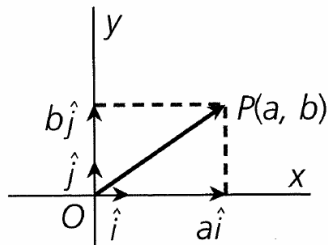


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UNIT 8 – ALGEBRAIC VECTORS AND APPLICATIONS

Section 5.1 – Coordinate Systems and Algebraic Vectors

A. Two-Dimensional Vectors \mathbb{R}^2



Any vector in the plane can be translated so that its initial point lies at the **origin**.

If the coordinates of P are (a, b) , then $\vec{OP} = (a, b)$ is called the **position vector** and a and b are the **components** of the vector.

$\therefore (a, b)$ means a **point** or a **vector**.

Let \hat{i} and \hat{j} represent **unit vectors**.

$\hat{i} = (\quad, \quad)$ and $\hat{j} = (\quad, \quad)$ with $\vec{0} = (\quad, \quad)$.

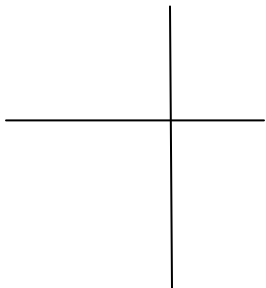
\hat{i} and \hat{j} are the **standard basis vectors** in \mathbb{R}^2 .

We can represent \vec{OP} in terms of the **standard basis vectors**, where $\vec{OP} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

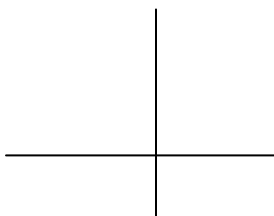
Every vector in \mathbb{R}^2 can be represented **algebraically** or **geometrically**.

Algebraic Form	Geometric Form
Ordered pair notation: $\vec{OP} = (a, b)$	Magnitude: $ \vec{OP} $, where $ \vec{OP} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
<i>or</i>	<i>and</i>
Unit vector notation: $\vec{OP} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$	Direction: θ , where θ is measured counter-clockwise from the positive x -axis to the line of the vector.
Note: $(a, b) = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$	

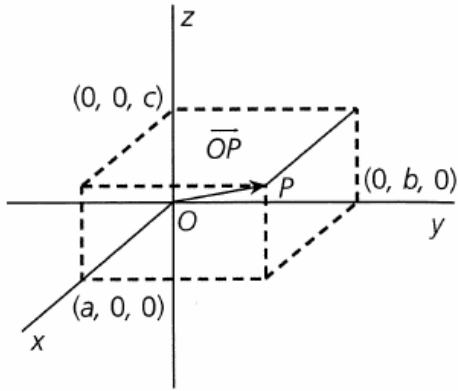
Ex. 1. Given $|\vec{u}| = 8$ and $\theta = 210^\circ$, express \vec{u} as an **algebraic vector** in the form: **i)** (a, b) **ii)** $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$



Ex. 2. Given $\vec{OP} = (-3, 4)$, express \vec{OP} as a **geometric vector** by stating its **magnitude** and **direction**.



B. Three-Dimensional Vectors \mathfrak{R}^3



Any vector in the plane can be translated so that its initial point lies at the **origin**.

If the coordinates of P are (a, b, c) , then $\vec{OP} = (a, b, c)$ is called the **position vector**, and $a, b,$ and c are the **components** of the vector.

$\therefore (a, b, c)$ means a **point** (a, b, c) or a **vector** (a, b, c) .

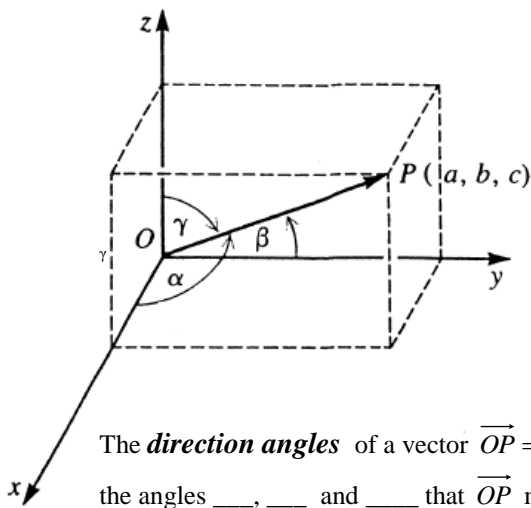
Let \hat{i}, \hat{j} and \hat{k} represent **unit vectors** in the positive x, y and z directions.

