

THOMAS' CALCULUS (12/E)

12.4 The Cross Product

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1 The Cross Product of Two Vectors in Space

1.1 Definition

Let the unit vector \vec{n} be perpendicular to the plane by the right-hand rule. Then the _____ $(\vec{u}$ cross $\vec{v})$ is the vector defined by

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$
1.2 Nonzero vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are _____ if and only if _____.

1.3 Properties of the Cross Product

If \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} are any vectors and r , s are scalars, then

1. $(r\vec{u}) \times (s\vec{v}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 2. $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $\vec{v} \times \vec{u} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 4. $(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \times \vec{u} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5. $\vec{0} \times \vec{u} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 6. $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- 1.4 (a) $\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 (b) $\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 (c) $\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 (d) $\vec{i} \times \vec{i} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

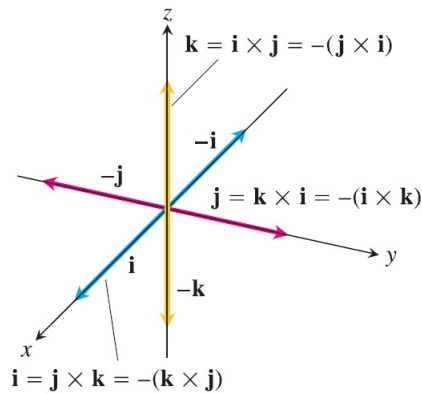


FIGURE 12.29 The pairwise cross products of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} .

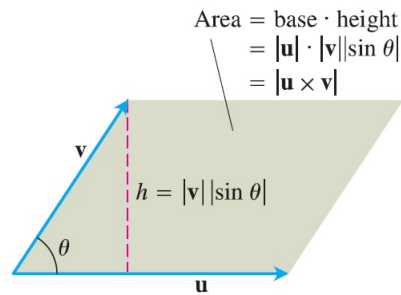


FIGURE 12.30 The parallelogram determined by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

1.5 If $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j} + u_3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$, then

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} =$$

pf.


1.6 Calculating the triple scalar product as a determinnat.

$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} =$$

pf.


1.7 The magnitude of $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is the area of the _____ determined by \vec{u} and \vec{v} , \vec{u} being the _____ of the parallelogram and $\|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta$ the _____.

$$\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

 **Ex. 1** (example1, p684)


Find $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ and $\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$ if $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{v} = -4\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$.

sol:

 **Ex. 2** (example2, p684)

Find a vector perpendicular to the plane of $P(1, -1, 0)$, $Q(2, 1, -1)$, and $R(-1, 1, 2)$.

sol:

 **Ex. 3** (example4, p684)

Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $P(1, -1, 0)$, $Q(2, 1, -1)$, and $R(-1, 1, 2)$.

sol:

實習課練習 (EXERCISE 12.4)

□ In Exercise 1-8, find the length and direction of $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ and $\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$.

3. $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $\vec{v} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$

6. $\vec{u} = \vec{i} \times \vec{j}$, $\vec{v} = \vec{j} \times \vec{k}$

□ In Exercise 15-18, (a) Find the area of the triangle determined by the points P, Q and R . (b) Find a unit vector perpendicular to plane PQR .

16. $P(1, 1, 1)$, $Q(2, 1, 3)$, $R(3, -1, 1)$.