

# LECTURE 2:

Section 10.3

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Def: the dot product of the vectors  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  and  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  is denoted as  $u \cdot v$  and is defined to be

$$u \cdot v = u_1 \cdot v_1 + u_2 \cdot v_2 + u_3 \cdot v_3 \quad (\text{so dot product is a number})$$

Example:  $u = \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$

Then  $u \cdot v = -1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4 = -2 + 4 = 2$

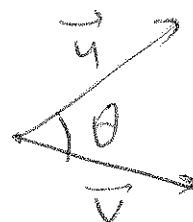
Angle between two vectors

Let  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$

then

$$u \cdot v = |u| \cdot |v| \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$



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

or  $\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|} \right)$

Example: Find the angle between 2  
the vectors  $u = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$

Answer:

$$\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|} \right) = \arccos \left( \frac{1+3}{\sqrt{1^2+2^2+3^2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2+1^2}} \right)$$

$$= \arccos \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{2}} \right) = \arccos \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{28}} \right)$$

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Remark: Sometimes ~~instead~~ instead  
of writing vector  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$

we write  $v = v_1 \cdot i + v_2 \cdot j + v_3 \cdot k$

where  $i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ ,  $j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  $k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

Indeed:

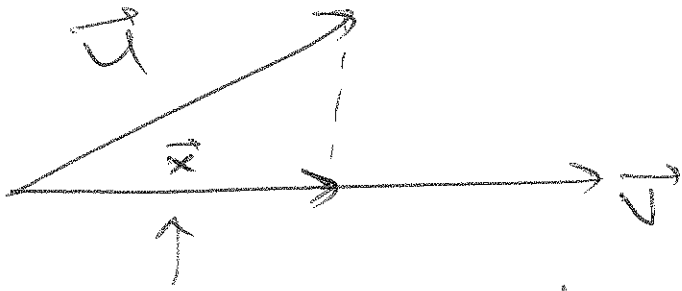
$$v_1 \cdot i + v_2 \cdot j + v_3 \cdot k = v_1 \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + v_2 \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle + v_3 \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle =$$

$$= \langle v_1, 0, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, v_2, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, 0, v_3 \rangle = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle = \underline{v}$$

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# Vector projection,

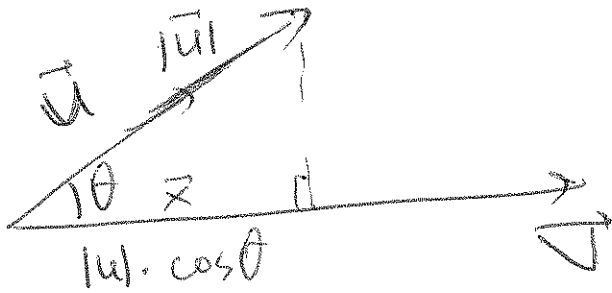
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Projection of vector  $\vec{u}$  onto vector

$$\vec{x} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|^2} \right) \cdot \vec{v}$$

Proof:



$|\vec{x}| = |\vec{u}| \cos \theta$  and it has direction

$$\frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\vec{x}}} &= |\vec{x}| \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = (|\vec{u}| \cos \theta) \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \\ &= \frac{|\vec{u}| \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \cos \theta}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|^2} \cdot \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Any vector

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$\vec{u}$  can be represented as unit vector times its length. Indeed:

$$\vec{u} = \left( \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} \right) \cdot |\vec{u}|$$

unit vector                      length

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Example: Let  $u = i + j$ ,  $v = i - j$

Find  $\text{Proj}_v \vec{u}$  - ?

Solution:

$$u = i + j = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad v = i - j = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proj}_v \vec{u} &= \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{|v|^2} \right) \cdot v = \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} \cdot \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle = \\ &= 0 \cdot \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Example:

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Let  $\vec{u} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  (direction)

Express  $\vec{u}$  as a unit vector times its ~~length~~ length.

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} \cdot |\vec{u}| = \frac{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{|\vec{u}|} \cdot |\vec{u}| =$$


$$= \frac{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \frac{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{14}} \cdot \sqrt{14} =$$

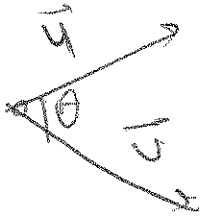
$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right\rangle \cdot \sqrt{14}.$$

Remark: Nonzero vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are perpendicular if  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ . Indeed

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}| \cdot \cos \theta = 0 \neq 0 \text{ if } \cos \theta = 0$$

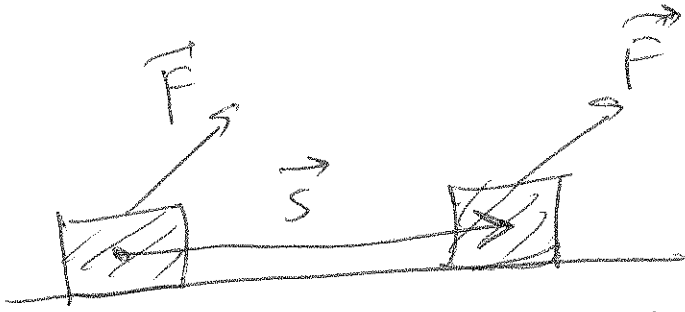
$$\text{or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