$\hat{i} = (\quad, \quad, \quad), \hat{j} = (\quad, \quad, \quad)$ and $\hat{k} = (\quad, \quad, \quad)$ with $\vec{0} = (\quad, \quad, \quad)$.

\hat{i}, \hat{j} and \hat{k} are the **standard basis vectors** in \mathfrak{R}^3 . We can represent \vec{OP}

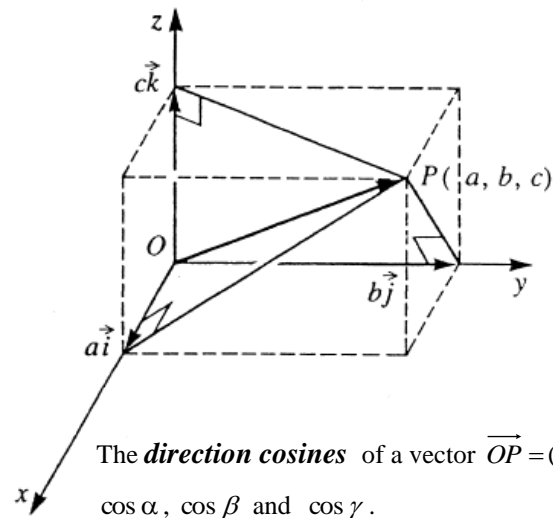
in terms of the **standard basis vectors**, where $\vec{OP} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Every vector in \mathfrak{R}^3 can be represented **algebraically** or **geometrically**.



The **direction angles** of a vector $\vec{OP} = (a, b, c)$ are the angles α, β and γ that \vec{OP} makes with the positive x, y and z - axes respectively.

a, b and c are called the **direction numbers**.



The **direction cosines** of a vector $\vec{OP} = (a, b, c)$ are $\cos \alpha, \cos \beta$ and $\cos \gamma$.

$\cos \alpha = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \cos \beta = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \cos \gamma = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

Every vector in \mathfrak{R}^2 can be represented **algebraically** or **geometrically**.

Algebraic Form

Ordered triple notation: $\vec{OP} = (a, b, c)$

or

Unit vector notation: $\vec{OP} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$

Note: $(a, b, c) = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$

Geometric Form

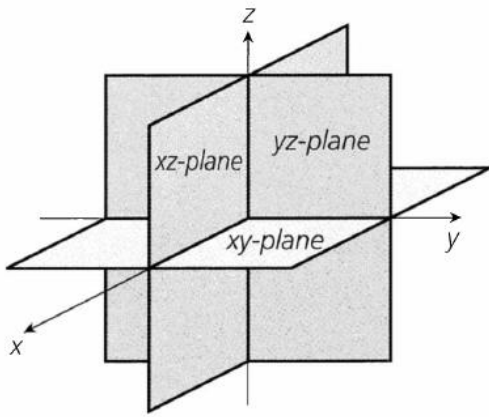
Magnitude: $|\vec{OP}|$, where $|\vec{OP}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$

and

Direction angles: α, β and γ that \vec{OP} makes with the positive x, y and z - axes respectively.

Note: A **unit vector** in the direction of \vec{OP} is:

\therefore a unit vector has a length of 1,

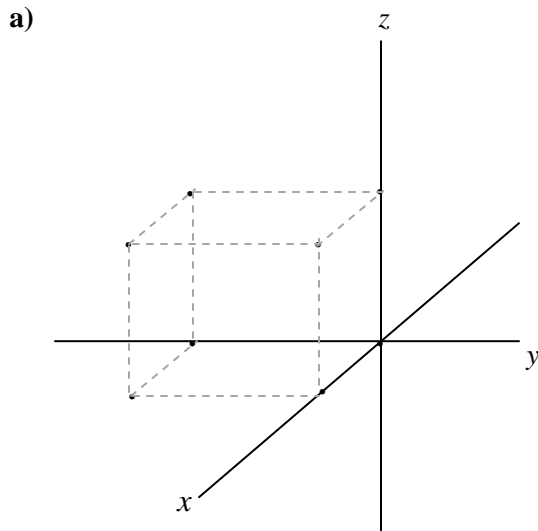


A **plane** in space that contains **two** of the coordinate axes is known as a **coordinate plane**. The plane containing the x - and y - axes, for instance, is called the xy -plane. The other two coordinate planes are named similarly. A point such as $(-4, 0, 1)$, which has a y -coordinate of 0, lies in the xz -plane.

To plot a point $P(a, b, c)$ in space, move a units from the origin in the x direction, b units in the y direction, and then c units in the z direction. Be sure each move is made along a line parallel to the corresponding axis. Drawing a rectangular box will help you to see the three-dimensional aspect of such diagrams.

