



# Assignment - 12.10.4.4

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### I. PROBLEM

Show that  $(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$

### II. SOLUTION

Consider

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \quad (2)$$

where

$$(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$-2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

<https://github.com/sssurajit/fwc/blob/main/vectors/12.10.4.4/codes/code.py>

Execute the code by using the command  
**python3 code.py**