

Phys 101:

1.3. Units

~~We will deal with physical quantities~~ We will always refer to a physical quantity by comparing it with some reference standard.

This reference standard is called the unit.

Forexample: When we refer to ~~mass~~ we will use the unit of kilogram.

1 kg : the mass of a particular cylinder of platinum-iridium alloy located ~~in~~ near Paris.

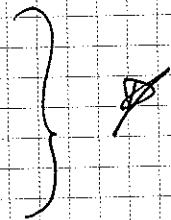
time, length, ... have such standards.

Unit system: A system of units which are dimensionally consistent.

We will use the SI unit system (standard unit system) (metric system)

In SI unit system:

mass	kg	(kilogram)
time	sec	(second)
length	m	(meter)
force	N	(Newton)
current	A	(ampere)
temperature	K	(kelvin)



There is also the British unit system, in this system:

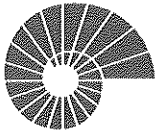
length in (inch) 1 inch = 2.54 cm
force pound

Unit prefixes:

mega	→	10^6
kilo	→	10^3
deci	→	10^{-1}
centi	→	10^{-2}
milli	→	10^{-3}
micro	→	10^{-6}
nano	→	10^{-9}

giga	→	10^9
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milli	→	10^{-3}
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nano	→	10^{-9}

for example: 1 kilogram = 1×10^3 gram



1.4. Unit Conversions

Ex: ~~How many meters~~ ~~Displacement~~

Distance in meters travelled by a car in 10 seconds moving at a speed of 80 km/h?

$$d = v t = 80 \left(\frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} \right) \times 10 \text{ sec} = 80 \left(\frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} \right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ sec}} \right) \times 10 \text{ sec}$$

needs unit conversion

$$= \frac{80 \times 10^3}{36 \times 10^2} \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}} \right) \times 10 \text{ (sec)} = \frac{80 \times 10^4}{36 \times 10^2} \text{ (m)} = \frac{8000}{36} \text{ (m)} = \boxed{222 \text{ m}}$$

→ In doing unit conversions multiply and divide units like numbers in the equation.

Warnings:

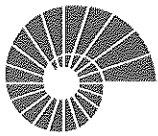
1) Always convert the units to the SI unit system before calculating the results of your equations.

• You can make a dimensional check of your calculations:

$$d = v t = 5 \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}} \right) \times 2 \text{ (sec)} = 10 \text{ m}$$
$$\text{(m)} = \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}} \right) \text{ (sec)} = \text{(m)} \checkmark$$

2) Always indicate the unit of your final result in a calculation.

Or you loose points in exams!



1.5. Uncertainty and Significant Figures:

Consider a measurement ^{which} yields:

34.2 m : In this measurement,
there are 3 significant figures
uncertainty is 0.1 m = 1 dm

If the result was expressed as:

34.20 m : the number of significant figures is 4
uncertainty is 0.01 m = 1 cm

In scientific notation, you write:

$$34.20 \text{ m} = 3.420 \times 10^1 \text{ m}, \quad 3.4 \mu\text{m} = 3.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

→ If you perform addition or subtraction:

The result should have the uncertainty of the quantity with largest uncertainty.

for example:

$$3.42 \text{ m} + 0.5 \text{ m} = 3.9 \text{ m}^\bullet$$

$$3.42 \text{ m} + 0.50 \text{ m} = 3.92 \text{ m}^\bullet$$

$$3.42 \text{ m} + 50 \text{ m} = 53 \text{ m}^\bullet$$

→ If you perform multiplication or division

The result should have the ~~number~~ number of significant figures ~~equal to~~ no more than in the quantity with the fewest significant figures:

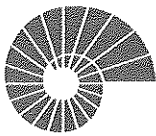
for example:

$$1.2 \text{ m} \times 5 \times 10^1 \text{ m} = 6 \times 10^1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$1.2 \text{ m} \times 50 \text{ m} = 60 \text{ m}^2 = 6.0 \times 10^1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$1.2 \text{ m} \times 50 \text{ m} \times 3 \text{ m} = 2 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^3$$

$$1.2 \text{ m} \times 50 \text{ m} \times 3.0 \text{ m} = 1.8 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^3 //$$



1.7. Vectors :

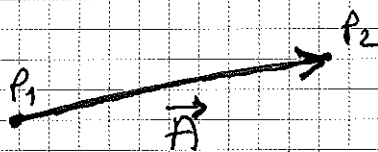
We use vectors to describe directional quantities.