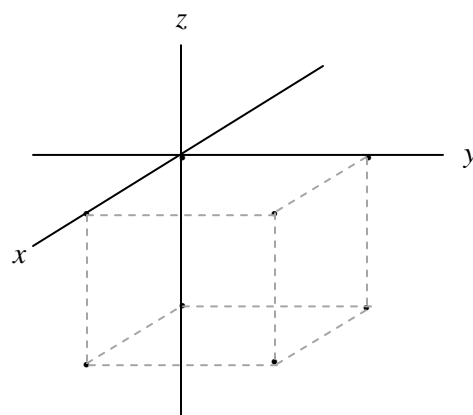
Ex. 3. Given vector $\vec{v} = (2, -5, 4)$,

- graph \vec{v} .
- find the magnitude of \vec{v} .
- find the direction cosines.
- find the direction angles.
- find \hat{v}



Ex. 4. Given vector $\vec{OP} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$,

- graph \vec{OP} .
- find the magnitude of \vec{OP} .
- find the direction cosines.
- find the direction angles.
- find a unit vector in the direction opposite to \vec{OP} .



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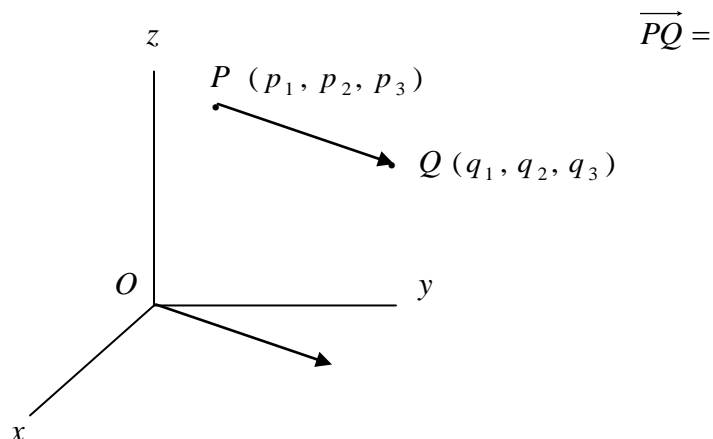
1. Find the angle that $(2, 3, -2)$ makes with each of the coordinate axes.
2. Find the direction cosines of $\vec{u} = (a, b, c)$ where \vec{u} is a unit vector.
3. The vector $\vec{v} = (1, \sqrt{2}, c)$ makes an angle of 60° with the positive z -axis. Determine the angles that \vec{v} makes with the positive x -axis and the positive y -axis. Explain how many answers there are.
4. Determine the angle that $\vec{j} = (0, 1, 0)$ makes with each of the coordinate axes.

Answers: 1. $61^\circ, 43^\circ, 119^\circ$ 2. a, b, c 3. $60^\circ, 45^\circ$; one answer 4. $90^\circ, 0^\circ, 90^\circ$

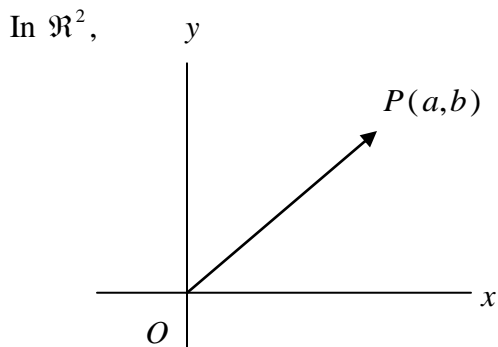
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Section 5.2 – Operations With Algebraic Vectors

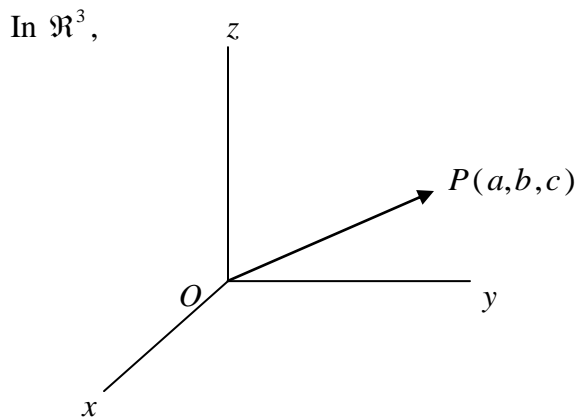
I The Vector Joining Two Points



II The Magnitude of a Vector



$$|\overrightarrow{OP}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



$$|\overrightarrow{OP}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Ex. 1. Given the points $A(1,1,2)$, $B(2,-1,3)$ and $C(4,1,5)$, find:

