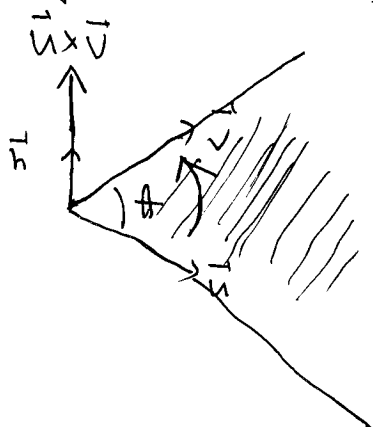


08/17. Sec 12.4 The cross product

Def: $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = (\underbrace{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta}_{\text{"length" scale}}) \underbrace{\vec{n}}_{\substack{\text{unit} \\ \text{normal} \\ \text{vector.}}}$



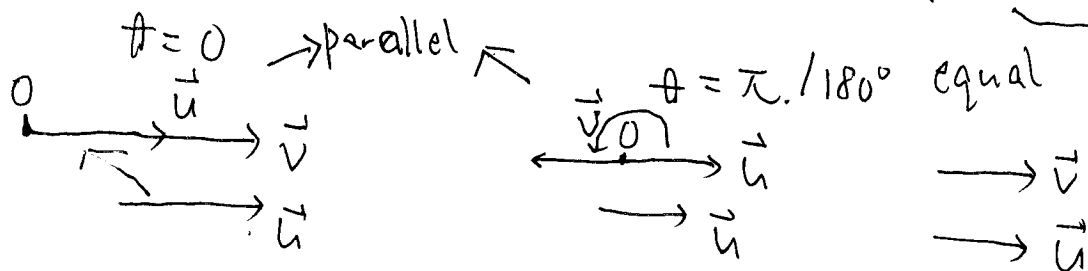
Remark: The cross product generates a vector rather than a scalar.

Remark 2: $\theta = 0, \pi,$

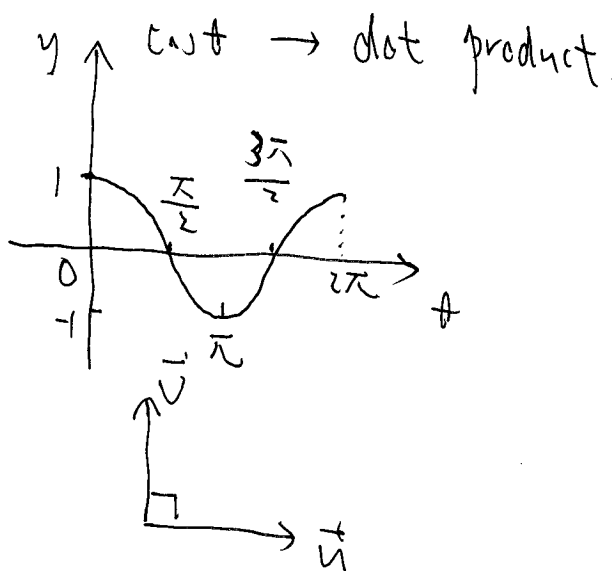
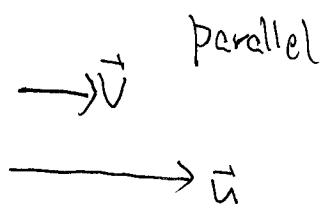
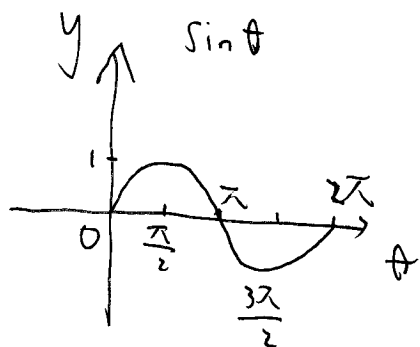
$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{0}, \vec{n} = \vec{0}$

if and only if

Nonzero vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are parallel iff $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{0}$.



Recall: $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ iff $\vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$



Rules:

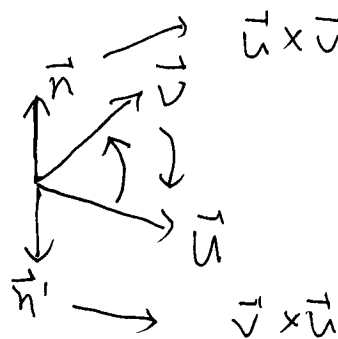
$$1. (r\vec{u}) \times (s\vec{v}) = (rs)(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$$

$$2. \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \underbrace{\vec{u} \times \vec{v}}_{\text{vector}} + \underbrace{\vec{u} \times \vec{w}}_{\text{vector}}$$

addition of vector.

$$3. \vec{v} \times \vec{u} = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$$

"Cross product is not
commutative."



