

## (1.4) Cross Product Ent'd

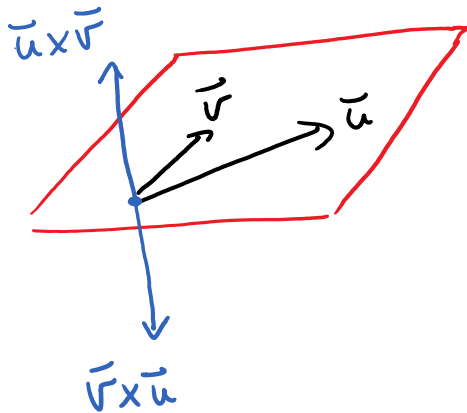
Ex:  $\vec{u} = [1, 2, 3]$   $\vec{v} = [4, 5, 6]$   
Find  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \times \vec{v} &= [2(6) - 3(5), \dots] \\ &= [-3, 6, -3] \end{aligned}$$

Facts

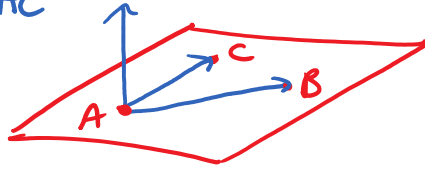
- 1)  $\vec{v} \times \vec{u} = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$
- 2)  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$



Right Hand Rule

Ex: Find the general form of the plane through  $A = (1, 3, 6)$ ,  $B = (2, 1, 4)$  and  $C = (1, -1, 5)$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$$



$$\vec{AB} = [1, -2, -2]$$

$$\vec{AC} = [0, -4, -1]$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = [-6, 1, -4]$$

1	-2	-2	1	-2
0	-4	-1	0	-4

Normal form

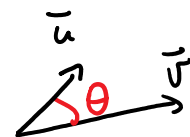
$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

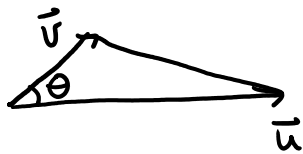
General form

$$-6x + y - 4z = -27$$

Recall  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$

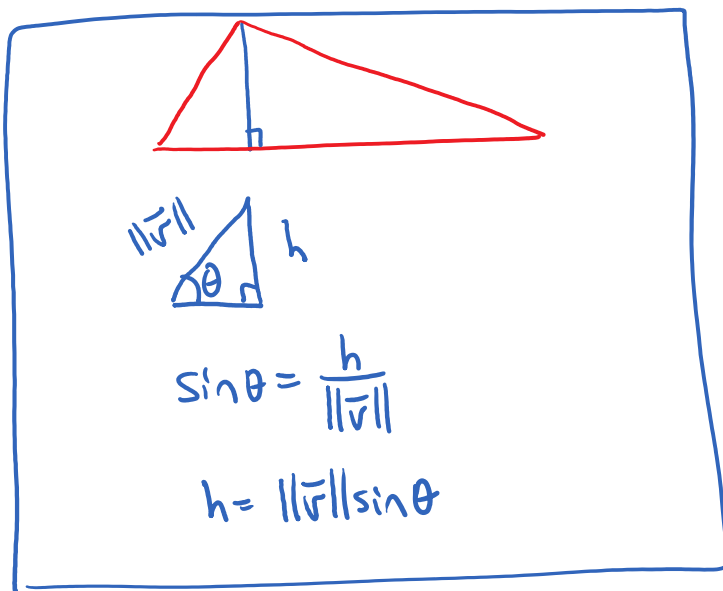


FACT $\ \vec{u} \times \vec{v}\  = \ \vec{u}\  \ \vec{v}\  \sin \theta$
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Ex: Show that the area of the triangle  is  $\frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} b h$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u}\| h$$



$$A = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta$$

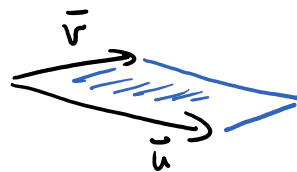
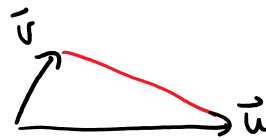
$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| \quad \checkmark$$

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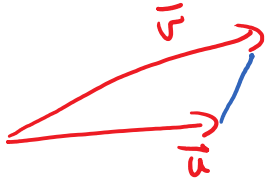
$$A(\text{triangle}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$$

$$A(\text{parallelogram}) = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$$

for  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



Ex: Find the area of the triangle determined by  $\vec{u} = [1, 4, 5]$  and  $\vec{v} = [2, 3, 6]$



$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 2 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = [9, 4, -5]$$

$$\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{81 + 16 + 25} = \sqrt{122}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\sqrt{122}}{2}$$

Matrix: rectangular array

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Size of a matrix: (# rows)  $\times$  (# columns)

e.g. A is  $2 \times 3$

NOTATION

The determinant of A is written  $\det A$  or  $|A|$ .  
Only defined for square matrices.

## FORMULAS

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$



$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

"Cofactor Expansion"

Signs alternate

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Compute  $\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(6) + 4(6) + 6(0)$$

$$= 18$$

Notation

$$[1, 0, 0] = \vec{i}$$

$$[0, 1, 0] = \vec{j}$$

$$[0, 0, 1] = \vec{k}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Method for Cross Product :

$$[2, 1, 3] \times [-6, 4, 2] = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -6 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-10) - \vec{j}(22) + \vec{k}(14)$$

$$= [-10, 0, 0] + [0, -22, 0] + [0, 0, 14]$$

$$\rightarrow = [-10, -22, 14]$$

Gives same result as :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & & \\ & \times & & \times & \times & & \\ -6 & 4 & 2 & -6 & 4 & & \end{array}$$

