

Calculus III

Lecture 3

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Outline

- 1 Cross product of vectors
 - Determinants
 - Cross product in coordinates

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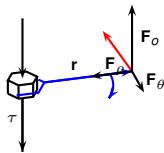
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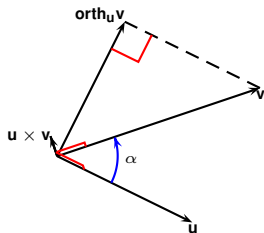
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Torque



- If we tighten a bolt using a wrench, it moves in direction perpendicular to the motion of the wrench.
- Let arm of the wrench: given by vector \mathbf{r} .
- Suppose we are applying a force \mathbf{F} at arm of the wrench. The force has three components:
 - component \mathbf{F}_o orthogonal to the plane of rotation
 - component \mathbf{F}_ρ in the plane of rotation towards/away from the center
 - component \mathbf{F}_θ tangent to the motion of the wrench.
- Only \mathbf{F}_θ contributes to the bolt motion.
- The force of bolt motion τ is proportional to length of wrench.
- It turns out $\tau = \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{F}_\rho + \mathbf{F}_\theta)$, where \times is the vector cross product.

The Cross Product \times



Definition (Cross product)

$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is the vector uniquely determined by the following.

- If \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} are non-zero and non-collinear.
 - $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is perpendicular to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
 - The magnitude of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ equals $|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{orth}_\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \alpha$.
 - The direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is such that when viewed from the tip of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$, \mathbf{v} is counter-clockwise from \mathbf{u} .
- If \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} are colinear or zero then $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

There are a couple of hand rules to help figure out the direction of the cross product.

Properties of Cross Product

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} non-zero vectors, $\alpha = \angle(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$.

- $|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}| = |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$.

Indeed, that is because

$$|\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{v}| \sin \alpha \implies |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \alpha$$

- Cross product is anti-symmetric:

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}.$$

- Cross product is linear in each argument:

$$\mathbf{u} \times (a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w}) = a\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$$

$$(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{w}) \times \mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

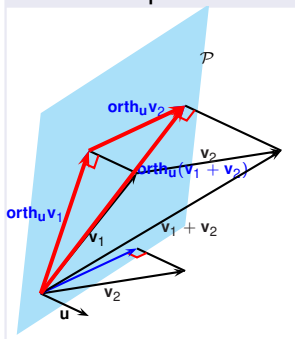
$\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}$ is a linear operator

Theorem

$$\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}_1 + \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}_2$$

Proof.

Geometric proof:



Algebraic proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) &= (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) - (\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_1) + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_2)) \\ &= (\mathbf{v}_1 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_1)) + (\mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}_2)) \\ &= \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}_1 + \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}_2 \end{aligned}$$

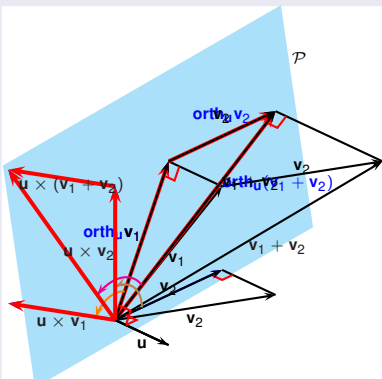
Let \mathcal{P} : plane $\perp \mathbf{u}$.

Justification of Linearity of \times Product

Theorem

$$\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}_2.$$

Geometric justification.



$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u} \times \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u} \times \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) &= \mathbf{u} \times (\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2)) \\ &= \mathbf{u} \times (\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{v}_1) + \text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{v}_2)) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow suffices to prove theorem when $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \perp \mathbf{u}$.

Since $(a\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = a(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \Rightarrow$ suffices to prove theorem when $|\mathbf{u}| = 1$.

When $|\mathbf{u}| = 1$, applying $\mathbf{u} \times$ rotates all vectors in the plane \mathcal{P} at angle $\frac{\pi}{2}$. The statement of the theorem now follows from the fact that rotation preserves sums of vectors.



Permutations and permutation signs

- Let $\sigma : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be one to one function.
- Since σ - one to one, $(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$ have no repetition.

Definition

A one-to-one function from the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ to itself is called a permutation (“shuffling”).

- There are $n!$ different permutations:
 - there are n ways to select $\sigma(1)$,
 - $n - 1$ ways to select $\sigma(2)$ (one number is already taken),
 - and so on, total: $n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots 1 = n!$ ways to make a permutation.

