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Lecture 1

Calculus 1A

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

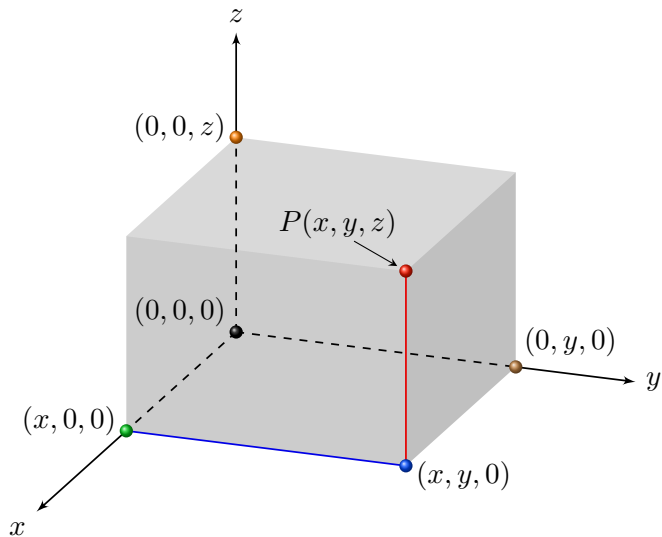


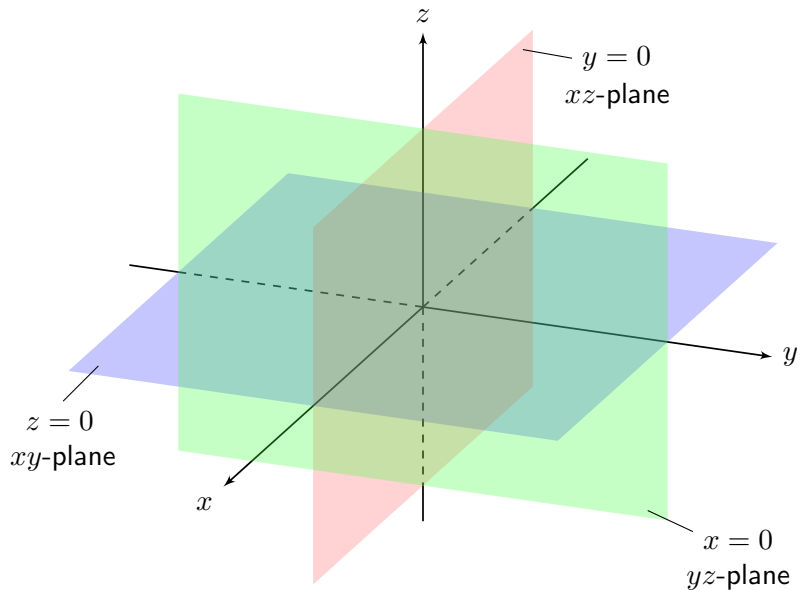
- Every week:
 - ▶ A plenary session, highlighting important topics.
 - ▶ A self-study in which you study the material and make exercises.
 - ▶ A tutorial with exercises and (sometimes) explanation.
- In week 8, Friday: 2-hour written test.
- In week 10, Friday: 3-hour written test, combined with *Intro To Math*.
- For dates, times and locations, consult MyTimeTable.
- All other information is published on Canvas.

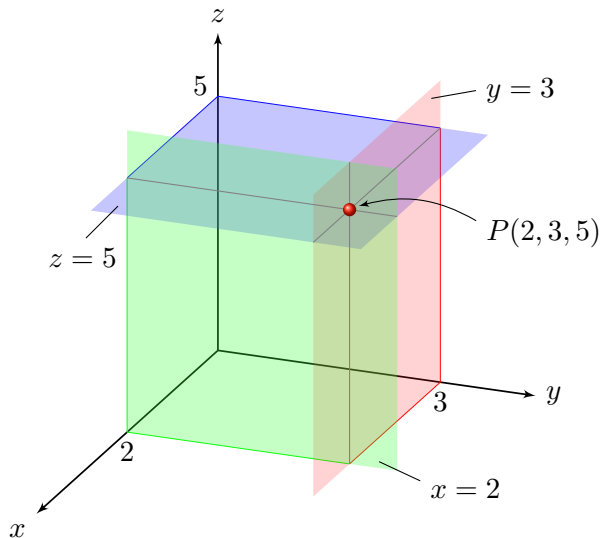
This lecture is based on the material of chapter 12 of Thomas' Calculus.