Vectors are indispensable in physics:

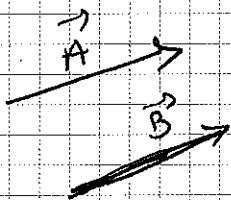
velocity, acceleration, force, momentum, ...
all vectorial quantities.

A vector is described by two parts: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{— Magnitude} \\ \text{— Direction} \end{array} \right.$

Consider the ^{displacement} vector which corresponds to the change in position between two points in space.

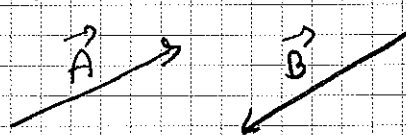


$\vec{A} = |\vec{A}|$: magnitude of \vec{A} is the distance between P_1 and P_2 , e.g. 5m
magnitude has units.
— direction is the direction from P_1 to P_2



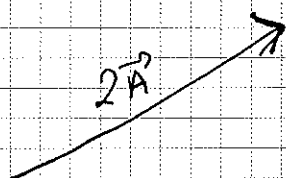
- Two vectors with the same direction are parallel to each other $\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B}$
- Two vectors with the same direction and magnitude are equal to each other. $\vec{A} = \vec{B}$

We define the negative of a vector, as the vector with the same magnitude but opposite direction.

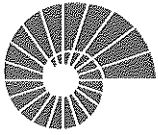


$\vec{B} = -\vec{A}$ ← notation

In general:

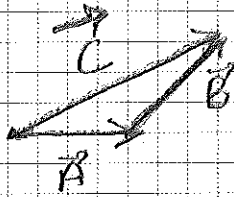


When a vector is multiplied with a ^{positive} scalar its magnitude ^{is multiplied} ~~changes~~ by the scalar factor but its direction remains constant.



Vector Addition:

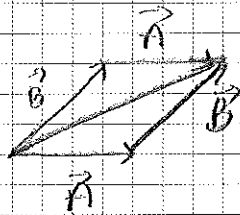
Consider two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} , the addition of these vectors is defined as \vec{C} below.



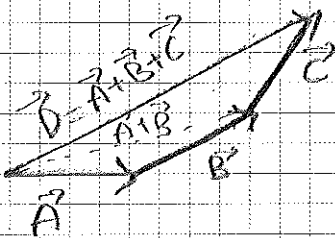
$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$
vector from the initial point of \vec{A} to the final point of \vec{B} .

The order is not important in vector addition:

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$$



Addition of more than two vectors is found by ~~first~~ first adding the first two vectors and adding the next vector and so on...



$$\vec{D} = (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) + \vec{C}$$

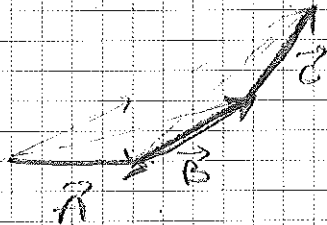
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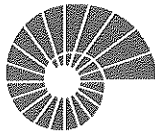
~~$$(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) + \vec{C} = \vec{A} + (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{B} + (\vec{A} + \vec{C}) = \dots$$~~

$$= \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}$$

without parenthesis.

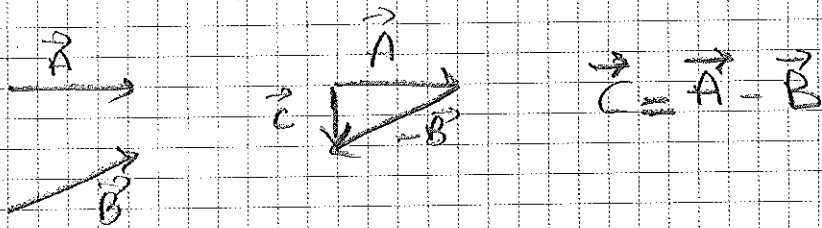
You can add in any way you like.



