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Vectors
dot product,
cross product

109. The points A , B , and C are collinear (in this order) if the relation $\|\vec{AB}\| + \|\vec{BC}\| = \|\vec{AC}\|$ is satisfied. Show that $A(5, 3, -1)$, $B(-5, -3, 1)$, and $C(-15, -9, 3)$ are collinear points.



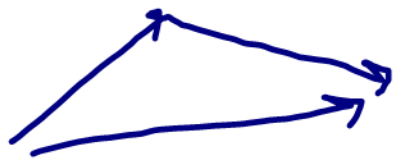
$$\vec{AB} = \vec{B} - \vec{A} = \langle -10, -6, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{C} - \vec{B} = \langle -10, -6, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{C} - \vec{A} = \langle -20, -12, 4 \rangle = 2\vec{AB}$$

$$\|\vec{AB}\| = \sqrt{140} = 2\sqrt{35} = \|\vec{BC}\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{AC}\| &= \sqrt{400 + 144 + 16} = \sqrt{560} \\ &= 2\sqrt{140} = 4\sqrt{35} \end{aligned}$$



110. Show that points $A(1, 0, 1)$, $B(0, 1, 1)$, and $C(1, 1, 1)$ are not collinear.

$$\vec{AB} = \langle -1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{BC} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle = i$$

$$\vec{AC} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle = j$$

$$\|\vec{AB}\| + \|\vec{BC}\| = \sqrt{2} + 1 \neq \|\vec{AC}\| = 1$$

so they are not on the same line.

Definition

The **dot product** of vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ is given by the sum of the products of the components

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3.$$

similarly on plane

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$$

(2.3)



2.21 Find $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$, where $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 9, -1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle -3, 1, -4 \rangle$.

$$u \cdot v = 2(-3) + 9 + (-1)(-4) = 7$$

Theorem 2.3: Properties of the Dot Product

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be vectors, and let c be a scalar.

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| i. | $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ | <u>Commutative</u> property |
| ii. | $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ | Distributive property |
| iii. | $c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$ | Associative property |
| iv. | $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \ \mathbf{v}\ ^2$ | Property of magnitude |

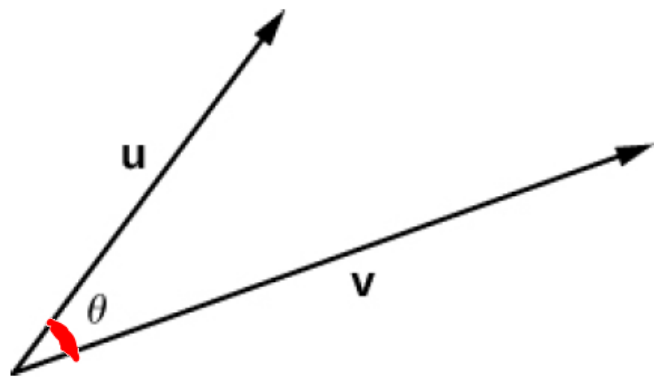


2.22 Find the following products for $\mathbf{p} = \langle 7, 0, 2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{q} = \langle -2, 2, -2 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{r} = \langle 0, 2, -3 \rangle$.

a. $(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{q} = (0 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 0 + (-3) \cdot 2)\mathbf{q} = -6 \langle -2, 2, -2 \rangle = \langle 12, -12, 12 \rangle$

b. $\|\mathbf{p}\|^2$


$$= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} = 7^2 + 2^2 = 53$$



$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta.$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

Figure 2.44 Let θ be the angle between two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} such that $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

 **2.23** Find the measure of the angle, in radians, formed by vectors $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle$. Round to the nearest hundredth.


$$\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 4 + 0 \cdot 1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{2\sqrt{105}}{21} = \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{105}}{21}\right) = 12.6^\circ \approx \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{radian}$$

Theorem 2.5: Orthogonal Vectors

The nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal vectors if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

$$\cos \theta = 0, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

 2.24 For which value of x is $\mathbf{p} = \langle 2, 8, -1 \rangle$ orthogonal to $\mathbf{q} = \langle x, -1, 2 \rangle$?