Topics:

- Vectors in three-dimensional space.
- The dot product and orthogonality.
- The cross product.
- Lines and planes in three-dimensional space.
- Applications.





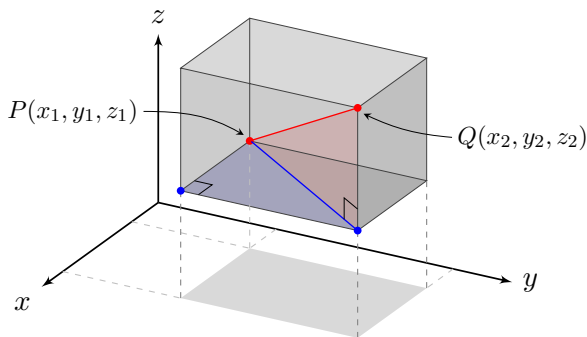




Definition

The **distance** between the points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is defined as

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$



Definition

The **sphere with center P and radius $r \geq 0$** is defined as the set of all points $X \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with distance r to P .

- If $P = (a, b, c)$ then (x, y, z) is on the sphere whenever

$$\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2} = r.$$

- This is equivalent to

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2.$$

- The formal definition of the sphere S is

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2\}.$$



Example

Find its center and radius of the sphere described by

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3x - 4z + 1 = 0.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 \\ = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2by - 2cz + a^2 + b^2 + c^2.\end{aligned}$$

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Vectors



Definition

The vector \overrightarrow{PQ} is the directed line segment with initial point P and terminal point Q .



- Two vectors with the same length and the same direction are considered to be the same.
- The name of a vector is bold in printed text: \mathbf{v} , or underlined in hand written texts: v.

Definition

- A vector is in **standard position** if the origin is the initial point of the vector.
- If the vector is equal to \overrightarrow{OP} , where O is the origin, and P has coordinates (x, y, z) , then we write \mathbf{v} in **component form**:

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle.$$

Theorem

If vector \mathbf{v} has initial point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and terminal point $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$, then

$$\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle$$

Definition

The **length** of the vector \mathbf{v} with initial point P and terminal point Q is denoted as $|\mathbf{v}|$, and is defined as the distance between P and Q .

$$|\mathbf{v}| = |PQ|.$$

- If $\mathbf{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ is in standard position, then

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}.$$

- If $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$ with initial point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and terminal point $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ then

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}.$$

Notation

- The **zero vector** is the vector where all components are 0, and is denoted as $\mathbf{0}$.
- The **standard base vectors in \mathbb{R}^2** are the vectors

$$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle.$$

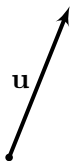
- The **standard base vectors in \mathbb{R}^3** are the vectors

$$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle.$$

- **Scalar multiplication** of a vector \mathbf{v} with a real number α results in a shorter or longer vector with the same or opposite direction as \mathbf{v} .



- For the **head-to-tail construction** of the sum of two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} : shift \mathbf{v} such that the initial point of \mathbf{v} is the same as the terminal point of \mathbf{u} .
- For the **parallelogram construction** of the sum of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} : shift \mathbf{v} such that the initial points of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} coincide.



Theorem

If $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$ and $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$, then

- $\alpha \mathbf{v} = \langle \alpha v_1, \dots, \alpha v_n \rangle$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, and
- $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_n + v_n \rangle$.

Properties

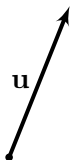
For all vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} and real numbers a and b we have

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
2. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
3. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
4. $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$
5. $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
6. $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$
7. $a(b\mathbf{u}) = (ab)\mathbf{u}$
8. $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$
9. $(a+b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{u}$



For the **head-to-head construction** of the difference of two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} : shift the vectors such that the initial points of coincide.

- $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}$ is the vector from the head of \mathbf{u} to the head of \mathbf{v} .
- $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ is the vector from the head of \mathbf{v} to the head of \mathbf{u} .





Definition

A **unit vector** is a vector with length 1.

- If $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$ is a unit vector.

