## 1 | Dot product:

- · Name: dot product
- · Result: Scalar
- · Interpretation (what it measures): parallelity
  - the more parallel the larger the dot product
- Magnitude (with sign):  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| cos(\theta)$
- Geometric magnitude:  $|\vec{a}||\vec{b}_{\parallel\vec{a}}|$
- · Direction: no direction
- Algebraic form:  $a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$
- · Algebraic properties:
  - commutative
  - associative
  - distributive across addition

## 2 | Cross product:

- Name: Cross product
- · Result: Vector
- · Interpretation (what it measures): Orthgonality
  - the more orthogonal the longer the cross product
- Magnitude (with sign):  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin(\theta)$
- Geometric Magnitude:  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}_{\perp \vec{a}}|$
- Direction: perpendicular to the two vectors
  - by the right hand rule by rotating the first vector into the second vector
- Albraic form:  $\langle a_y b_z a_z b_y, a_x b_z a_z b_x, a_x b_y a_y b_x \rangle$
- · Algebraic properties:
  - Anticommutative
  - $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$
  - $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \perp \vec{A}$
  - $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \perp \vec{B}$
  - Antiassociative

## 3 | Application of cross product:

- In physics there is something called torque, notated au
  - Torqe is the net force of things that rotate, so:
    - $\star F_{net} = ma$
    - \*  $\tau_{net} = I\omega$
- Somethings to note about  $\tau$ :
  - It increases with a longer lever
  - It increases with a greater force
    - \* that is perpendicular to the lever
- Given these requirements we can make a formula:
  - $| au|=|ec{r}||ec{F}_{\perp ec{r}}|$ , where  $ec{F}$  is the force applied to the door, and  $ec{r}$  is the radius of the lever.
  - this, the right side of the equation, can be described using the dot product:  $|\tau| = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

## 4 | Derivation of cross product algebraic form:

To start, we can define:

$$\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z) = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z) = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}$$

Next we have to assume that the dot product is distributive across addition:

$$\begin{split} \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_Z \hat{k}) \times (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}) \\ &= A_x B_x \hat{i} \times \hat{i} + A_x B_y \hat{i} \times \hat{j} + A_x B_z \hat{i} \times \hat{k} \\ &+ A_y B_x \hat{j} \times \hat{i} + A_y B_y \hat{j} \times \hat{j} + A_y B_z \hat{j} \times \hat{k} \\ &+ A_z B_x \hat{k} \times \hat{i} + A_z B_y \hat{k} \times \hat{j} + A_z B_z \hat{k} \times \hat{k} \end{split}$$

From the definition of a cross product, we know that the cross product between any two vectors that are parallel is zero, thus:

- $= A_x B_y \hat{i} \times \hat{j} + A_x B_z \hat{i} \times \hat{k}$
- $+A_yB_x\hat{j}\times\hat{i}+A_yB_z\hat{j}\times\hat{k}$
- $+ A_z B_z \hat{k} \times \hat{i} + A_z B_z \hat{k} \times \hat{j}$