we want

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0 \quad \text{equivalent to} \quad \mathbf{p} \perp \mathbf{q}$$

$$2x - 8 - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{when } \underline{x = 5}$$



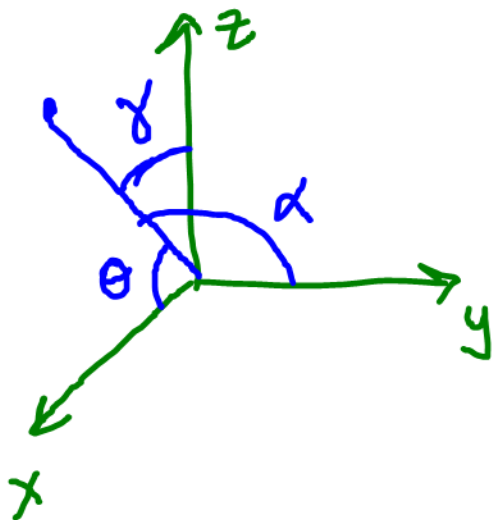
2.25 Let $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle$. Find the measure of the angles formed by each pair of vectors.

a. \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{i} $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$

b. \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{j} $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$

c. \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{k} $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{35}$$



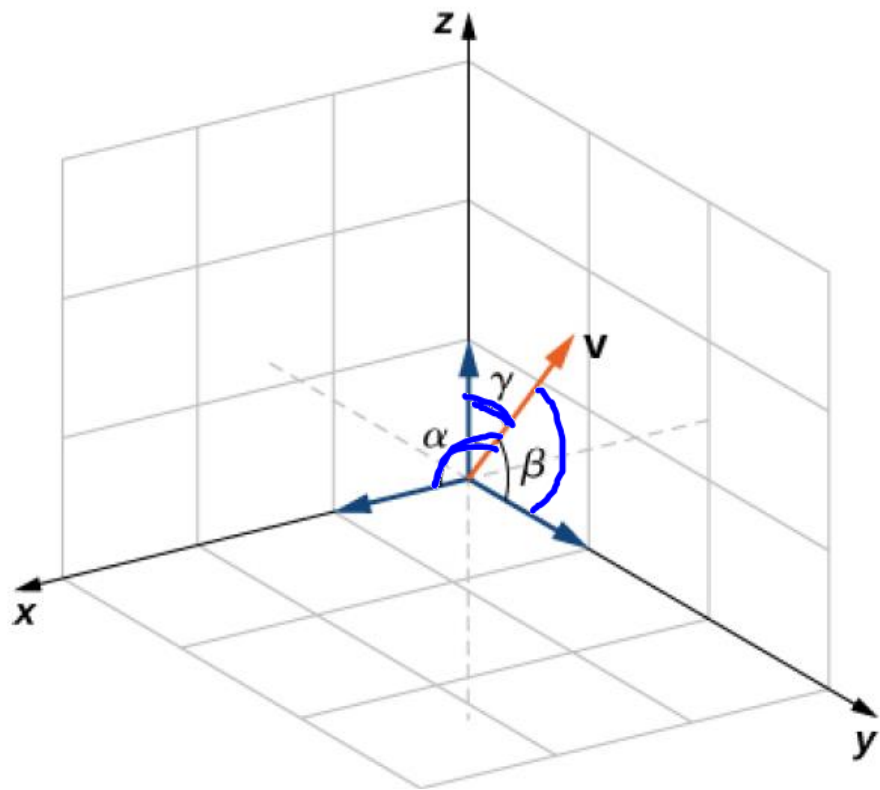
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{i}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{i}\|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{j}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{j}\|} = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{35}} = -\frac{\sqrt{35}}{7}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}}$$

Definition

The angles formed by a nonzero vector and the coordinate axes are called the direction angles for the vector (**Figure 2.48**). The cosines for these angles are called the **direction cosines**.



