

Homework :

Due 2 lecs after we finish covering the material.

S'12.4 #46 b,

Last time, asked for area of a triangle, but stopped @ area of the corresponding parallelogram, $5\sqrt{2}$, but forgot to divide by $\frac{1}{2}$

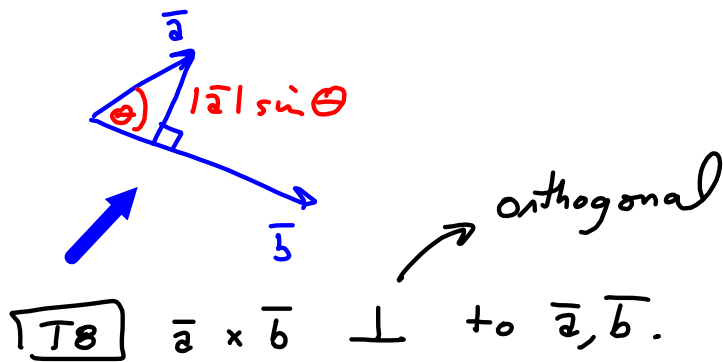
Cross Product : slick way!

$$\vec{a} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \vec{b} = \langle -1, 1, 3 \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \vec{a} \\ \times \vec{b} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \\ \langle -1, 1, 3 \rangle \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \\ \langle 3, -4, 3 \rangle \end{array}$$

+ , - , + thing going on here.





$$\boxed{TB} \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \perp \text{ to } \vec{a}, \vec{b}.$$

$$\boxed{TF} \quad |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$\boxed{Pf} \quad |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = \dots \text{ and then a miracle occurs...}$$

$$(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3)^2$$

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

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow$$

$$\left(\text{Sum: } |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \right)$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\sin \theta|$$

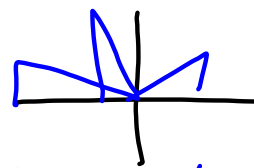
$$= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$



$$\text{So, } \sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$$

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$



$\sin \theta > 0$ when
 $\theta \in (0, \pi)$
 which it is.

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

Recall $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$ iff $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$
 New! $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$ iff $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$

$$\sin \theta = 0$$



T11 Properties of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

$$\textcircled{1} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$$

$$\textcircled{2} (c\vec{a}) \times \vec{b} = c(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \quad \text{"Respects scalar multiples."}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} \quad \text{"Distributive"}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$$

$$\langle 5, -30, 10 \rangle$$

$$\times \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

Same as

5 times

$$\langle 1, -6, 2 \rangle$$

$$5 \times \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = \langle -22, 1, 8 \rangle$$

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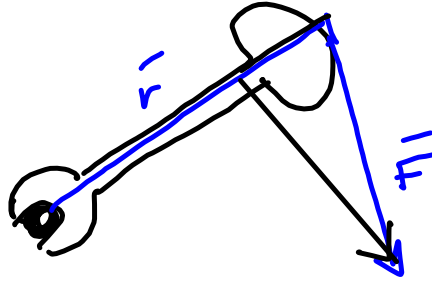
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$$5 \langle -22, 1, 8 \rangle$$

* Scalar Triple product. Vol. of parallelepiped.

Torque



Torque, tendency to rotate, is

$$\vec{\tau} = |\vec{r} \times \vec{F}|$$

Only the component of \vec{F} that's \perp to \vec{r} makes any contribution (to the tendency to rotate.)

$$(|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = 0 \text{ iff } \vec{u} \parallel \vec{v}.)$$