So 



# Work

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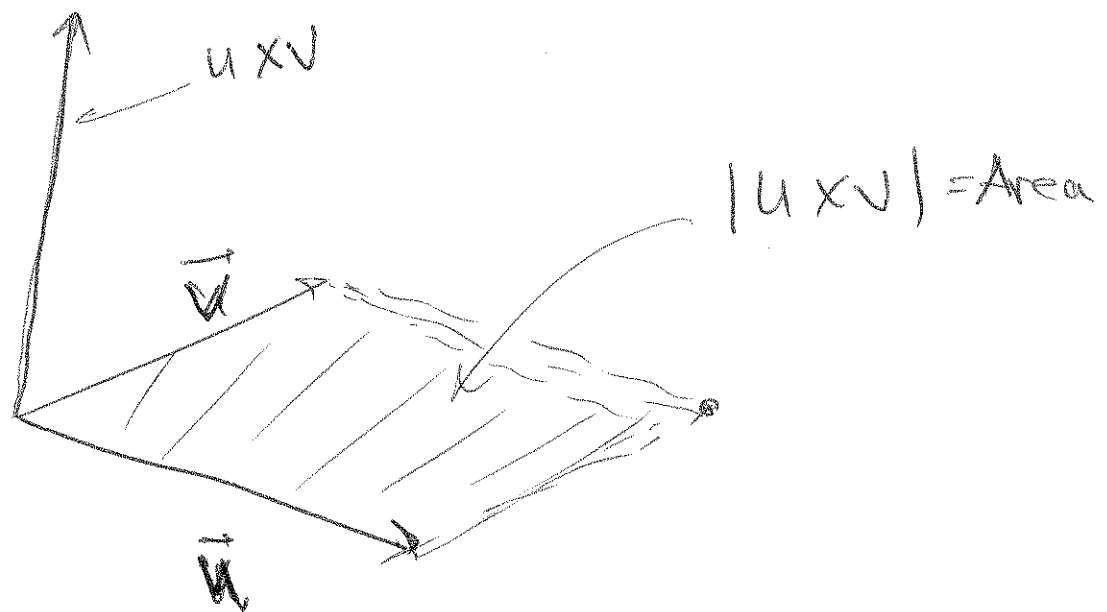


$$\text{Work} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

$\vec{F}$  - is a force (vector)  
and  $\vec{s}$  is a vector (from which  
place to which place the object moved)

# Cross product

If  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$   
 Then the cross product is denoted  
 as  $u \times v$  and is such a vector  
 which is perpendicular both to  $u$   
 and  $v$  and it has a length of  
 area of parallelogram constructed  
 by  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .



Determinants:

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

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\text{det}}{=} a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= a_1 (b_2 c_3 - b_3 c_2) - b_1 (a_2 c_3 - c_2 a_3) + c_1 (a_2 b_3 - b_2 a_3)$$

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So If  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$

then

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

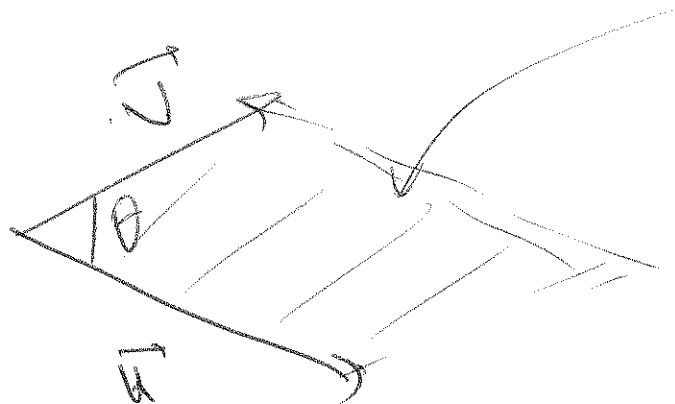
$$= \langle u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, -u_1 v_3 + v_1 u_3, u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \rangle$$



Also Remember that

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$$|u \times v| = |u| \cdot |v| \sin \theta = \text{Area}$$



Example:  $u = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ ,  $v = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

$$\underline{u \times v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot 2 - \hat{j} + 0 = \underline{\underline{\langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle}}$$

Example: Let  $u = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  
 $v = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$

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Find the ~~set~~ unit vector which is perpendicular to  $u$  and  $v$ .

Solution: It is clear that this vector is going to be

$$\frac{u \times v}{|u \times v|}. \quad \text{Therefore } u \times v = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= i \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{u \times v}{|u \times v|} = \frac{\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2}} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

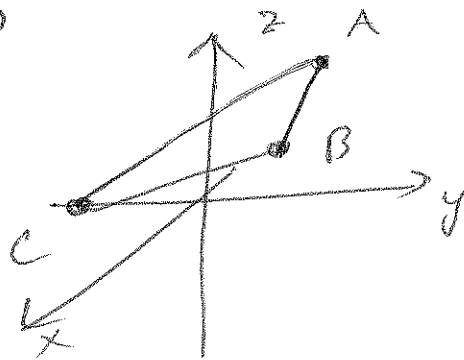
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Example:

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$$\text{Let } A = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle, B = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$C = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$$



Find the area of a triangle ABC!

Solution:

$$S_{ABC} = \frac{|\vec{CA} \times \vec{CB}|}{2}$$

← is it clear?  
if not, see  
definition of  
cross product

$$\text{Hence } \vec{CA} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle, \vec{CB} = \langle 2, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{CA} \times \vec{CB} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= i(1-2) - j(1-4) + k(1-2) = -i + 3j - k = \langle -1, 3, -1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Hence } S_{ABC} = \frac{|\langle -1, 3, -1 \rangle|}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{1+9+1}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}$$