Definition

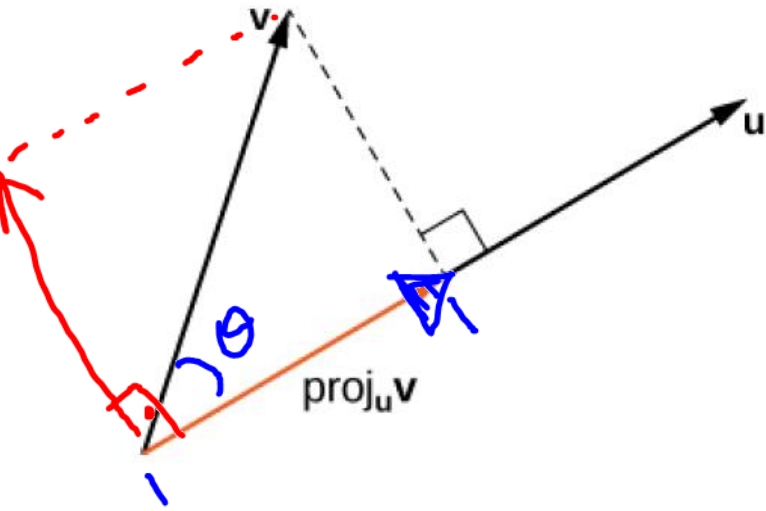
The **vector projection** of \mathbf{v} onto \mathbf{u} is the vector labeled $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}$ in **Figure 2.50**. It has the same initial point as \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} and the same direction as \mathbf{u} , and represents the component of \mathbf{v} that acts in the direction of \mathbf{u} . If θ represents the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , then, by properties of triangles, we know the length of $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}$ is $\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$.

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \left(\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \mathbf{u}. \quad (2.6)$$

unit vector

The length of this vector is also known as the **scalar projection** of \mathbf{v} onto \mathbf{u} and is denoted by

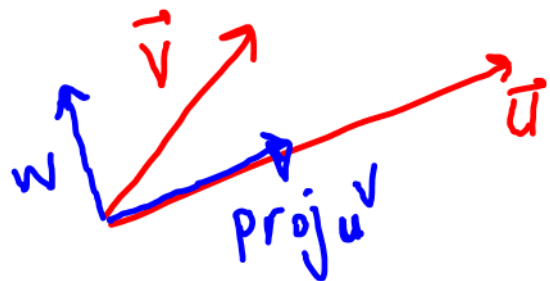
$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v}\| = \text{comp}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}. \quad (2.7)$$



$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta = \cancel{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \frac{\vec{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}}{\|\vec{\mathbf{u}}\| \cancel{\|\vec{\mathbf{v}}\|}}$$



2.27 Express $\mathbf{v} = 5\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ as a sum of orthogonal vectors such that one of the vectors has the same direction as $\mathbf{u} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$.



$$\mathbf{w} + \text{proj}_u \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_u \mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{proj}_u \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{20 - 2}{4^2 + 2^2} \cdot (4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$$


$$= \frac{9}{10} (4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) = 3.6\mathbf{i} + 1.8\mathbf{j}$$

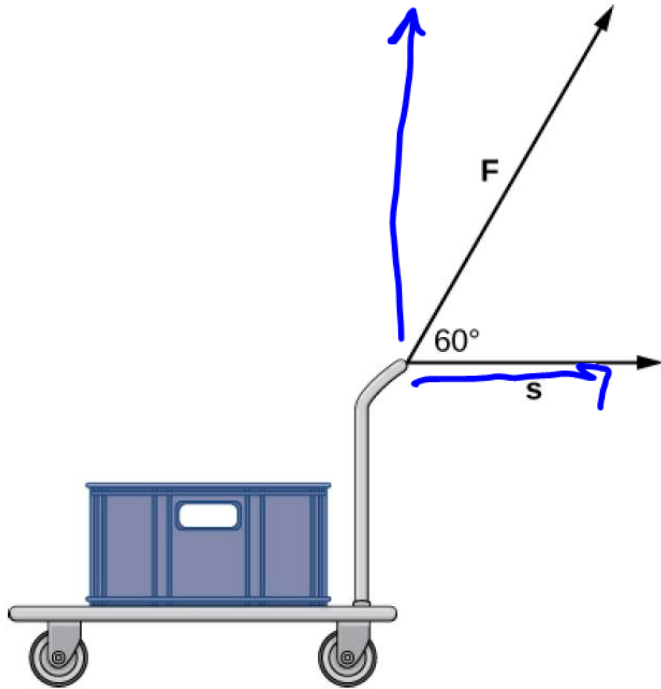
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= (5\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) - (3.6\mathbf{i} + 1.8\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 1.4\mathbf{i} - 2.8\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Definition

