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• Warm up using
11.4 worksheet

• Lecture 11.4

Monday

11.5

When you are done with your homework you should be able to...

- π Find the cross product of two vectors in space
- π Use the triple scalar product of three vectors in space

Warm-up: Find the direction cosines of $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and demonstrate that the sum of the squares of the direction cosines is 1.

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{25+9+1} \quad \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{35} \quad \vec{u} = \langle 5, 3, -1 \rangle$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{u_1}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{u_2}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{u_3}{\|\vec{u}\|} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{35}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{35}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{35}}\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$\frac{25+9+1}{35} \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

DEFINITION OF CROSS PRODUCT OF TWO VECTORS IN SPACE

Let $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$ be vectors in space.

The cross product of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is the vector

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} + (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}.$$

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

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

$$= (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\hat{i} - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)\hat{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\hat{k}$$

THEOREM: ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES OF THE CROSS PRODUCT

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be vectors in space and let c be a scalar.

1. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$
2. $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$
3. $c(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times (c\mathbf{v})$
4. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
5. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
6. $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$

THEOREM: GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF THE CROSS PRODUCT

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be nonzero vectors in space, and let θ be the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

1. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
2. $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin \theta$.
3. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are scalar multiples of each other.
4. $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|$ = the area of parallelogram having \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} as adjacent sides.

Example 1: Find $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ and show that it is orthogonal to both

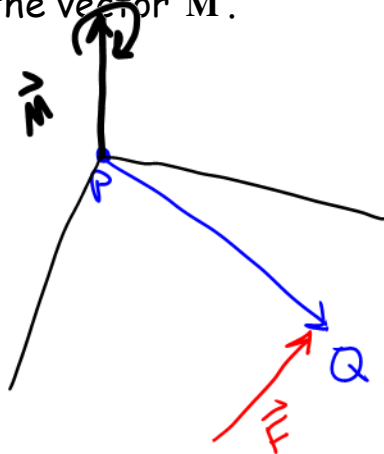
$\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \times \vec{v} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \\ &= -(-2\hat{i} - \hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} + \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

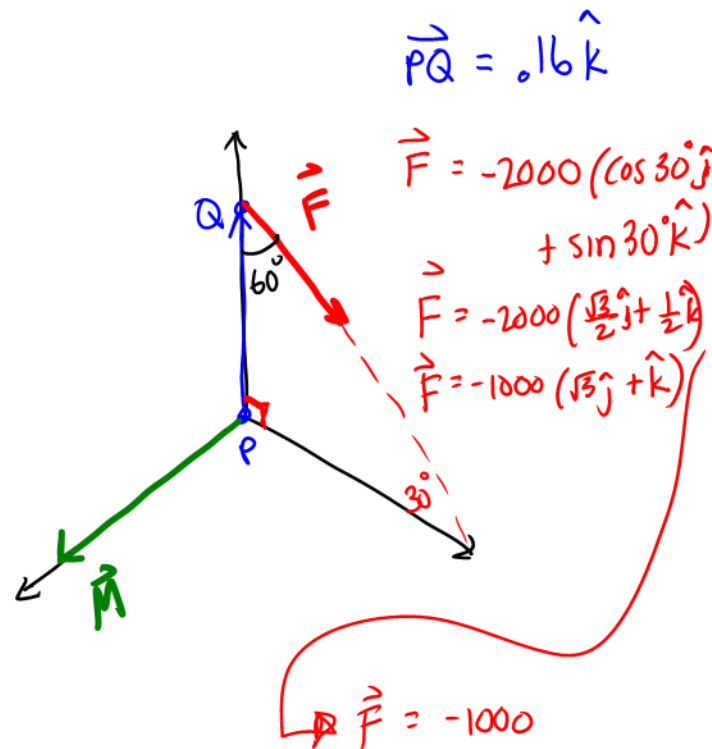
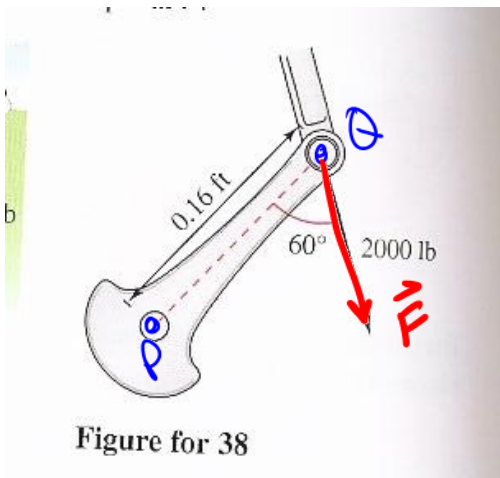
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) &= \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle -2, 0, -1 \rangle \\ &= (-1)(-2) + (1)(0) + (2)(-1) \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) &= \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -2, 0, -1 \rangle \\ &= 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

In physics, the cross product can be used to measure torque, which is the moment \mathbf{M} of a force \mathbf{F} about a point P . If the point of application of the force is Q , the moment of \mathbf{F} about P is given by $\mathbf{M} = \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \mathbf{F}$. The magnitude of the moment \mathbf{M} measures the tendency of the vector \overrightarrow{PQ} to rotate counterclockwise about an axis directed along the vector \mathbf{M} .



Example 2: Both the magnitude and direction of the force on a crankshaft change as the crankshaft rotates. Find the torque on the crankshaft using the position and data shown in the figure.



$$\vec{M} = \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0.16 \\ 0 & -1000\sqrt{3} & -1000 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0 + 160\sqrt{3}) \hat{i}$$

$$= \boxed{160\sqrt{3} \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lbs}}$$

THEOREM: THE TRIPLE SCALAR PRODUCT

Let $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$, and $\mathbf{w} = w_1\mathbf{i} + w_2\mathbf{j} + w_3\mathbf{k}$,
 The triple scalar product is given by

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

* Volume of a parallelepiped with vectors \vec{u} , \vec{v} , and \vec{w} as adjacent edges is given by

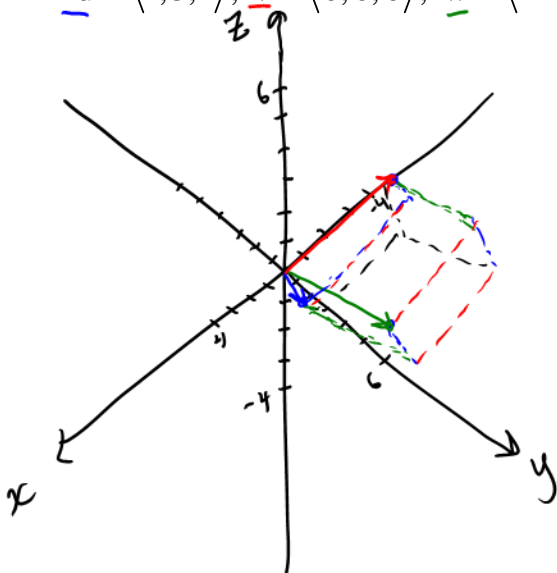
$$V = |\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})|$$

Example 3: Find $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$. $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$, $\mathbf{w} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - 0 + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot 1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Find the volume of the parallelepiped having adjacent edges

$\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, 6, 6 \rangle$, $\mathbf{w} = \langle -4, 0, -4 \rangle$.



$$V = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ -4 & 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} (1) - 0 + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} (-4)$$

$$V = \begin{vmatrix} (-24 - 0) & (1) \\ (18 - 6) & (-4) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$V = |-72| \rightarrow \boxed{V = 72 \text{ cubic units}}$$