a) $\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}$

b) $2\overrightarrow{OB} - 3\overrightarrow{OC}$

c) \overrightarrow{BC}

d) \overrightarrow{CA}

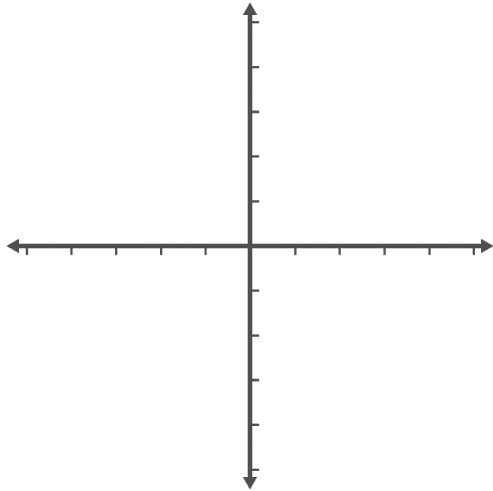
Ex. 2. If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$.

Ex. 3. Given the points $P(4, 3, 5)$ and $Q(1, -2, 5)$, find $|\overrightarrow{PQ}|$.

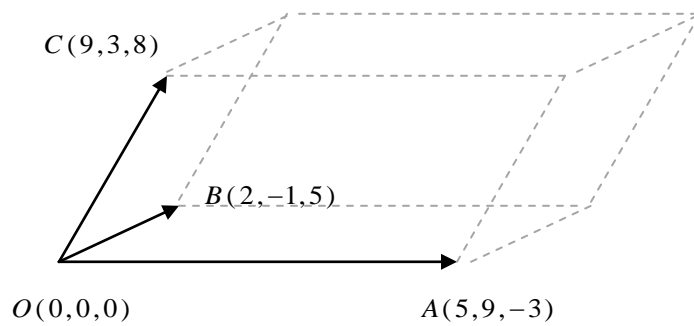
Ex. 4. Given the points $A(5, -1)$, $B(-3, 4)$ and $C(13, -6)$, show that A , B and C are *collinear using vectors*.

Note: A , B and C are *collinear* if _____ is a *scalar multiple* of _____.

Ex. 5. If quadrilateral $ABCD$ is a parallelogram with vertices $A(-5,3)$, $B(5,2)$ and $C(7,-8)$, find the coordinates of D , *using vectors*.



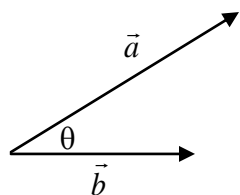
Ex. 6. If \vec{OA} , \vec{OB} and \vec{OC} are three edges of a *parallelepiped* where O is $(0,0,0)$, A is $(5,9,-3)$, B is $(2,-1,5)$ and C is $(9,3,8)$. Find the coordinates of the other four vertices, D , E , F and G .



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Section 5.3 – The Dot Product of Two Vectors

A. The Dot Product in Vector Form



The **dot product** of any two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} is

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

where θ is the angle between the vectors.

Note: The **dot product** of two vectors is a **scalar**.

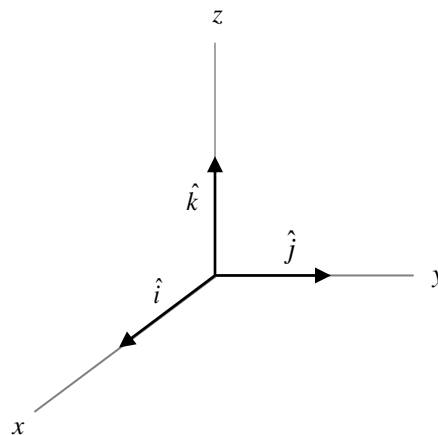
Ex. 1. Complete the following.

- a) If the angle, θ , between the vectors is **acute** then $0 < \theta < 90^\circ$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ _____.
- b) If the angle, θ , between the vectors is **obtuse** then $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ _____.
- c) If the angle, θ , between the vectors is **right** then $\theta = 90^\circ$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ _____.

Ex. 2. If $|\vec{a}| = 5$, $|\vec{b}| = 6$ and $\theta = 60^\circ$, then find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$.

