

Yesterday  $\rightarrow$  dot product "Scalar product" "Inner product"

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle \quad \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$
$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

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

$$\hookrightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \quad \text{then} \quad \vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$$

Motivating question:  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$   $\vec{u} \neq \vec{v}$  how do we find

a  $\vec{w}$  st  $\vec{w} \perp \vec{u}, \vec{w} \perp \vec{v}$  ?

Recall:

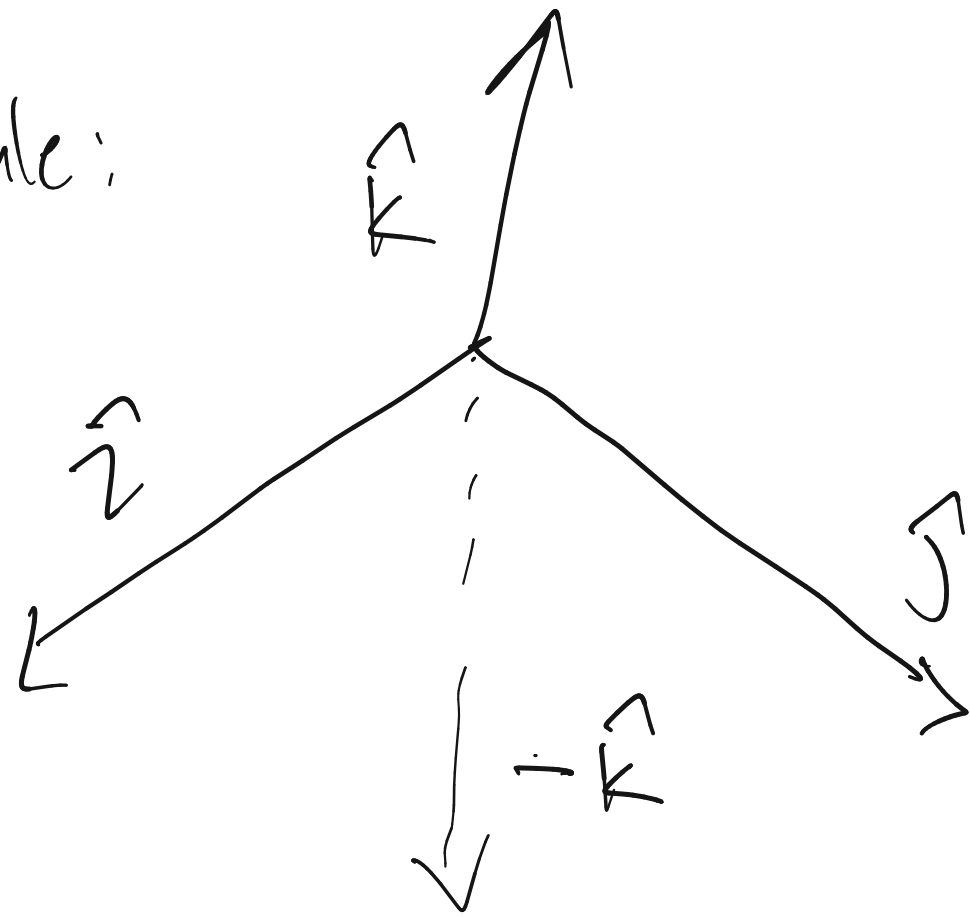
$$\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = \underbrace{a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}}$$

Right-hand rule:



Motivating Example: find a vector  $\vec{w}$  that's perp to both

$\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$

and satisfies RHR

$(\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \vec{w})$

$\Rightarrow$  "Natural" sol'n is  $\vec{w} = \pm \hat{k}$

What we just saw is that

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$



CROSS product of two vectors.

Def'n the cross product of two 3-D vectors

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  is a vector  $\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$  st

$w \perp u, w \perp v$  and satisfies the equation

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta \hat{n} \leftarrow \text{finding } \hat{n} \text{ is hard!}$$

$\hat{n}$  obeys RHR and is a unit vector.

Def 1 (Algebraic definition)

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}$$

$$\hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

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

↑ for any vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ .