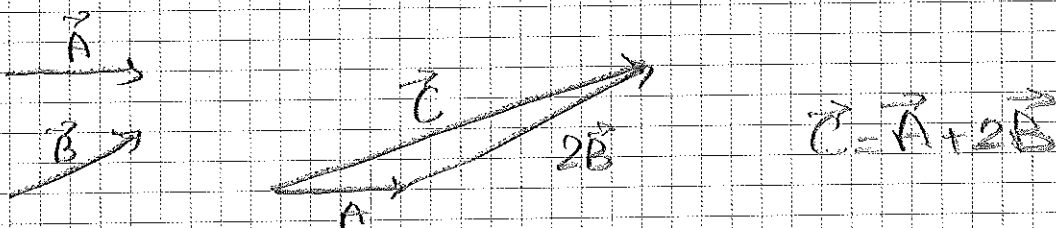


Vector Subtraction:

$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = \vec{A} + (-\vec{B})$, subtraction is addition of the first vector with the negative of the second vector.



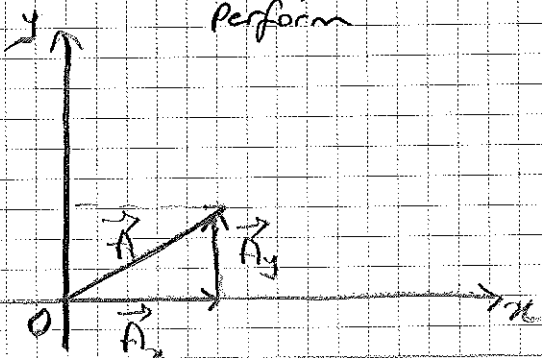
Generally we define $\vec{A} + 2\vec{B}$ as a vector with the same direction as \vec{B} , and twice the magnitude.



1.8. Components of Vectors:

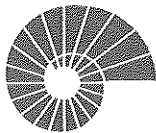
The method of components of vectors provide a great help in performing vector operations. It is a simple method used to performing vector operations.

- Basically:
- You define a coordinate system, common for all vectors
 - Separate the vectors into their components
 - Perform the vector operations using the components.



Consider the rectangular coordinate system with origin O.

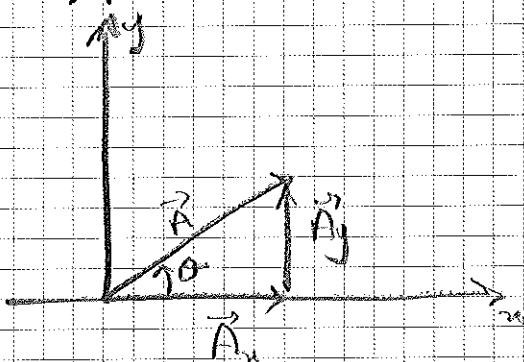
Locate the vector \vec{A} in this coordinate system with its tail at O.



The projection of vector \vec{A} to the x and y axes are called the component vectors of \vec{A} . \vec{A}_x is the x-component (projection of \vec{A} to x-axis), \vec{A}_y is the y-component (projection of \vec{A} to y-axis).

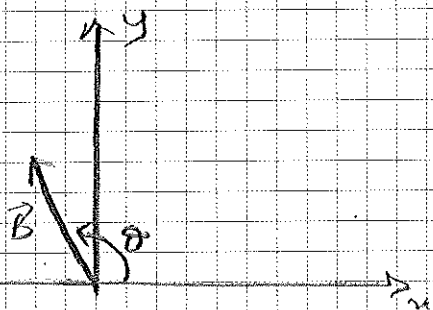
$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y$$

The components of \vec{A} can be found if we know ~~the~~ ^{its} magnitude and direction.