When a constant force is applied to an object so the object moves in a straight line from point P to point Q , the work W done by the force \mathbf{F} , acting at an angle θ from the line of motion, is given by

$$W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \vec{PQ} = \|\mathbf{F}\| \|\vec{PQ}\| \cos \theta. \quad (2.8)$$

-  **2.29** A constant force of 30 lb is applied at an angle of 60° to pull a handcart 10 ft across the ground (**Figure 2.52**). What is the work done by this force?



$$\begin{aligned} W &= 30 \times 10 \times \cos 60^\circ \\ &= 150 \text{ joule.} \end{aligned}$$

148. Determine all three-dimensional vectors \mathbf{u} orthogonal to vector $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$. Express the answer in component form.

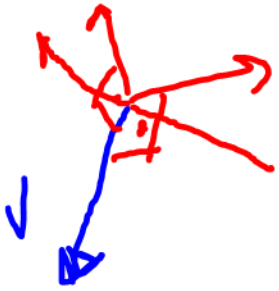
$$\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -1, -1 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$x - y - z = 0$$

a plane in 3-D.



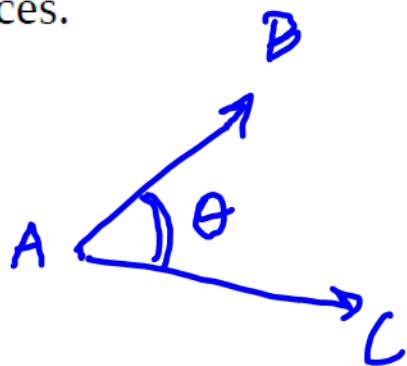
$$\langle t, t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2, 1, 1 \rangle$$

153. Determine the measure of angle A in triangle ABC, where $A(1, 1, 8)$, $B(4, -3, -4)$, and $C(-3, 1, 5)$.

Express your answer in degrees rounded to two decimal places.



$$\vec{AB} = \langle 3, -4, -12 \rangle$$

$$\vec{AC} = \langle -4, 0, -3 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{\|\vec{AB}\| \|\vec{AC}\|} \\ &= \frac{-12 + 0 + 36}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144} \sqrt{16 + 9}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{24}{13 \times 5} = \frac{24}{65}$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{24}{65}\right) = 68.33^\circ$$

Definition

Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$. Then, the **cross product** $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is vector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2)\mathbf{i} - (u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1)\mathbf{j} + (u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1)\mathbf{k} \\ &= \langle u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, -(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1), u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \rangle.\end{aligned}\tag{2.9}$$



2.30 Find $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$ for $\mathbf{p} = \langle 5, 1, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{q} = \langle -2, 0, 1 \rangle$. Express the answer using standard unit vectors.

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

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(1-0) - \mathbf{j}(5+4) + \mathbf{k}(0+2) \\ &= \mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