Ex. 3. If $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$, determine each of the following:

- a) $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}$
- b) $\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}$
- c) $\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}$
- d) $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}$
- e) $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}$
- f) $\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}$



B. The Dot Product in Component Form

Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$= (a_1, a_2, a_3) \cdot (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$= (\quad) \cdot (\quad)$$

$$= a_1 b_1 (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}) + a_1 b_2 (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}) + a_1 b_3 (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}) + a_2 b_1 (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}) + a_2 b_2 (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}) + a_2 b_3 (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}) + a_3 b_1 (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}) + a_3 b_2 (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}) + a_3 b_3 (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k})$$

$$= a_1 b_1 (\quad) + a_1 b_2 (\quad) + a_1 b_3 (\quad) + a_2 b_1 (\quad) + a_2 b_2 (\quad) + a_2 b_3 (\quad) + a_3 b_1 (\quad) + a_3 b_2 (\quad) + a_3 b_3 (\quad)$$

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\therefore the **dot product** of any two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} in component form is

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

Ex. 4. Find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ if $\vec{a} = (1, 2, -3)$
and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

Ex. 5. Determine whether or not $\vec{u} = (1, 2, 3)$
and $\vec{v} = (3, -4, -2)$ are **perpendicular**.

Ex. 6. Find the angle θ between the vectors $\vec{a} = (2, -1, 4)$ and $\vec{b} = (-3, 1, 2)$.

Ex. 7. For what values of p will the vectors of $\vec{a} = (1, p, 2)$ and $\vec{b} = (3, -9, 6)$ be
i) **collinear**?
ii) **perpendicular**?

Ex. 8. Find a vector **perpendicular** to
i) $(5, -2)$

ii) $(4, -1, 2)$

C. Properties of the Dot Product

1. $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$ *Commutative Law* *2. $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$

*3. $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$ *Distributive Law* 4. $(k\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot (k\vec{b}) = k(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$ *Associative Law*

* We will prove these properties of the dot product by example.

Ex. 9. If $\vec{a} = (-2, 3, 1)$, $\vec{b} = (5, 6, -7)$ and $\vec{c} = (3, -2, 4)$, verify that

a) $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$

b) $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$

Ex. 10. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are distinct *unit vectors* and the angle between them is 120° , calculate $(2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \cdot (4\vec{a} - 5\vec{b})$.

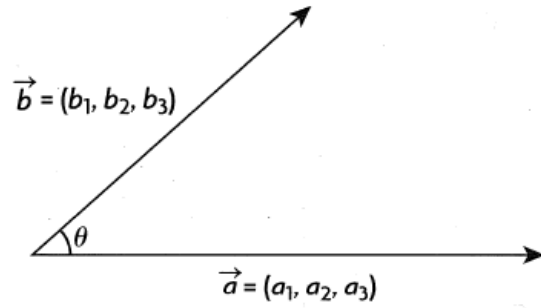
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Section 5.4 – The Cross Product of Two Vectors

Recall the Dot Product:

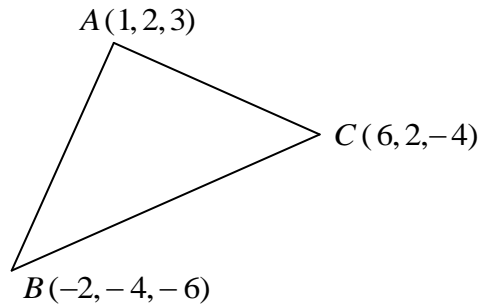
When two vectors are placed tail to tail, as shown,

- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$
- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos \theta$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}$

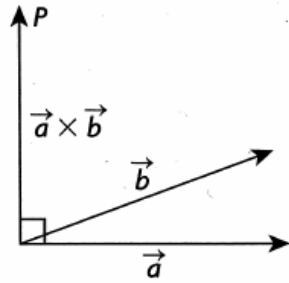


Warm-up

A triangle has vertices $A(1, 2, 3)$, $B(-2, -4, -6)$ and $C(6, 2, -4)$.
Find the measure of $\angle A$ using vectors.



I. Cross Product



The **cross product**, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$, of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} in \mathcal{R}^3 is a **vector** that is **perpendicular** to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (x, y, z)$ be any vector perpendicular to **both** \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

So, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

and

$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{v} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$(a_1, a_2, a_3) \cdot (x, y, z) = 0$ ①

$(b_1, b_2, b_3) \cdot (x, y, z) = 0$ ②

Solve for x , y and z .

$a_1x + a_2y + a_3z = 0$ ①

$b_1x + b_2y + b_3z = 0$ ②

Eliminate z

① $\times b_3$ $a_1b_3x + a_2b_3y + a_3b_3z = 0$

② $\times a_3$ $a_3b_1x + a_3b_2y + a_3b_3z = 0$

Subtract $(a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)x + (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)y = 0$

$(a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)y = (a_3b_1 - a_1b_3)x$

$$\frac{y}{(a_3b_1 - a_1b_3)} = \frac{x}{(a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)}$$

Eliminate y

Ex. 1. Find a vector perpendicular to both $\vec{a} = (-3, 5, 1)$ and $\vec{b} = (2, -1, 7)$.