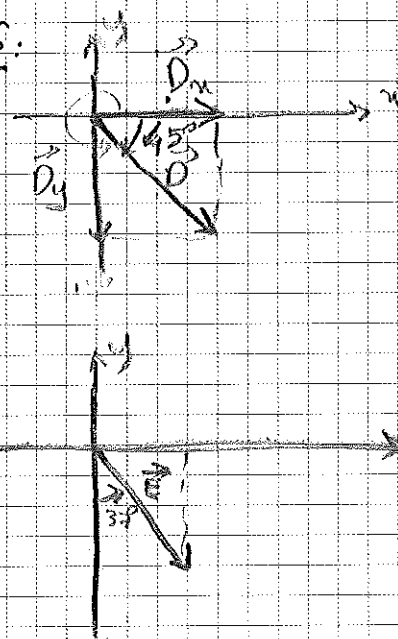
$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_x &= A \cos \theta \\ A_y &= A \sin \theta \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Components of } \vec{A}.$$

θ is measured from the +x axis rotating toward the +y axis.



$$\begin{aligned} B_x &= B \cos \theta \leftarrow \text{negative number} \\ B_y &= B \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Ex 1.6:



$D = 3\text{m}, \alpha = 45^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow \theta = 360^\circ - 45^\circ = 315^\circ$
 components of \vec{D} :

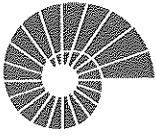
$$D_x = D \cos(315^\circ) = +\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ m}$$

$$D_y = D \sin(315^\circ) = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ m}$$

$E = 4.5\text{m}, \theta = 270^\circ + 37^\circ = 307^\circ$
 \Rightarrow components of \vec{E}

$$E_x = E \cos 307^\circ = \frac{4.5}{5} \cdot 3\text{m} = 2.7\text{m}$$

$$E_y = E \sin 307^\circ = \frac{4.5}{5} \cdot 4\text{m} = 3.6\text{m}$$



Using Components to Add Vectors:

Simply: if $\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$

the components of the result (\vec{R}) are given as

$$R_x = A_x + B_x, \quad R_y = A_y + B_y$$

In general in a 3 dimensional addition of many vectors:

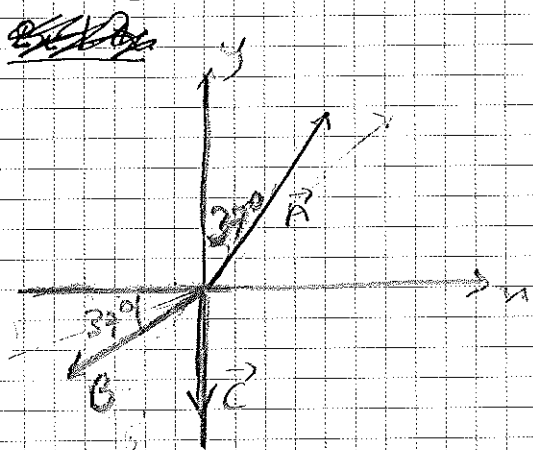
$$\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} + \dots \Rightarrow R_x = A_x + B_x + C_x + \dots$$

$$R_y = A_y + B_y + C_y + \dots$$

$$R_z = A_z + B_z + C_z + \dots$$

magnitude of \vec{R} is: $R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}$

Ex:



$$A = 75 \text{ m}, \quad B = 60 \text{ m}, \quad C = 20 \text{ m}$$

$\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} \Rightarrow$ What is the angle \vec{R} makes from the x-axis?