Anti-Commutativity.

$$U = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$$

$$V = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \equiv (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2) \hat{i}$$

$$* \quad - (u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1) \hat{j}$$

$$* \quad + (u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1) \hat{k}$$

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$$\underline{\Sigma} \times \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 0, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$= (0 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 1) \hat{i} - (-1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1) \hat{j}$$

$$+ (-1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0) \hat{k} = +2\hat{j}$$

### Def'n 3

$$\vec{U} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$\vec{V} = \langle d, e, f \rangle$$

$$U \times V = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\Sigma x} \quad \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(1 \cdot 0 - (-1 \cdot 4)) - \hat{j}(1 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 4)$$

$$+ \hat{k}(1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 2)$$

$$\boxed{4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}} = \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 1 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 4 = 4 + 8 - 12 = 0$$



$$\underline{\Sigma}_x \quad \langle 3, 0, 3 \rangle \times \langle 4, 1, 2 \rangle$$

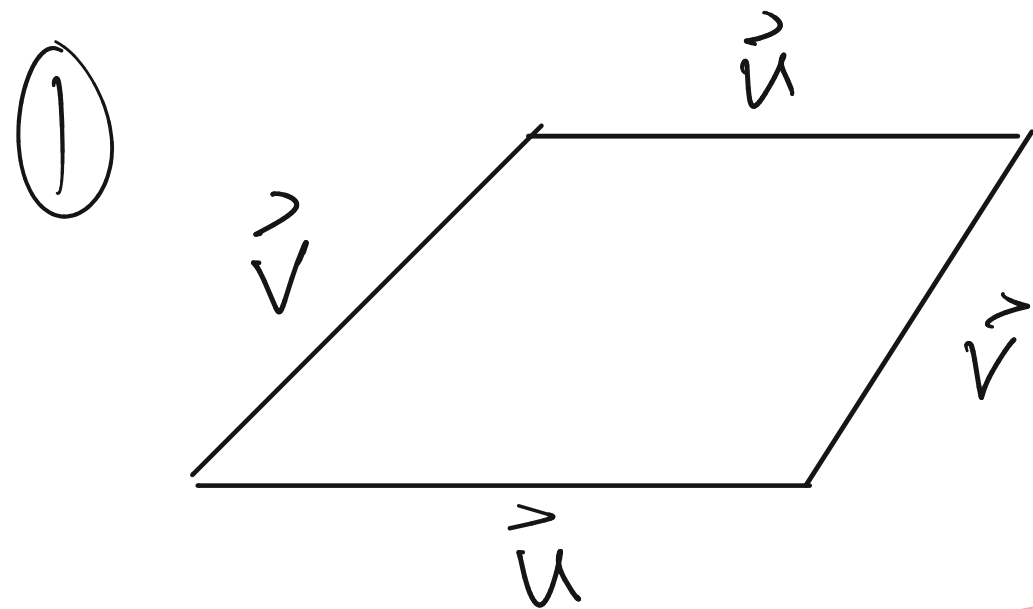
$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 3) \\ - \hat{j}(3 \cdot 2 - 4 \cdot 3) \\ + \hat{k}(3 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 4)$$

$$= -3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$= \langle -3, 6, 3 \rangle.$$

# Applications of Cross product:

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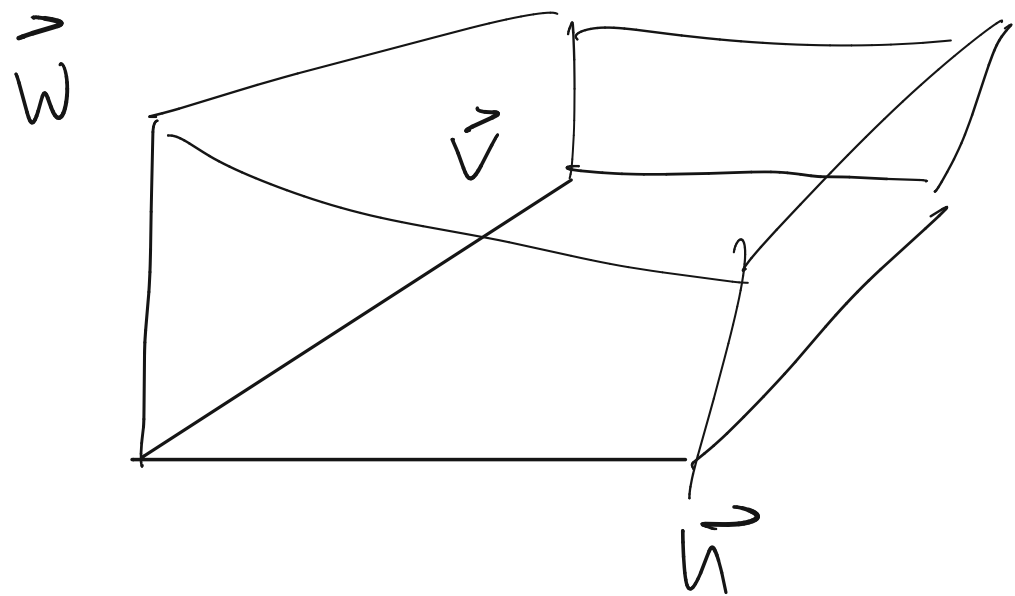
Cool fact:  $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \text{Area}(\text{Parallelogram})$