Ex. 2. Find a **unit vector** perpendicular to both $\vec{a} = (3, 4, -1)$ and $\vec{b} = (2, -1, 3)$.

II. Prove: $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$

Proof:

Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$

$\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

The formula for **cross product** is

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} =$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)^2 + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3)^2 + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)^2 + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3)^2 + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2$$

The right-hand side is expanded and then factored to give

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3)^2$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}|^2 = \quad , \quad |\vec{b}|^2 = \quad \text{and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} =$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 =$$

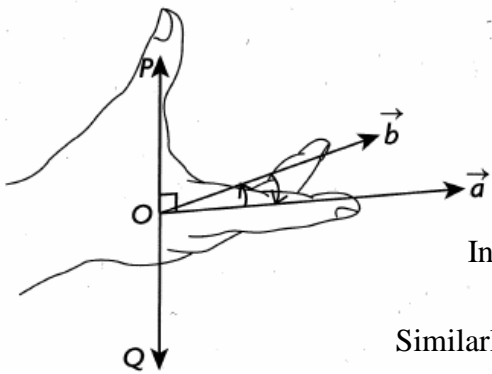
III. Properties of Cross Product

1. $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$ *Anti-commutative Law*
2. $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$ *Distributive Law*
3. $k(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = (k\vec{a}) \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times (k\vec{b})$, $k \in \mathfrak{R}$ *Associative Law*

SUMMARY:

- The **cross product** $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^3 is the vector that is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .
- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)$
- $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta$
- Vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} and $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ form a **right-handed system** where $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ points in the opposite direction of $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$.

IV. Right-handed System



\vec{OP} and \vec{OQ} are two vectors perpendicular to \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

The direction of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ can be found by placing the extended fingers of your **right hand** on \vec{a} and curling them towards \vec{b} through an angle less than 180° . Your thumb points in the direction of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$.

In this case $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ and is directed the page.

Similarly, the direction of $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ can be found by placing the extended fingers of your **right hand** on \vec{b} and curling them towards \vec{a} through an angle less than 180° . Your thumb points in the direction of $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$.

In this case $\vec{b} \times \vec{a} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ and is directed the page.

Ex. 3. If $|\vec{a}| = 4$, $|\vec{b}| = 10$ and the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 60° , find the **exact** value of $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$.

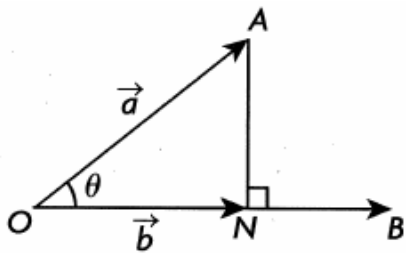
Ex. 4. If $|\vec{u}| = 3$, $|\vec{v}| = 6$ and the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is 330° , find the **exact** value of $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$.

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Section 5.5 – Applications of Dot and Cross Products

I. Projections: A *projection* is formed by dropping a perpendicular from an object onto a line or plane. The shadow of an object is a physical example of a projection.

The projection of one vector onto another can be pictured below.



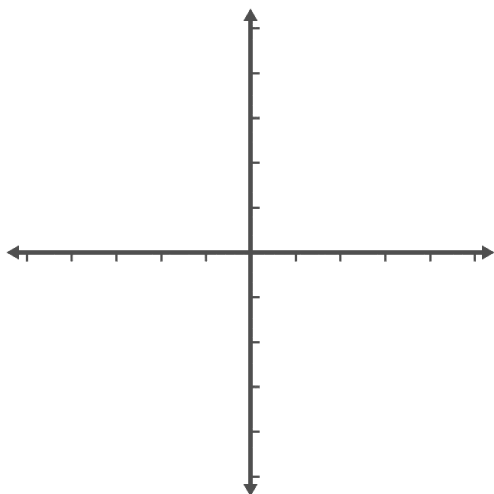
The **Vector Projection** of \vec{a} onto \vec{b} is the vector \vec{ON}
and
the **Scalar Projection** of \vec{a} onto \vec{b} is the *signed magnitude*
of the vector projection \vec{ON} .

We will develop formulas for each type of projection.

i) **Scalar Projection** of \vec{a} onto \vec{b}

ii) **Vector Projection** of \vec{a} onto \vec{b}

Ex. 1. Find the scalar and vector projections of $\vec{a} = (4, 3)$ onto $\vec{b} = (-4, 1)$.