"Order makes a difference".

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4. (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \times \vec{u} = \vec{v} \times \vec{u} + \vec{w} \times \vec{u}$$

$$5. \vec{0} \times \vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

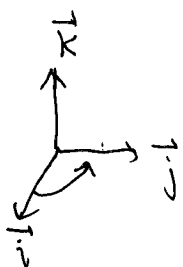
scale scale.

$$6. \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\underbrace{(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})}_{\text{scale}}) \vec{v} - (\underbrace{(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})}_{\text{scale}}) \vec{w}$$

$$\neq (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{w}$$

is perpendicular to
the plane generated
by \vec{v} and \vec{w}

located at the plane
generated by \vec{v} and \vec{w}



$$\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k} = -(\vec{j} \times \vec{i})$$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$$

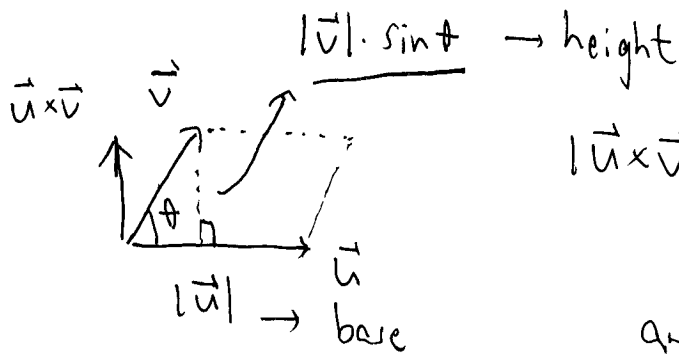
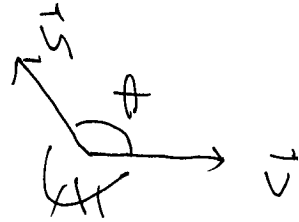
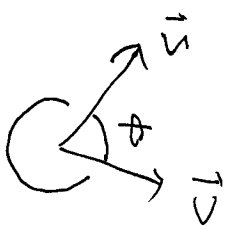


$$\vec{i} \times \vec{i} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{j} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| |\sin \theta| |\vec{n}| = \underbrace{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta}_1$$



$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = \underbrace{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta}_\downarrow$$

area of parallelogram generated by \vec{u}, \vec{v} .

$$\vec{u} = u_1 \vec{i} + u_2 \vec{j} + u_3 \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = v_1 \vec{i} + v_2 \vec{j} + v_3 \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = (u_1 \vec{i} + u_2 \vec{j} + u_3 \vec{k}) \times (v_1 \vec{i} + v_2 \vec{j} + v_3 \vec{k})$$

$$= (\cancel{u_1 \vec{i} \times v_1 \vec{i}}) + (\underline{u_1 \vec{i} \times v_2 \vec{j}}) + (u_1 \vec{i} \times v_3 \vec{k}) + \dots$$

$$u_1 v_2 \vec{k} + u_1 v_3 (-\vec{j})$$

$$= u_1 v_2 \vec{k} - u_1 v_3 \vec{j} - u_2 v_1 \vec{k} + u_2 v_3 \vec{i}$$



$$u_3 v_1 \vec{j} - u_3 v_2 \vec{i}$$

$$= (u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_2) \vec{i} + (u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3) \vec{j} + (u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1) \vec{k}$$

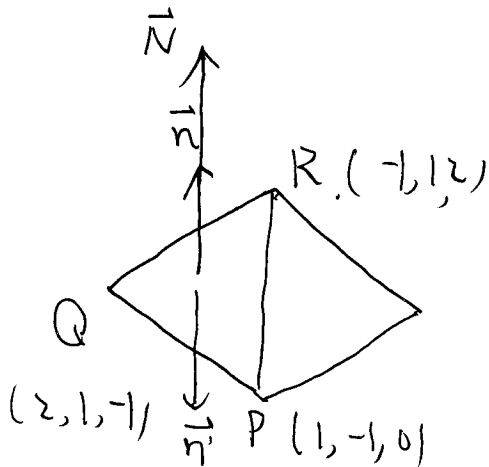
$$= \begin{pmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{i} & \star & \textcircled{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

eg. $P(1, -1, 0)$ $Q(2, 1, -1)$ $R(-1, 1, 2)$

Find a vector perpendicular to the plane.