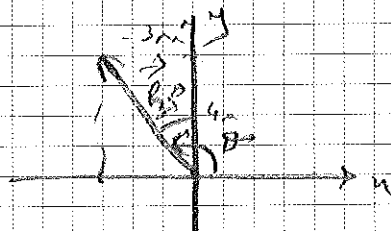
$$A_x = 75 \times \frac{3}{5} \text{ m} = 45 \text{ m}, \quad A_y = 75 \times \frac{4}{5} \text{ m} = 60 \text{ m}$$

$$B_x = 60 \times \frac{4}{5} \text{ m} = -48 \text{ m}, \quad B_y = 60 \times \frac{3}{5} \text{ m} = -36 \text{ m}$$

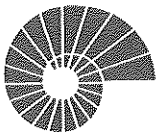
$$C_x = 0, \quad C_y = -20 \text{ m}$$

$$R_x = 45 \text{ m} - 48 \text{ m} + 0 \text{ m} = -3 \text{ m}$$

$$R_y = 60 \text{ m} - 36 \text{ m} - 20 \text{ m} = 4 \text{ m}$$



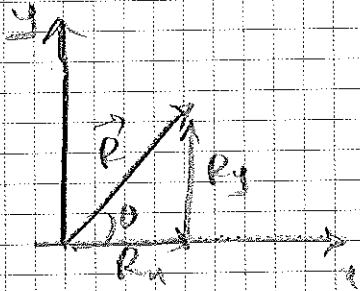
$$\theta = 90^\circ - 37^\circ = 53^\circ$$



In general given R_x , R_y , θ and R can be found by the relationships:

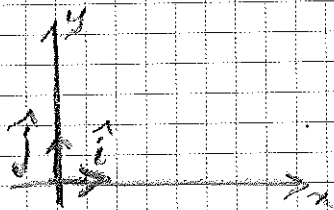
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{R_y}{R_x}\right), \quad R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2}$$

(in 3D $R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}$)



1.9. Unit Vectors:

A unit vector is a vector that has a magnitude of 1 with no units.



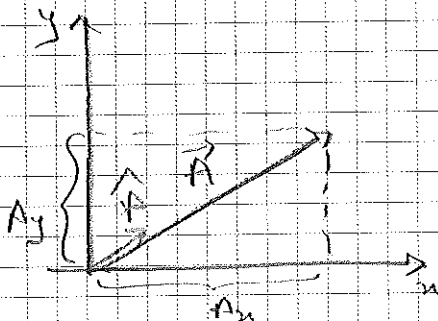
\hat{i} : unit vector along the x-axis

\hat{j} : unit vector along the y-axis

\hat{k} : unit vector along the z-axis

- We always denote a unit vector with a "hat" (^).

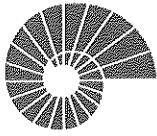
- An arbitrary vector \vec{A} can be expressed by ~~unit vectors~~ and its components and unit vectors:



$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} = A \hat{A}$$

\downarrow
 magnitude
 \downarrow
 direction



Consider two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} ,

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}$$

⇒ Sum of the two vectors can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} &= (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}) + (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}) \\ &= \underbrace{(A_x + B_x)}_{R_x} \hat{i} + \underbrace{(A_y + B_y)}_{R_y} \hat{j} + \underbrace{(A_z + B_z)}_{R_z} \hat{k} \quad // \end{aligned}$$

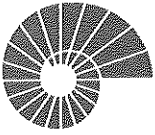
Ex 1.9.: Given the two displacements

$$\vec{D} = (6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \text{ m}, \quad \vec{E} = (4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \text{ m}$$

find the magnitude of the displacement $2\vec{D} - \vec{E}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\vec{D} - \vec{E} &= 2 \cdot (6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \\ &= (12\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \\ &= (8\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}) \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |2\vec{D} - \vec{E}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 11^2 + 10^2} = \sqrt{64 + 121 + 100} = \sqrt{285} = 17 \text{ m} //$$



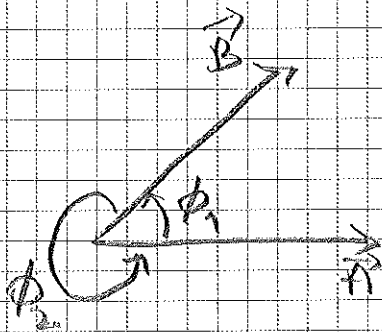
1.10. Products of Vectors:

Apart from the vector addition and subtraction, we define two different vector operations:

- scalar product (dot product) $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$
- vector product (cross product) $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