SUMMARY OF PROJECTIONS:

Scalar Projections

$$SP_{\vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$$

$$SP_{\vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Vector Projections

$$VP_{\vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \hat{b} \quad \text{or} \quad VP_{\vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} \vec{b}$$

$$VP_{\vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \hat{a} \quad \text{or} \quad VP_{\vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a}$$

Magnitudes

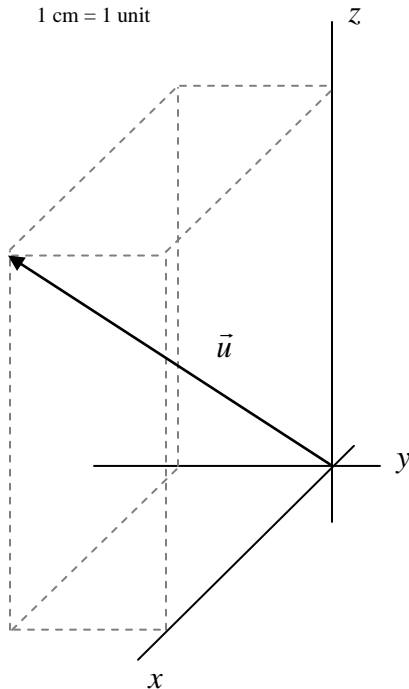
$$|SP_{\vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b}}| = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{b}|}$$

$$|SP_{\vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a}}| = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Ex. 2. Given $\vec{a} = (1, 6, 3)$ and $\vec{b} = (1, 4, 5)$, find the vector projection of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} , and its magnitude.

Ex. 3. Graph $\vec{u} = (3, -2, 5)$ and find the vector projections of \vec{u} onto each of the coordinate axes and coordinate planes.

1 cm = 1 unit



i) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } x\text{-axis}} =$

ii) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } y\text{-axis}} =$

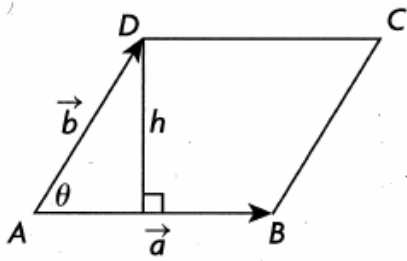
iii) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } z\text{-axis}} =$

iv) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } xy\text{-plane}} =$

v) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } xz\text{-plane}} =$

vi) $VP_{\vec{u} \text{ on } yz\text{-plane}} =$

II. Area of a Parallelogram



$$\text{Area} = \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

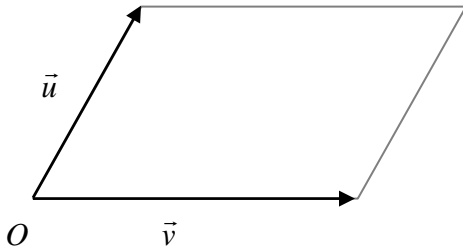
$$= |\vec{a}|h$$

Find h .

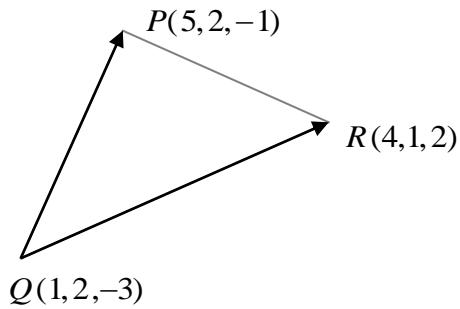
$$\frac{h}{|\vec{b}|} = \sin \theta, \text{ so } h = |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore A = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}| \sin \theta \text{ or } A = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

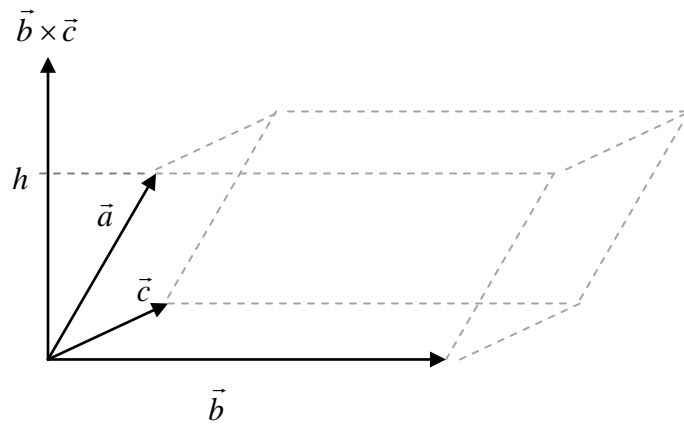
Ex. 4. Calculate the *exact* area of the parallelogram with sides $\vec{u} = (-6, 4, 5)$ and $\vec{v} = (9, -6, 2)$.



