

Last class

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

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

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

↑  
cross product

- 5.7

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

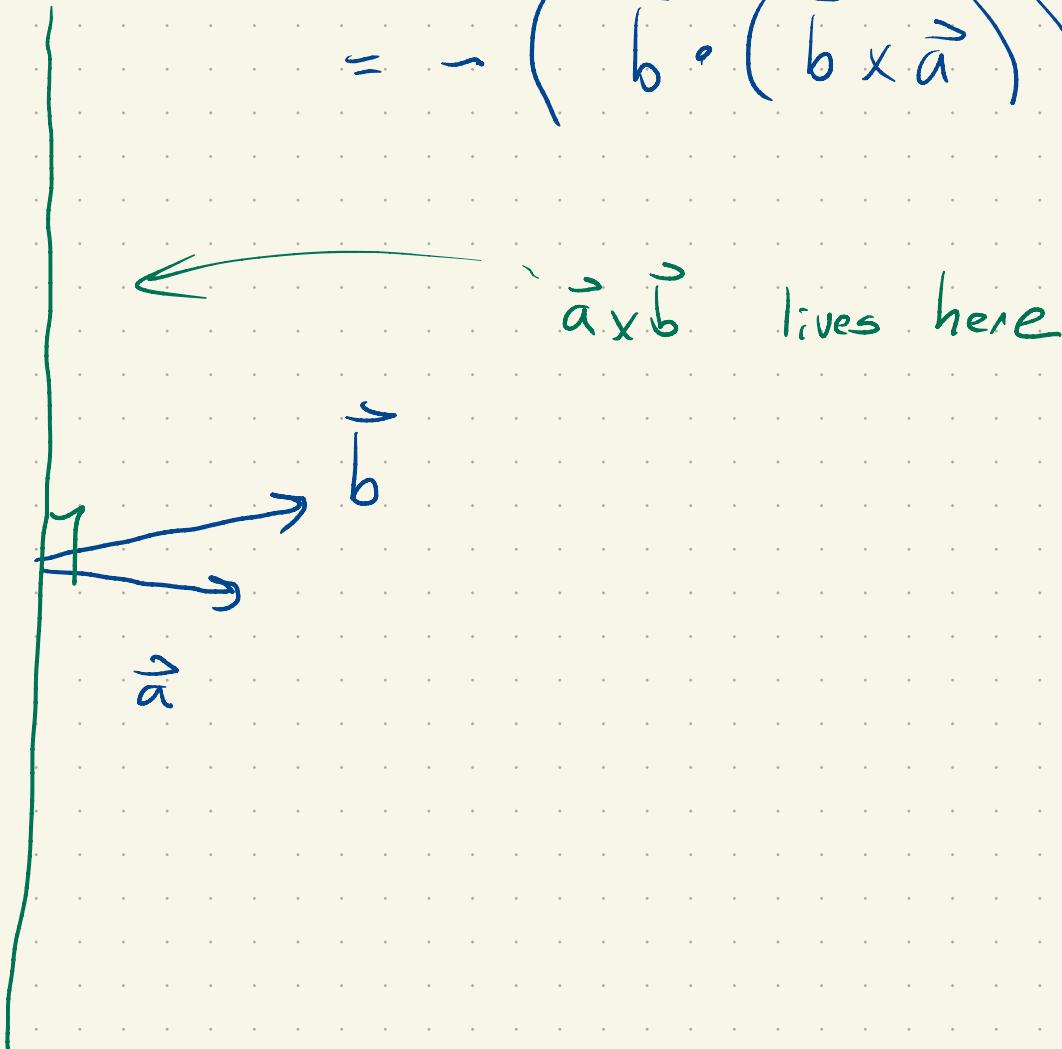
$$\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 0$$

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

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

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

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



How to compute  
( $3 \times 3$  determinants)

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} \textcircled{1} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & \boxed{a_2 \ a_3} \\ b_1 & \boxed{b_2 \ b_3} \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow +\hat{i} \cdot (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)$$

