(iii) For all  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V$

$$\vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z}$$

(iv) There is a unique vector  $\vec{0} \in V$

$$\vec{0} + \vec{x} = \vec{x} = \vec{x} + \vec{0} \text{ for all } \vec{x} \in V$$

(v) For each  $\vec{x} \in V$  there exists a vector

$$-\vec{x} \in V \text{ s.t.}$$

$$-\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = (-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

(vi) IF  $\vec{x} \in V$ ,  $k$  is a scalar,  $k\vec{x} \in V$

(vii)  $k(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = k\vec{x} + k\vec{y}$

(viii)  $(k_1 + k_2)\vec{x} = k_1\vec{x} + k_2\vec{x}$

(ix)  $k(k_2\vec{x}) = (k_1k_2)\vec{x}$

(x)  $1\vec{x} = \vec{x}$  for all  $\vec{x} \in V$

Example  $\mathbb{R}^1, \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are vector spaces under ordinary addition and multiplication by real numbers

Ex Determine whether the sets

(a)  $V = \{1\}$  and (b)  $V = \{0\}$

under ordinary addition and multiplication by real numbers

Solution (a)  $V = \{1\}$

(i) If  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} = 1, \vec{y} = 1$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = 1 + 1 = 2 \text{ (and is not in } V)$$

(i) Fails, so  $V$  is not a vector space

(b)  $V = \{0\}$

(i) If  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} = 0, \vec{y} = 0$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = 0$$

(ii) For  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} = 0, \vec{y} = 0$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = 0 + 0 = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$$

$\vdots$

(x) All of the 10 properties are satisfied (omit)

It is a vector space.

Example  $V$  - the set of all positive numbers

Define  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} = x > 0, \vec{y} = y > 0$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = xy \text{ (ordinary multiplication)}$$

For any scalar,  $k\vec{x} = x^k$

Show that  $V$  is a vector space under the operation above.

Solution (i) For  $\vec{x} = x, \vec{y} = y$  in  $V$   
 $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = xy > 0 \therefore \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$

(ii) For  $\vec{x} = x, \vec{y} = y$  in  $V$   
 $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = xy = yx = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$

(iii) For  $\vec{x} = x, \vec{y} = y, \vec{z} = z$  in  $V$

$$\vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = x(yz) = (xy)z = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z}$$

(iv) Let  $\vec{0} = 1 \in V$ . Then, for  $\vec{x}$  in  $V$

$$\vec{0} + \vec{x} = 1 \cdot x = x = \vec{x} = \vec{x} + \vec{0}$$

(v) For each  $\vec{x} = x$  in  $V$ , let  $-\vec{x} = 1/x$

$$\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = x \cdot (1/x) = 1 = \vec{0}$$

$$(-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = (1/x) \cdot x = 1 = \vec{0}$$

(vi) If  $\vec{x} = x$  in  $V$ ,  $k$  is a scalar

$$k\vec{x} = x^k > 0 \text{ is in } V$$

$$(vii) k(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = (xy)^k = x^k y^k = k\vec{x} + k\vec{y} \dots \text{etc. (to } (\times))$$



Example:  $P_3$  - the set of all polynomials of degree 3 or less

$P_3$  is a vector space under ordinary addition of Polys and scalar multiplication.

$$P_3: a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$$

(Verify the 10 properties are satisfied)

that can't be broken

stances

is neither created or destroyed

First: a given compound always contains the same proportion of elements by mass

- Dalton: when two elements form a series of compounds

### Modern atomic theory

Nucleus - positively charged, dense centre

Protons - positively charged, magnitude as an electron

Neutrons - neutral particles, mass similar to proton

- #electrons = #protons.

- on periodic table, top # represents protons

- Alkali metals (except H - group 1A)

- chemically reactive

- Alkaline Earth Metals (group 2A)

- Halogens (Group 7A)

- Noble gases (Group 8A)

- generally non-reactive

- Noble metals - generally unreactive compared to other metals

- isotopes: atoms with the same number of protons, but different number of neutrons