Recall:

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta \hat{n}$$

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

②: Parallelepiped  $\rightarrow$  3D parallelogram.



triple product



$$\text{Vol}(\text{Parallelepiped}) = |(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}|$$

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$$\begin{aligned} u &= \hat{i} \\ v &= \hat{j} \\ w &= \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

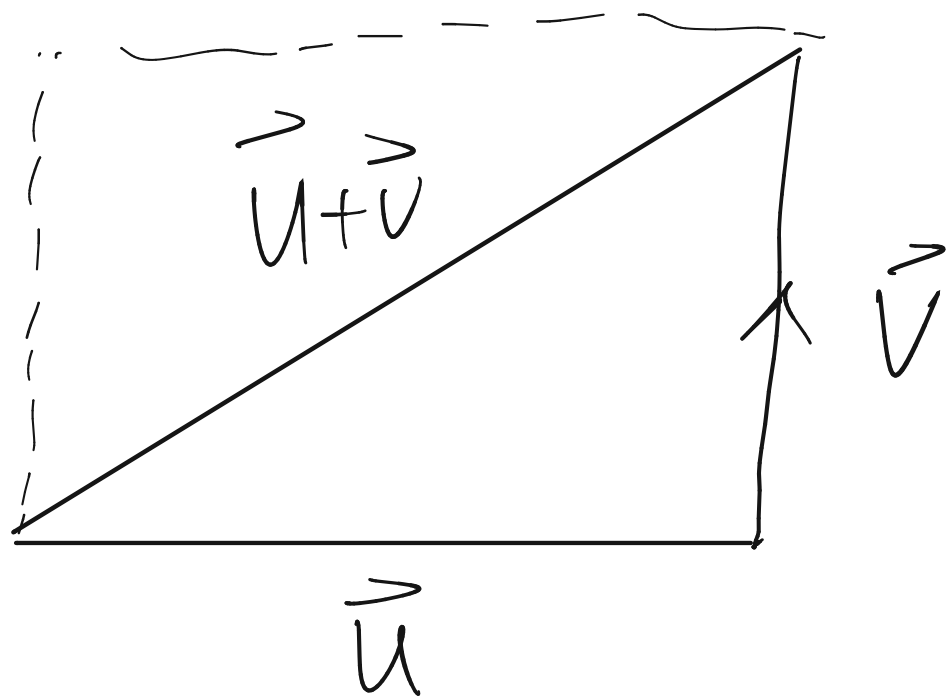
$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Vol}(\text{Cube}) = |1| = 1$$

$$\hat{k} \cdot \vec{w} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = \langle 001 \rangle \cdot \langle 001 \rangle = 1$$

$$(u \times v) \cdot w = 1$$

② triangle from vectors



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

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④ Torque:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{F} \times \vec{d}$$

# Properties of Cross product:

$$\textcircled{1}: \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -(\vec{v} \times \vec{u})$$

$$\textcircled{2}: (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \times \vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{w} + \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$$

$$\textcircled{3}: (\lambda \vec{u}) \times \vec{v} = \lambda (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$$

$$\textcircled{4}: \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{0} \quad \text{if } \vec{u}, \vec{v} \text{ are parallel}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a & b & c \\ \lambda a & \lambda b & \lambda c \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$