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

$$+ \hat{j} (-a_1 b_3 + a_3 b_1)$$

$$\rightarrow - \hat{j} (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

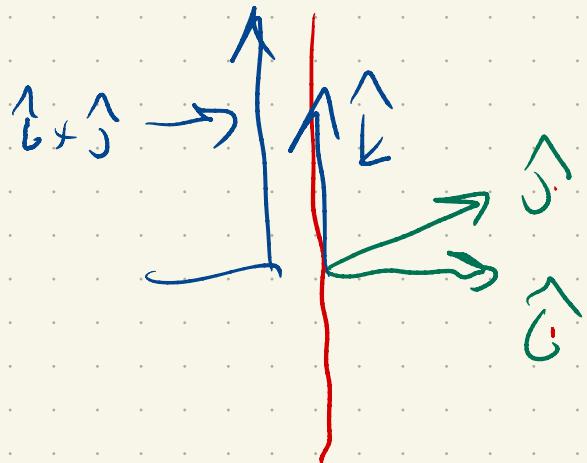
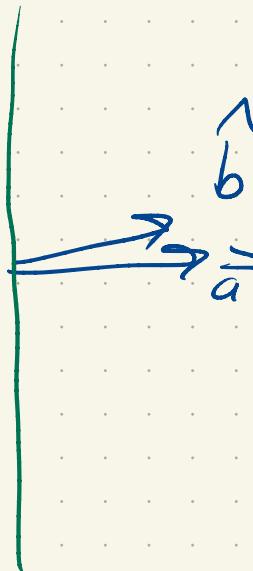
$$\rightarrow + \hat{k} (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)$$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \cdot 0 - \hat{j} \cdot 0 + \hat{k} (1 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot 0) \\ = \hat{k}$$

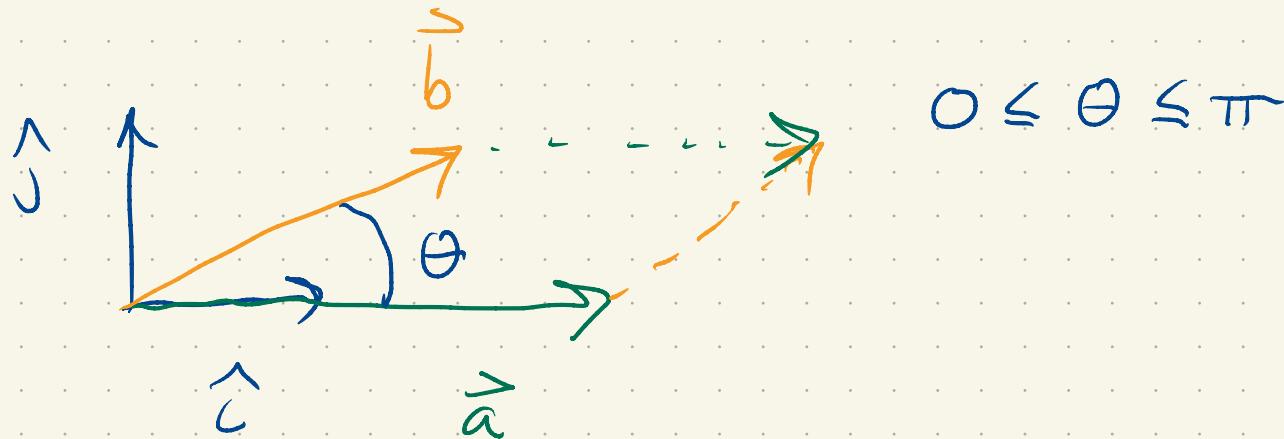
$$\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$



$$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$$

How long is  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ ?



$$\vec{a} = \|\vec{a}\| \hat{a}$$

$$\vec{b} = \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta \hat{i} + \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