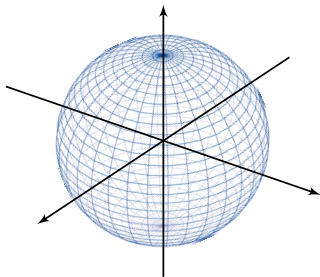
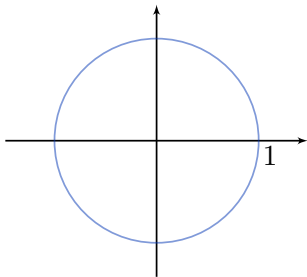
Example: normalize $\langle 2, -4, 4 \rangle$.



Definition

The **direction** of a non-zero vector \mathbf{v} is the vector $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$.

- Directions are unit vectors
- If a direction is in standard position, its end points lies on the unit circle (in \mathbb{R}^2), or the unit sphere (in \mathbb{R}^3).



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The dot product

Definition

The **dot product** or **inner product** of the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \cdots + u_nv_n.$$

- The dot product is a *number*.
- The dot product can be used to describe the length of a vector:

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$$

Theorem

For all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ the following properties holds

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

- Properties 2 and 3 can be combined for any number of vectors:

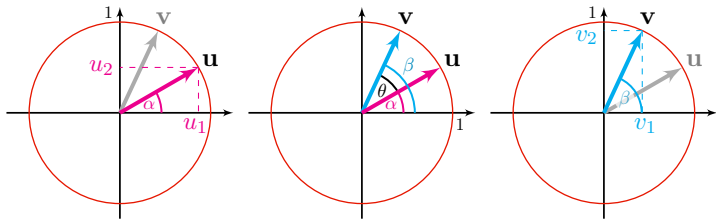
$$(c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{w} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w} + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{w}.$$



Theorem

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are unit vectors, and θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , then

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \cos \theta.$$

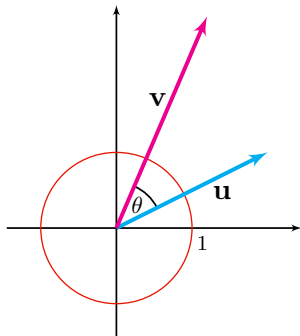




Theorem

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are non-zero vectors, and θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , then

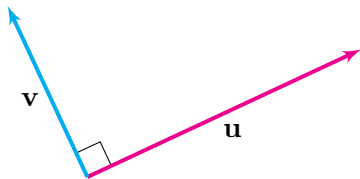
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta.$$

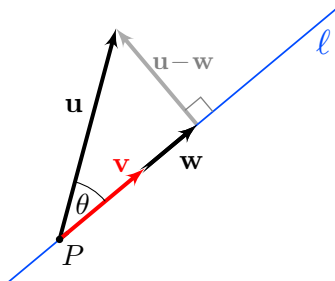


Definition

Two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **orthogonal** or **perpendicular** if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

- If $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is $\pi/2$.
- If $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then there is no angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , but we still say that \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal.
- We denote orthogonal vectors with the “ \perp ”-symbol: $\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v}$.





- The blue line has direction \mathbf{v} , hence $\mathbf{w} = \alpha\mathbf{v}$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.
- We require that $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w} \perp \mathbf{v}$, in other words:

$$(\mathbf{u} - \alpha\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

- From the equation $(\mathbf{u} - \alpha\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ we derive

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \alpha\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \alpha|\mathbf{v}|^2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2}$$

- Hence

$$\mathbf{w} = \alpha\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}.$$

Definition

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be two vectors, $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$. The **projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v}** is

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}$$





Definition

Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ be two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

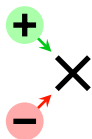
The **cross product** **van \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}** is defined as

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \rangle.$$

The cross product can be computed using this template:

$$\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \rangle \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3 \rangle \quad \dots \quad \dots$$



1. Copy the first two leftmost entries of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
2. Calculate the first entry of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.
3. Calculate the second entry of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.
4. Calculate the third entry of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.




Example

Calculate the cross product of $\langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle$ and $\langle -1, 2, 2 \rangle$.