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

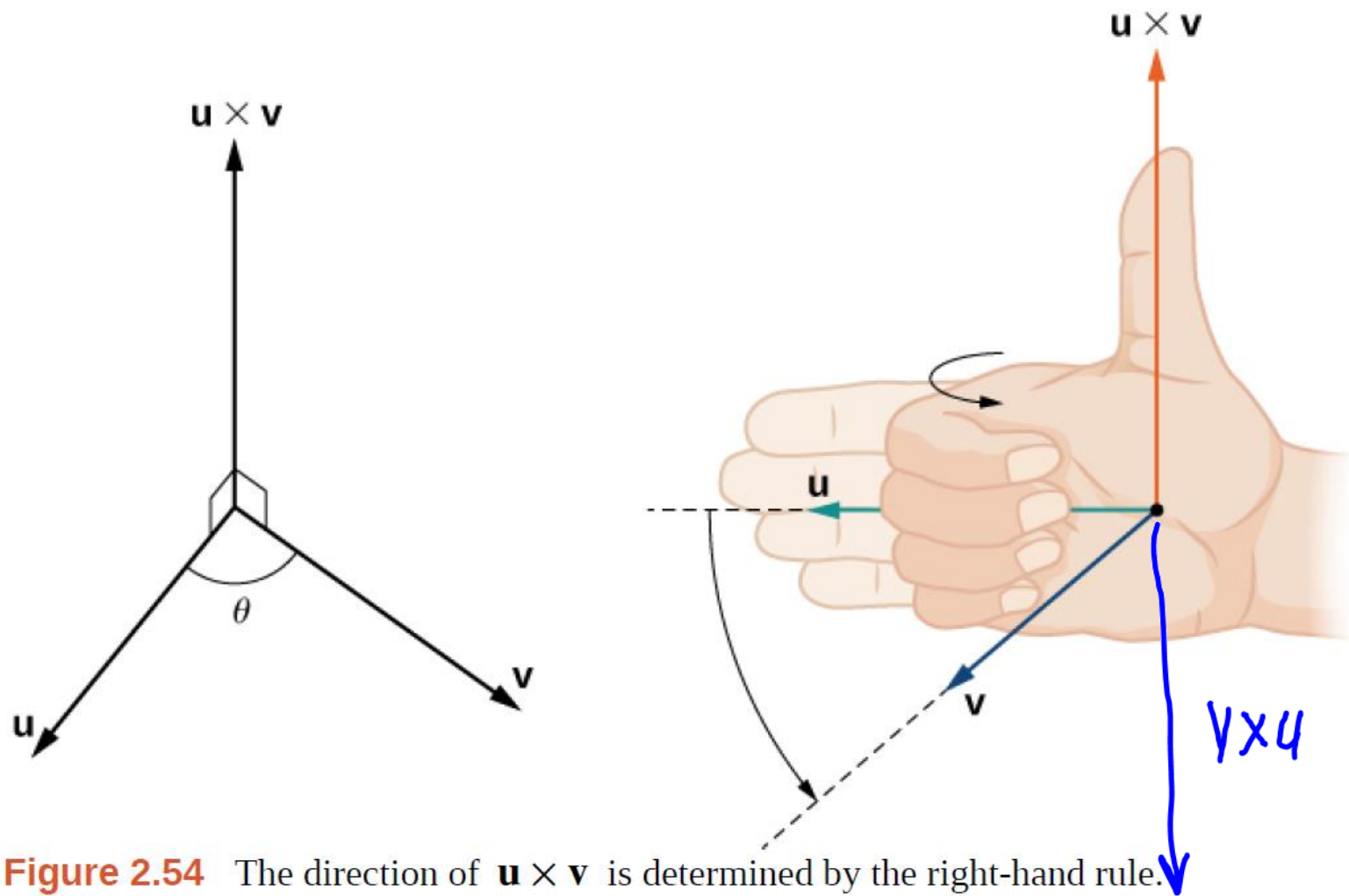


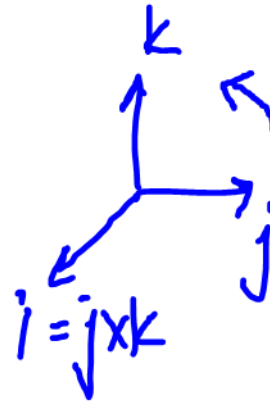
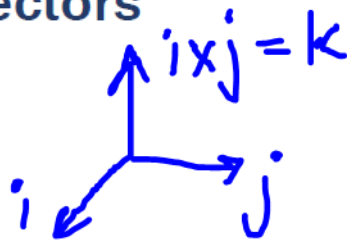
Figure 2.54 The direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is determined by the right-hand rule.

Cross Product of Standard Unit Vectors

$$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j}$$



2.32 Find $(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}) \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i}$

Theorem 2.6: Properties of the Cross Product

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be vectors in space, and let c be a scalar.