Sign of permutation

- Given two sequences of numbers, define them to be transpositions of one another if one is obtained from the other with a single swap of neighboring numbers.
- $(2, 3, 4, 1)$ and $(2, 4, 3, 1)$ are transpositions of one another.
 $(2, 3, 4, 1)$ and $(1, 3, 4, 2)$ are **not** transpositions of one another.
- Write the numbers $(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$ in a sequence.
- Using transpositions, get from $(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$ to the properly ordered sequence $1, 2, \dots, n$.
- Number of transpositions used varies depending how we do it, but parity (even-ness) of # of transpositions is always the same.
- If $\text{sign}(\sigma) = 1$, σ is called even, if $\text{sign}(\sigma) = -1$, σ is called odd.

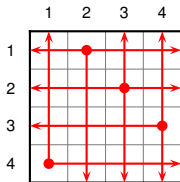
Definition

If we can get from $(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$ to $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ with even # of transpositions, define $\text{sign}(\sigma)$ to be 1, else define $\text{sign}(\sigma)$ to be -1 .

- To each permutation σ , assign n pairs of numbers $(1, \sigma(1)), (2, \sigma(2)), \dots, (n, \sigma(n))$.
- Consider a $n \times n$ chess board. Interpret pair $(k, \sigma(k))$ as *(row, column)*-coordinates in the board.
- For each pair $(k, \sigma(k))$, place a rook on the board.

- Example: $\sigma(1) = 2, \sigma(2) = 3, \sigma(3) = 4, \sigma(4) = 1$, pairs: $(1, \sigma(1)) = (1, 2), (2, \sigma(2)) = (2, 3), (3, \sigma(3)) = (3, 4), (4, \sigma(4)) = (4, 1)$.

Corresponding peaceful rook placement:



- $\sigma(k)$ are different \Rightarrow rook placements are peaceful: rooks never hit one another. i.e., no two points lie on same column or row.

Square matrices

- Let A be $n \times n$ (square) table of numbers.
- Technical term: A is a (square) *matrix*.
- Matrices are often denoted by surrounding with $()$ -parenthesis:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

First row Second row n^{th} row First column Second column n^{th} column

- Most common convention for matrix notation:
 - $(i, j)^{th}$ entry of a matrix = denoted by letter with indices i, j , such as a_{ij}
 - no comma between indices i, j in a_{ij}
 - first index stands for row, second - for column.
- Non-square matrices: used & important but we discuss them

- The determinant $\det A$ of a square matrix A is a number written as:

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

- The formula for the determinant is:

$$\det A = \sum_{\text{all permutations } \sigma} a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)} \text{sign}(\sigma) \quad .$$

- For every permutation σ we have one summand.
- Every pair $(k, \sigma(k))$ can be identified with a peaceful of a rook placement (as described in previous slides/lectures).
- For each rook placement we have a summand obtained by multiplying the numbers on which the rooks are standing.
- The sign of each summand is determined by the sign of the permutation.

2×2 determinants

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

- We specialize the $n \times n$ determinant formula to the case $n = 2$.
- There are two peaceful rook placements for a 2×2 chessboard.
- For each peaceful rook placement we got one summand.
- The permutation $(\sigma(1), \sigma(2)) = (2, 1)$ is odd, so one of the summands comes with negative sign.

3×3 determinants

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{aligned} & a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \\ & + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \\ & - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \\ & - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \end{aligned}$$

- We specialize the $n \times n$ determinant formula to the case $n = 3$.
- There are $6 = 3!$ peaceful rook placements for a 3×3 chessboard.
- For each peaceful rook placement we got one summand.
- The rook placements along the down-right “broken” diagonals correspond to even permutations, and the rook placements along the right-up “broken” diagonals correspond to negative permutations.

Cross Product in Coordinates

- Let \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , \mathbf{k} : unit vectors along coordinate axes.
- We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{0}, & \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{0}, & \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{k}, & \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{i}, & \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} &= -\mathbf{k}, & \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} &= -\mathbf{i}, & \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} &= -\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

- Let
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k} = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \\ \mathbf{v} &= v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= (u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}) \times (v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} + (u_3v_1 - u_1v_3)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \times (v_1, v_2, v_3) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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Example

Find $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$, where $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (6, 5, 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= (1, 2, 3) \times (6, 5, 4) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} \\ &= (2 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 5) \mathbf{i} - (1 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 6) \mathbf{j} + (1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 6) \mathbf{k} \\ &= -7\mathbf{i} + 14\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k} = (-7, 14, -7). \end{aligned}$$

Use \times to find vector perpendicular to two given

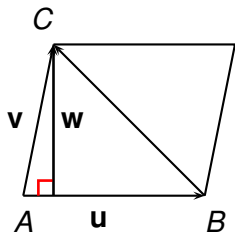
Recall $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is perpendicular to \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

Example

Find a vector \mathbf{w} perpendicular to $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 0) = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} = (0, 1, 1)$.