Theorem

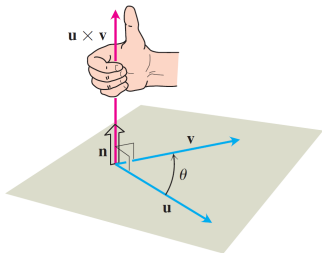
For all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

1. $(r\mathbf{u}) \times (s\mathbf{v}) = (rs)(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$
2. $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$
3. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$
4. $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{u}$
5. $\mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
6. $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \neq (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w}$ 

Theorem

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . The cross product of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is has the following properties

1. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{v}$.
2. $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$, with θ the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
3. The direction is determined by the **right-hand rule**.





Example

For the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 2, 2 \rangle$, check the first two geometric properties of the cross product.

Lines and planes



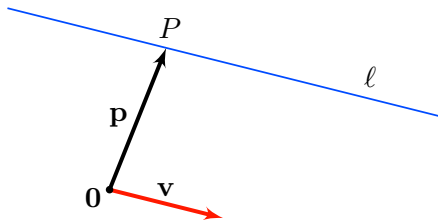
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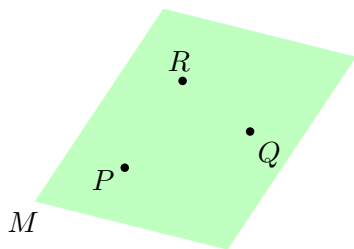
The **line through P parallel to \mathbf{v}** is given by

$$\{\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

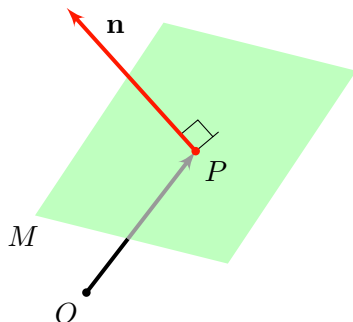
where $\mathbf{p} = \overrightarrow{OP}$.

- The vector \mathbf{p} is called a **support vector** of ℓ .
- The vector \mathbf{v} is called a **direction vector** of ℓ .



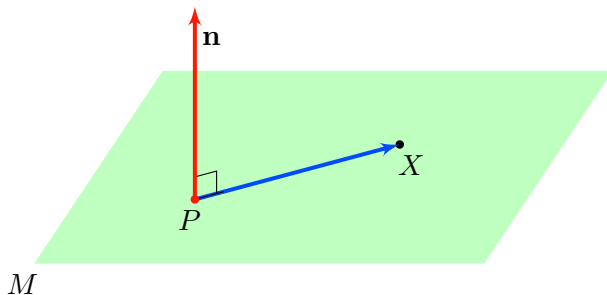


(a)



(b)

- A **normal vector of M** is a non-zero vector orthogonal to M .
- A plane is determined by:
 - (a) three points, not on one line,
 - (b) or by a support vector and a normal vector.



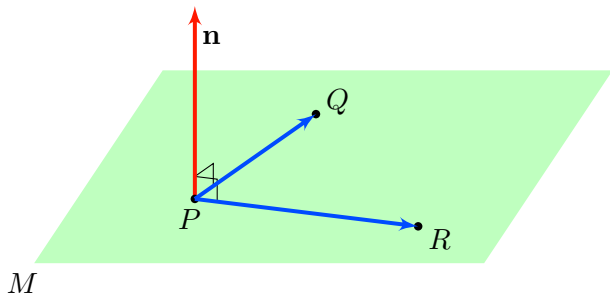
- If \mathbf{n} is a normal vector of M , then for every $X \in M$:

$$\mathbf{n} \perp \overrightarrow{PX}.$$

- If $\mathbf{p} = \overrightarrow{OP}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \overrightarrow{OX}$, then

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}) = 0$$

This equation is called the **normal equation** of M .



- If P , Q and R are three points (not on a line), then a normal vector of the plane can be calculated by taking a cross product, for example:

$$\mathbf{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}.$$

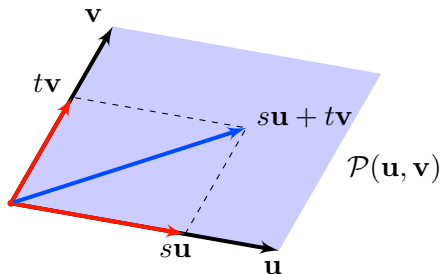


Example

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Find an equation for the plane through the points $A(0, 0, 1)$, $B(2, 0, 0)$ and $C(0, 3, 0)$.