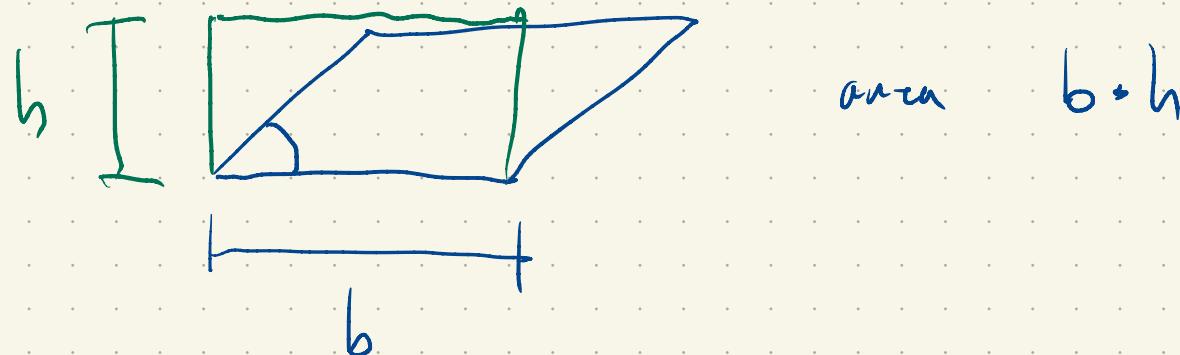
$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \hat{a} \times (\|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta \hat{i} + \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta \hat{j})$$

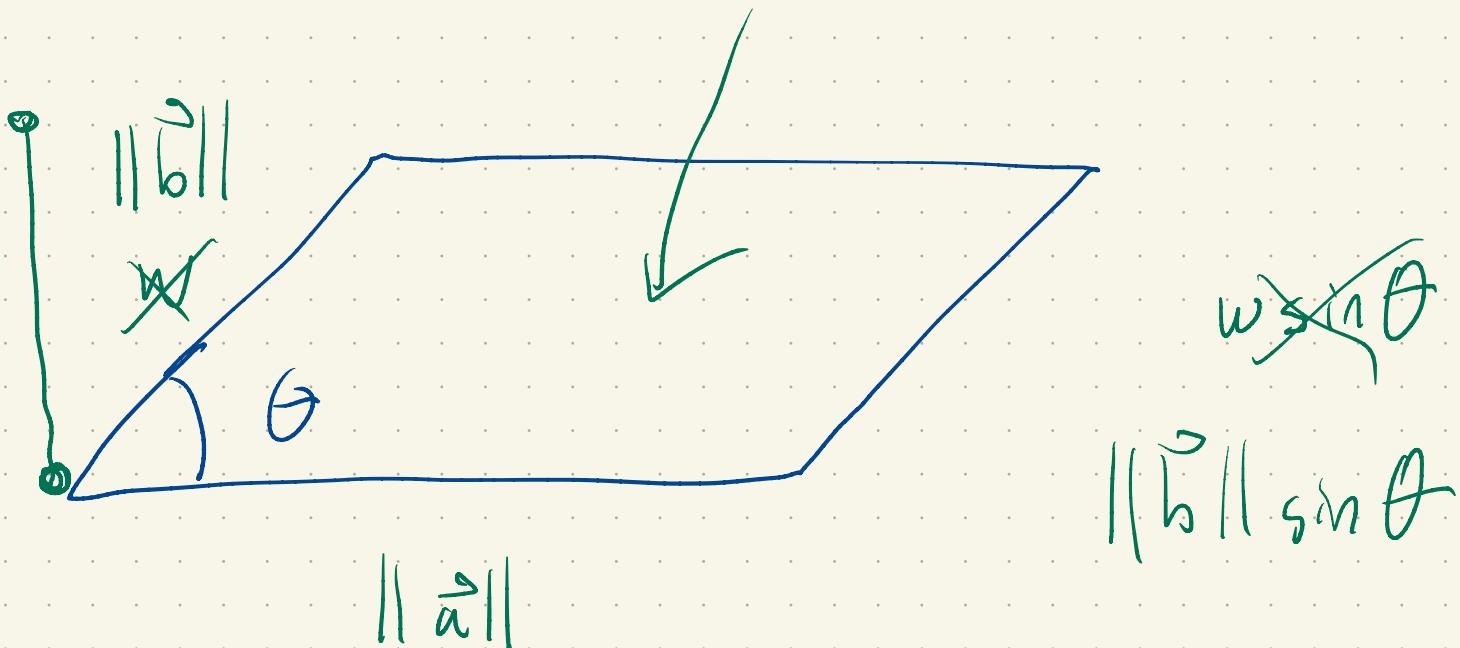
$$= \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta [\vec{a} \times \vec{a}] + \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$$

$\vec{0} \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{a} = \vec{0}$

$$= \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta \hat{\vec{c}}$$

$$\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$





Area of parallelogram  $\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta$

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