Ex. 5. Find the *exact* area of the triangle with vertices $P(5, 2, -1)$, $Q(1, 2, -3)$ and $R(4, 1, 2)$,



III. Volume of a Parallelepiped



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= \text{Area}_{\text{base}} \times \text{height} \\ &= A_{\text{parallelogram}} \times h \\ &= |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| h \end{aligned}$$

Find h , where h is the **magnitude** of the **vector projection** of \vec{a} onto $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$.

$$\text{So, } h = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|}{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|}$$

$$\therefore V = |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|}{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|} \text{ or}$$

$$V = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$$

SUMMARY OF GEOMETRIC APPLICATIONS:

Parallelogram

$$A = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

Triangle

$$A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

Parallelepiped

$$V = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$$

Note: Vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} must be drawn tail to tail.

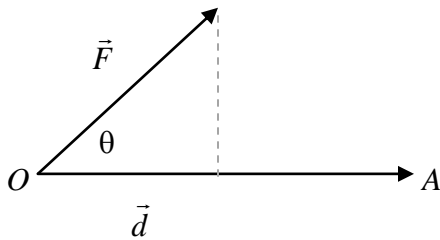
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Section 5.5 – More Applications of Dot and Cross Products

IV. Work: In everyday life, the word *work* is applied to any form of activity that requires physical exertion or mental effort.

In physics, **work** is done whenever a force acting on an object causes a displacement of the object from one position to another.

Suppose a force \vec{F} moves an object from O to A .



\vec{F} is the force acting on an object measured in newtons (N)

\vec{d} is the displacement caused by the force, measured in metres (m)

θ is the angle between the force and the displacement

W is the work done, measured in newton-metres, or joules (J)

Work is defined as the product of the distance an object has been displaced and the component of the force along the line of displacement. **Work is a scalar quantity.**

$$W = |\vec{d}| \left| \begin{matrix} SP \\ \vec{F} \text{ on } \vec{d} \end{matrix} \right|$$

$$W = |\vec{d}| \frac{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|}$$

$$\therefore W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} \quad \text{or} \quad W = |\vec{F}| |\vec{d}| \cos \theta$$

SUMMARY OF WORK: The **work** done by a force is defined as the dot product.

algebraic form

or

geometric form

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d}$$

$$W = |\vec{F}| |\vec{d}| \cos \theta$$

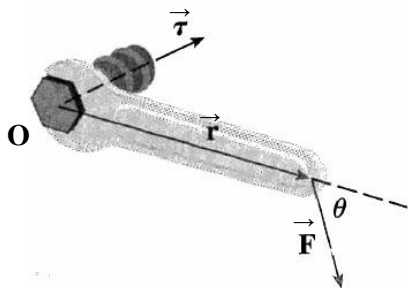
Ex. 1. A crate on a ramp is hauled 8 m up the ramp under a constant force of 15 N, applied at an angle of 30° to the ramp. Find the *exact* work done.

Ex. 2. Find the *exact* work done by a 7-N force in moving an object from $A(3, 2)$ to $B(7, 5)$ when the force acts at an angle of 30° to \overrightarrow{AB} . The distance is in metres.

Ex. 3. Find the work done by a 24-N force in the direction of $\vec{v} = (1, 2, 2)$ when it moves an object from $A(2, -4, 1)$ to $B(10, 3, -1)$. The distance is in metres.

V. Torque: Sometimes instead of a force causing a change in position, a force causes an object to turn about a point or an axis. Examples are tightening a bolt using a wrench or applying a force to a bicycle pedal to make the crank arm rotate.

This turning effect of a force is called *torque*. *Torque* is a *vector* quantity.

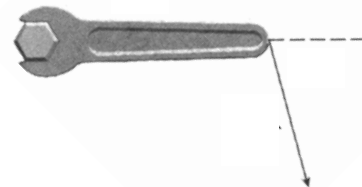


The *torque* caused by a force is defined as the cross product $\vec{T} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ and its magnitude is $|\vec{T}| = |\vec{r} \times \vec{F}|$ or $|\vec{T}| = |\vec{r}||\vec{F}|\sin \theta$.

\vec{F} is the applied force, \vec{r} is the vector determined by the lever arm acting from the axis of rotation and θ is the angle between the force and lever arm.

Note: The magnitude of torque is measured in N-m or J.

Ex. 4. A 40-N force is applied to the end of a 25 cm wrench with which it makes an angle of 105° . Calculate the magnitude of the torque about the centre of the bolt.



Ex. 5. A bicycle pedal is pushed by a foot with a 60-N force as shown. The shaft of the pedal is 18 cm long. Find the magnitude of torque about P .