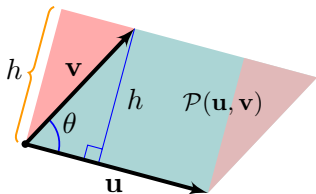
Definition

The **parallelogram spanned by the vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}** is the set $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ defined by

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \{s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v} \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$$

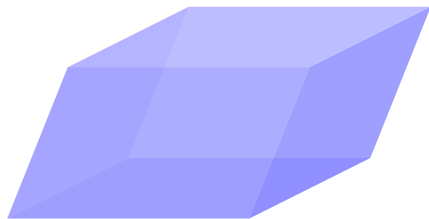
Theorem

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . The area of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ is equal to $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$.



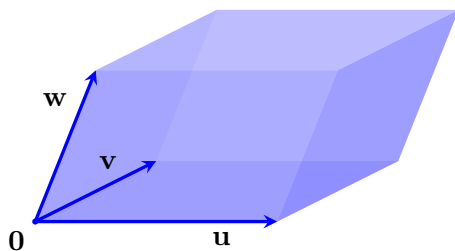
- Observe that $\sin \theta = \frac{h}{|\mathbf{v}|}$, so $h = |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$.
- The area of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ is

$$|\mathbf{u}| h = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta = |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|.$$



Definition

A **parallelepiped** is a polyhedron whose faces are parallelograms.



Definition

The **parallelepiped spanned by the vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w}** is the set $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ defined by

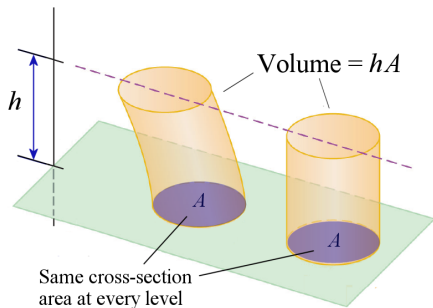
$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \{s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v} + r\mathbf{w} \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$$

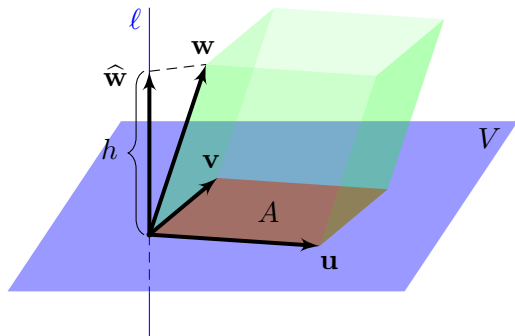
Theorem

Two solids with equal altitude and identical cross-section areas have the same volume.

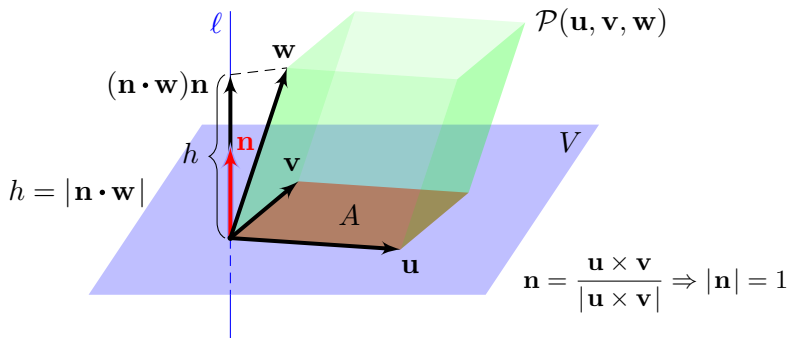


- The volume of the solid is hA .





- The line ℓ is orthogonal to the plane V containing \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
- The projection of \mathbf{w} onto ℓ is $\widehat{\mathbf{w}}$, and $h = |\widehat{\mathbf{w}}|$.
- The volume of the parallelepiped is hA .
- The surface area of the bottom A is $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$.



- The surface area of the bottom A is $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$.
- The volume of the parallelepiped is

$$hA = \left| \frac{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|} \cdot \mathbf{w} \right| |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = \boxed{ |(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}| }$$