Scalar Product

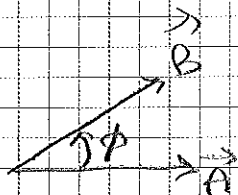
Consider two vectors \vec{A}, \vec{B} are placed such that their tails coincide with each other:



The smaller of ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 is called as the angle between \vec{A} and \vec{B} .

$$\phi = \min\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$$

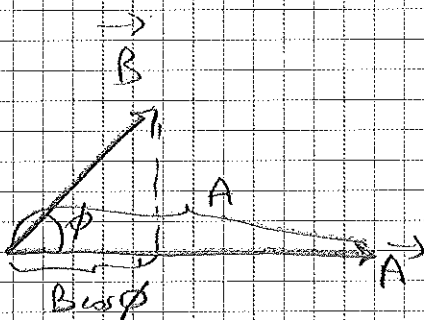
ϕ is always between 0° and 180° .



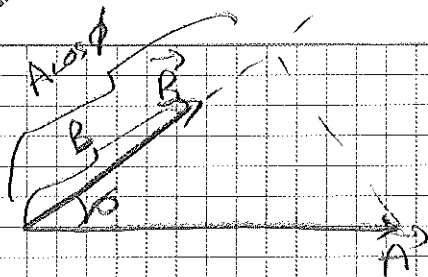
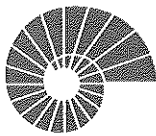
The scalar product of \vec{A} and \vec{B} is defined as:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \phi$$

\swarrow magnitude of \vec{A} \downarrow magnitude of \vec{B} \searrow angle between \vec{A} and \vec{B}



$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ is the magnitude of \vec{A} multiplied by the projection of \vec{B} parallel to \vec{A}



similarly, $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ can be viewed as the magnitude of \vec{B} multiplied by the projection of \vec{A} parallel to \vec{B} .

Notes:

- The result of $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ is a SCALAR, not VECTOR!
it may be +, - or 0.

for $0 \leq \phi < 90^\circ$ for $90^\circ < \phi \leq 180^\circ$ for $\phi = 90^\circ$

- $\phi = 90^\circ, \vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$, scalar product of two perpendicular vectors is zero.

- $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = A^2$, ($\phi = 0$, naturally)

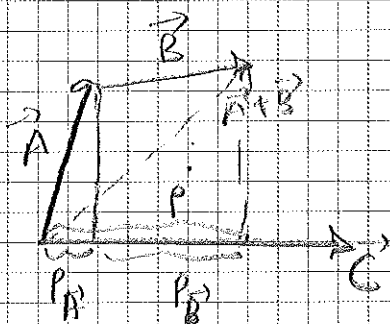
- For any \vec{A}, \vec{B} : $AB \cos \phi = BA \cos \phi \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$
"commutative law of multiplication"

We will use the scalar product in various topics in this class.
an example is the work done by a force

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

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force displacement

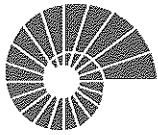
Property: $(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}$ (distributive law)



P : projection of $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ parallel to \vec{C}
 P_A : projection of \vec{A} " " \vec{C}
 P_B : " " \vec{B} " " \vec{C}

$$P = P_A + P_B$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C} = P \times C = P_A C + P_B C = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}$$



We can use this property to benefit from the components of vectors.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}) \cdot (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}) \\ &= A_x B_x \underbrace{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}}_{=1} + A_x B_y \underbrace{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}}_{=0} + A_x B_z \underbrace{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}}_{=0} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z} \quad \text{A very useful formula!}$$

Example 1.11: Find the angle between

$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B} = -4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

we will use the property: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \phi = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{AB} = \frac{A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z}{AB} //$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = -8 + 6 - 1 = -3$$

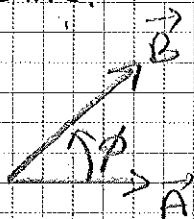
$$A = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 1} = \sqrt{14} \Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{2 \times 7 \times 2 \times 10} = 2\sqrt{70}$$

$$B = \sqrt{16 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \cos \phi &= \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{70}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi = 100^\circ} // \\ &= -0.175\end{aligned}$$

