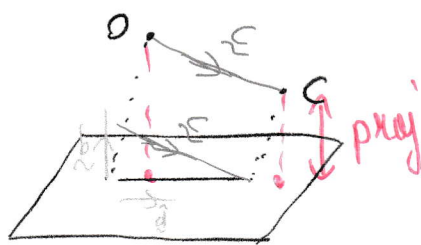


5. The plane $\underline{b} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{a}) = 0$ has the following properties:

- \underline{b} is a normal vector to the plane.

- There is a point on the plane whose position vector is \underline{a} .

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We need to find a unit vector \hat{d} that is the direction vector of the projection of \underline{OC} on the plane. We can find the length of this projection using $\underline{OC} \cdot \hat{d}$, i.e. $\underline{c} \cdot \hat{d}$.

We can do this by finding a vector \underline{f} such that $\underline{c} + \underline{f}$ is in the same direction as \underline{d} , as this would mean $\underline{d} = \underline{c} + \underline{f}$, so $\hat{d} = \frac{\underline{d}}{|\underline{d}|}$. Moving \underline{c} to the plane as shown in the diagram, \underline{f} is in the same direction as the normal \underline{b} , as \hat{d} is on the plane so \underline{f} must be perpendicular to the plane.

definition of projection

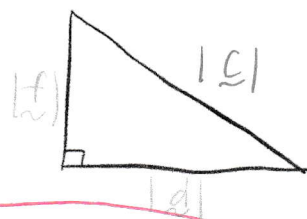
$$\therefore \underline{f} = -(\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}) \hat{b}$$

$$\therefore \underline{d} = \underline{c} + \underline{f} = \underline{c} - (\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}) \hat{b}$$

$$|\underline{f}| = |(\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}) \hat{b}| = \underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}$$

$$\therefore |\underline{d}| = |\underline{c}|^2 - |\underline{f}|^2 = \underline{c} \cdot \hat{b} - |\underline{c}|^2$$

$$\therefore \hat{d} = \frac{\underline{d}}{|\underline{d}|} = \frac{\underline{c} - (\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}) \hat{b}}{\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b} - |\underline{c}|^2}$$



$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$$

use how $|\underline{d}|^2$ give $-|\underline{c}|^2$

use $\vec{c} \times \vec{b}$

$$\therefore \text{Length of projection} = \underline{c} \cdot \hat{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\vec{c} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$$

$$= \underline{c} \cdot \left(\frac{\underline{c} - (\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}) \hat{b}}{\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b} - |\underline{c}|^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b} - |\underline{c}|^2} (\underline{c} \cdot \underline{c} - (\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b})(\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b}))$$

$$= \frac{|\underline{c}|^2 - (\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b})^2}{\underline{c} \cdot \hat{b} - |\underline{c}|^2} \quad (\text{where } \hat{b} = \frac{\underline{b}}{|\underline{b}|})$$