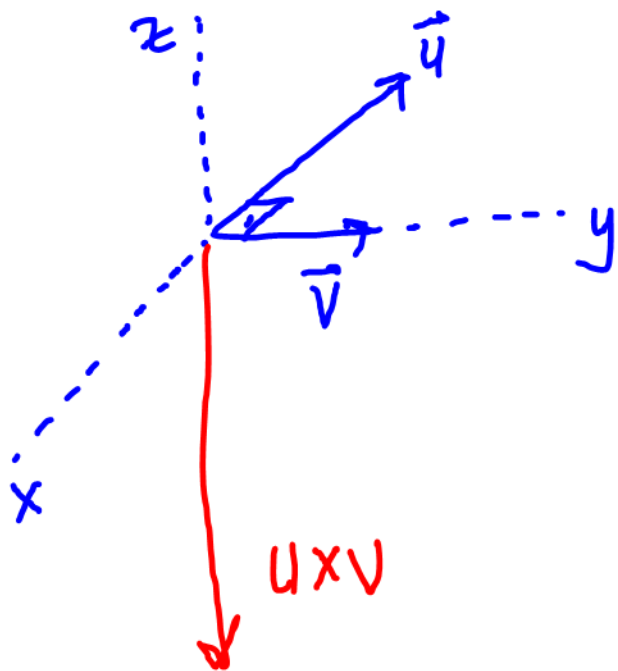
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|------|---|---------------------------------------|
| i. | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$ | <u>Anticommutative property</u> |
| ii. | $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$ | Distributive property |
| iii. | $c(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times (c\mathbf{v})$ | Multiplication by a constant |
| iv. | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ | Cross product of the zero vector |
| v. | $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ vector | Cross product of a vector with itself |
| vi. | <u>$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$</u> | <u>Scalar triple product</u> |

Theorem 2.7: Magnitude of the Cross Product

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors, and let θ be the angle between them. Then $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{v}\| \cdot \sin \theta$.



2.34 Use **Properties of the Cross Product** to find the magnitude of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$, where $\mathbf{u} = \langle -8, 0, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, 2, 0 \rangle$.



$$\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin \theta$$


$$= 8 \times 2 \times \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 16$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -16\mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, -16 \rangle$$

Rule: Cross Product Calculated by a Determinant

Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ be vectors. Then the cross product $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is given by

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}.$$

 **2.36** Use determinant notation to find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$, where $\mathbf{a} = \langle 8, 2, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle -1, 0, 4 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 8 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} 8 - \mathbf{j} (3 \cdot 2 + 3) + \mathbf{k} (0 - (-2)) \\ &= 8\mathbf{i} - 35\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$



2.37 Find a unit vector orthogonal to both \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , where $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 0, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 1, 1, 4 \rangle$.

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k} + 4$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{-3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 13^2}} = \frac{\langle -3, -1, 13 \rangle}{\sqrt{194}}$$

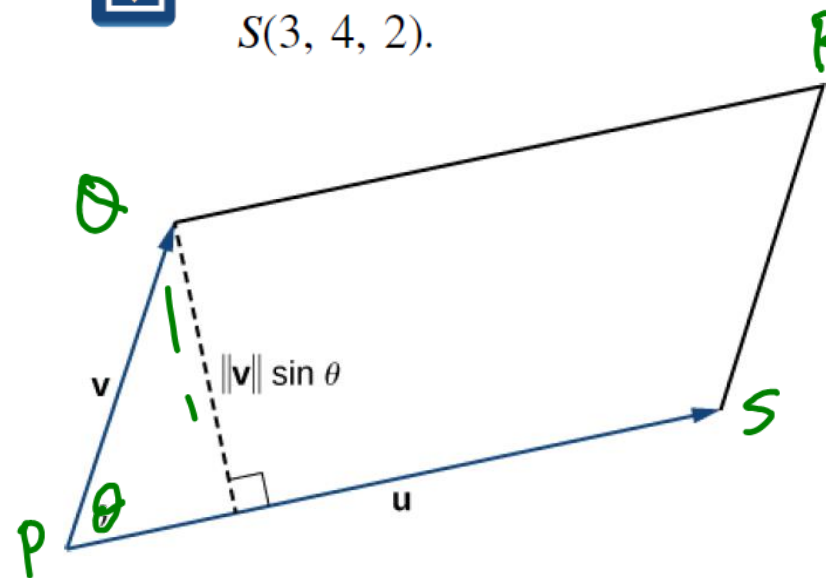
a unit vector

Theorem 2.8: Area of a Parallelogram

If we locate vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} such that they form adjacent sides of a parallelogram, then the area of the parallelogram is given by $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|$ (Figure 2.57).