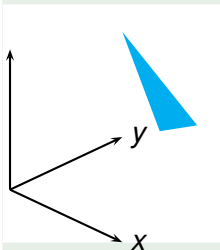
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \times (\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = \\ &= \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} = (1, -1, 1) .\end{aligned}$$

Use \times to find area of triangle in space



- A, B, C points in space, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{AB}$, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{AC}$.
- Then
 $|\mathbf{w}| = |\mathbf{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}| = \text{distance from } C \text{ to } AB$.
- $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{u}| = 2\text{area}(ABC) = \text{area}(ABDC)$
- $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = \text{Area of parallelogram on sides } \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}$.

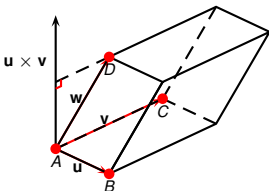
Example



Find the area of the triangle $A(1, 2, 3)$, $B(2, 3, 1)$, $C(3, 1, 2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area}(ABC) &= \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}| = \frac{1}{2}|(1, 1, -2) \times (2, -1, -1)| \\ &= \frac{1}{2}|(-3, -3, -3)| \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Scalar Triple Product



- A, B, C, D points in space;
- $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{AB}, \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{AC}, \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{AD}$;
- $R = R(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$: box on sides $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$.
- $\text{Vol}(R) = |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{r}| = |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w}| = |\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})|$.

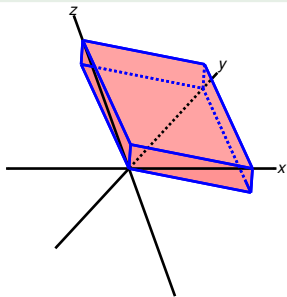
Definition

The quantity $\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$ is called the scalar triple product of $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$.

- If $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$, then

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

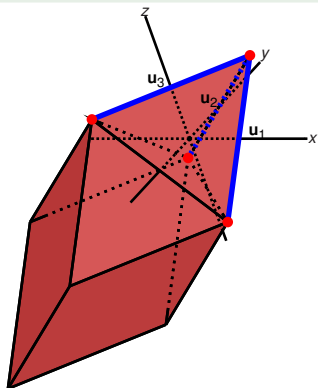
Example



Find the volume of the parallelepiped (slanted box) with vertex at the origin spanned by the vectors $(-1, 1, 1)$, $(1, -1, 1)$, $(1, 1, -1)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 + 1 + 1 - (-1) - (-1) - (-1) \\ = 4$$

Example



Find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices $(1, 1, 1)$, $(1, -1, -1)$, $(-1, 1, -1)$, $(-1, -1, 1)$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, -1, -1) - (1, 1, 1) = (0, -2, -2)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = (-1, 1, -1) - (1, 1, 1) = (-2, 0, -2)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = (-1, -1, 1) - (1, 1, 1) = (-2, -2, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vol}(\text{tetrahedron}) &= \frac{1}{6} \text{Vol}(\text{Box generated by any 3 edges}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{6} | -16 | = \frac{8}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Example

Do the points $(1, 2, 3)$, $(2, 3, 5)$, $(3, 5, 7)$, $(5, 7, 11)$ lie in one plane?

Example

Do the points $(1, -1, -1)$, $(-1, 1, -1)$, $(-1, -1, 1)$, $(1, 2, 3)$ lie in one plane?

Orientations of Space

- The following are equivalent:
 - every vector in space can be decomposed along $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$;
 - the box $R(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ is non-degenerate;
 - $\text{Vol}(R(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})) \neq 0$;
 - $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \neq 0$.
- If any of the above is valid: $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ is a frame.
- Rectangular coordinate system \rightarrow fundamental frame $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$
- The hand rules for determining directions of cross products ($\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$) are consistent with this coordinate system if and only if

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) > 0$$

Definition

The frame $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ is positively oriented if $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) > 0$.