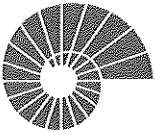
Vector Product

Consider two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} placed with their tails at the same point:

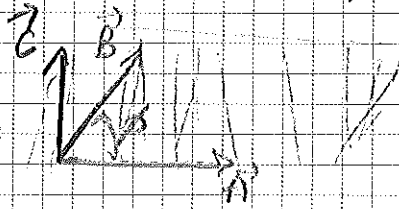


The magnitude of the vector \vec{C} which is the result of the cross-product operation $\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is given as:

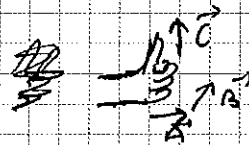
$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \boxed{AB \sin \phi} \rightarrow \text{Always a positive number}$$



$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$



The direction of \vec{C} is perpendicular to the plane defined by \vec{A}, \vec{B} given by the right-hand rule.



Properties:

→ The direction of $\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$ is opposite to the direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{A} = -\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \quad (\text{noncommutative})$$

- if $\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B}, \neq 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 0$, similarly $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = 0$

- if $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = AB, (\theta = 90^\circ)$

- $(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \times \vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{C} + \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$ (distributive law)

We make use of the distributive law to benefit from components of vectors:

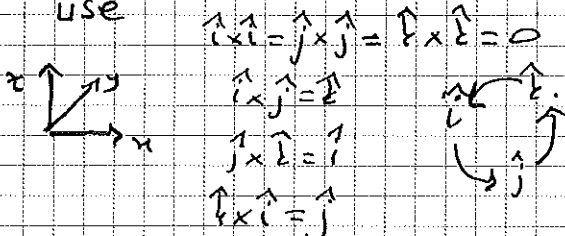
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}) \times (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k})$$

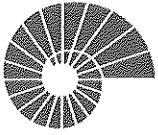
$$= A_x B_y (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) + A_x B_z (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + A_y B_x (\hat{j} \times \hat{i}) + A_y B_z (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + A_z B_x (\hat{k} \times \hat{i}) + A_z B_y (\hat{k} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= A_x B_y \hat{k} - A_x B_z \hat{j} + A_y B_x (-\hat{k}) + A_y B_z \hat{i} + A_z B_x \hat{j} + A_z B_y (-\hat{i})$$

$$= (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \hat{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k}$$

use

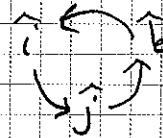




⇒ Can also express in determinant form:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

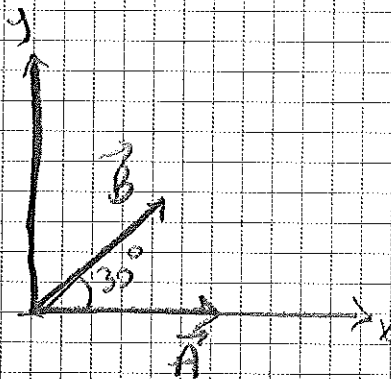
Don't learn this formula by heart.
Simply learn the rule:



✗ We will use the cross product in various topics during this class, e.g. torque $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$, angular momentum $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$

Ex. 1.12: \vec{A} has magnitude of 6 m in x -axis
 \vec{B} has magn. of 4 m and lies in the xy plane with 30° with the x -axis.

What is $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$?



(i) $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = AB \sin \phi = 6 \times 4 \times \sin 30^\circ = 12 \text{ m}^2$
direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is \hat{k}

⇒ $\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 12 \hat{k} \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$

(ii) $\vec{A} = 6\hat{i}$
 $\vec{B} = 2\hat{j} + 6\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{i}$ } ⇒ $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (6\hat{i}) \times (3\sqrt{3}\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$
 $= 18\sqrt{3} \underbrace{\hat{i} \times \hat{i}}_0 + 12 \underbrace{\hat{i} \times \hat{j}}_{\hat{k}} = 12\hat{k} \text{ m}^2$