$$\vec{PQ} = (1, 2, -1)$$

$$\vec{PR} = (-2, 2, 2)$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = (i - 2j - k)(-2i + 2j + 2k)$$

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & b_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + a_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6\vec{i} - 0\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} = 6\vec{i} + 6\vec{k}$$

unit
normal
vector.

$$\leftarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{i} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\vec{k} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{6^2+6^2}}\vec{i} + \frac{6}{\sqrt{6^2+6^2}}\vec{k}$$

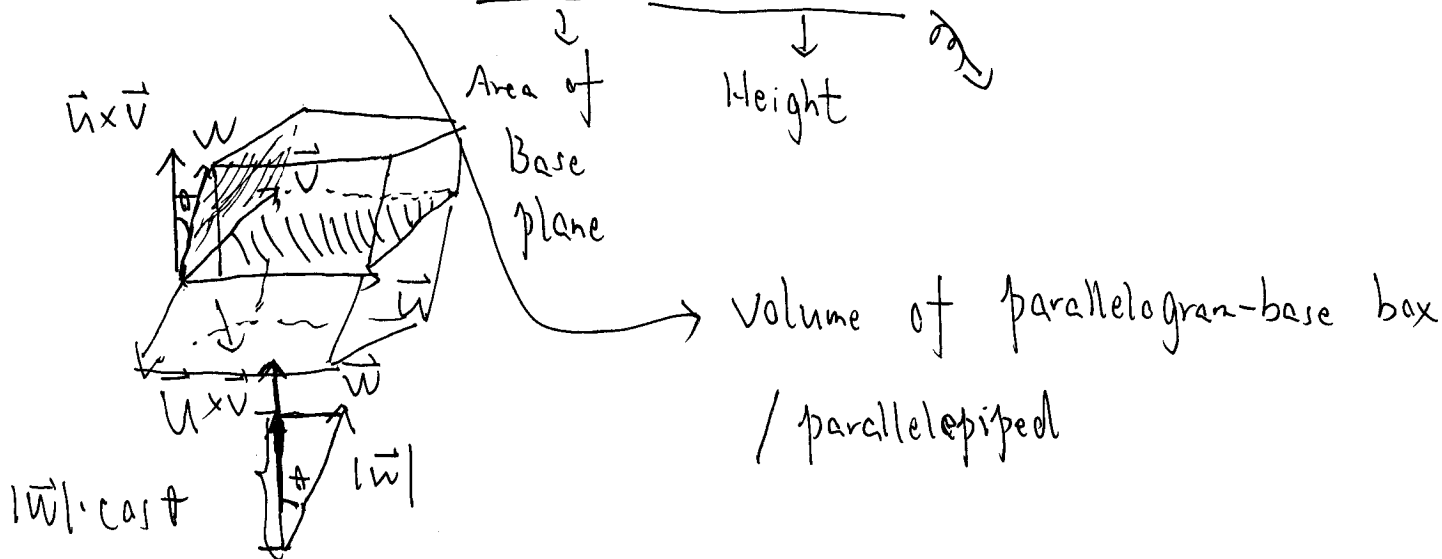
What is the area of this triangle? $\frac{1}{2} |6\vec{i} + 6\vec{k}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} = 3\sqrt{2}$

The triple / box scalar product:

$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} \rightarrow \text{scalar.}$$

angle between
 $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ and \vec{w}

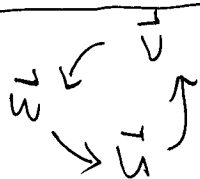
$$|(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}| = \underbrace{|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|}_{\text{Area of Base plane}} \cdot \underbrace{|\vec{w}|}_{\text{Height}} \cdot \underbrace{|\cos \theta|}_{\text{angle between } \vec{u} \times \vec{v} \text{ and } \vec{w}}$$



$$|(\vec{v} \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{w}| = |-(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}| = |(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}|$$

$$(\vec{v} \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{w} = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}$$

property: $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{u} = (\vec{w} \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v}$



$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \text{scalar.}$$

eg. $\vec{u} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ $\vec{v} = -\vec{i} + 3\vec{k}$ $\vec{w} = 7\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$

$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 \end{vmatrix} =$$