2.38 Find the area of the parallelogram $PQRS$ with vertices $P(1, 1, 0)$, $Q(7, 1, 0)$, $R(9, 4, 2)$, and $S(3, 4, 2)$.



$$A = \|u\| h = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta = \|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{PQ} \times \mathbf{PS}\| = \text{Area}$$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 6, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PS} = \langle 2, 3, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS} = \langle 0, -12, 18 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -j12 + 18k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS}\| &= \sqrt{12^2 + 18^2} \\ &= 6\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2} \\ &= 6\sqrt{13} = \text{Area.} \end{aligned}$$

Definition

The **triple scalar product** of vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} is $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$.

The triple scalar product of vectors $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$, and $\mathbf{w} = w_1\mathbf{i} + w_2\mathbf{j} + w_3\mathbf{k}$ is the determinant of the 3×3 matrix formed by the components of the vectors:

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

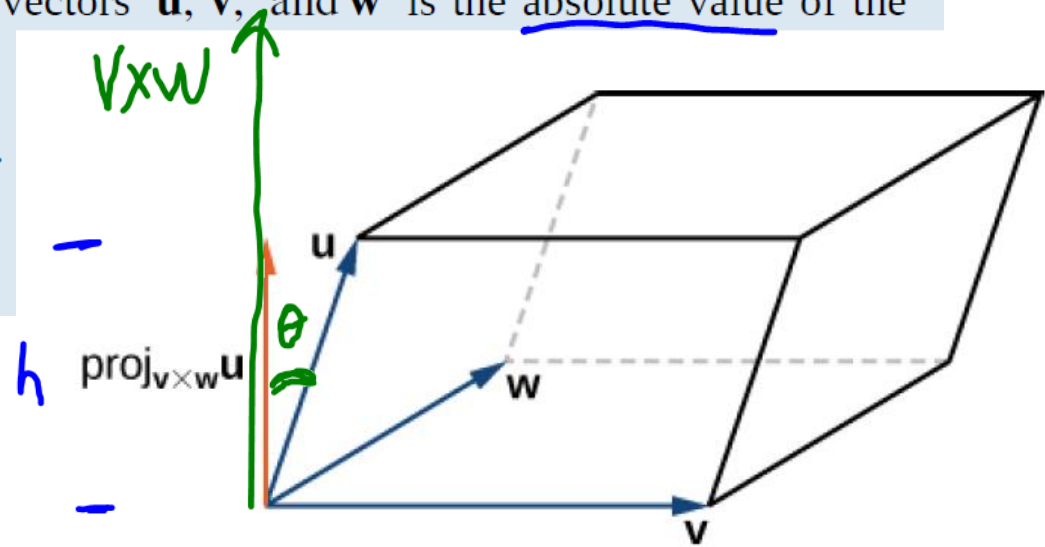
Theorem 2.10: Volume of a Parallelepiped

The volume of a parallelepiped with adjacent edges given by the vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} is the absolute value of the triple scalar product:

$$V = |\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})|.$$

See **Figure 2.59**.

$$= \underline{\underline{\|\mathbf{u}\|}} \underline{\underline{\|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}\|}} \underline{\underline{\cos\theta}} = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{h}} = \text{Volume.}$$





2.39 Calculate the triple scalar product $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$, where $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, -4, 1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0, 3, -1 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{c} = \langle 5, -3, 3 \rangle$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)0 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$15 \swarrow$
 $6 \swarrow$
 $0 \swarrow$

$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow 18$
 $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow 0$
 $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow 20$

$38 - 21 = 17.$

$= 0 + 3 + 14 = 17$



2.40 Find the volume of the parallelepiped formed by the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$, and $\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

$$V = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -9 - (-1) = -8$$

Handwritten work showing the determinant expansion:
A 3x3 matrix with columns $(3, 2, 0)$, $(4, -1, 3)$, and $(-1, -1, 1)$. Blue arrows indicate the expansion along the first row. The cofactors are written to the right: -3 for 3 , -6 for 4 , and 0 for -1 . The calculation is shown as $-9 - (-1) = -8$. The final result is stated as "volume is 8 unit³".