

# MATH 2550 G/J w/ Dr. Sal Barone

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## Daily Announcements & Reminders:

### Goals for Today:

Sections 12.1, 12.4, 12.5

- Set classroom norms
- Describe the big-picture goals of the class
- Review  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the dot product
- Introduce the cross product and its properties

### Class Values/Norms:

- Mistakes are a learning opportunity
- Mathematics is collaborative
- Make sure everyone is included
- Criticize ideas, not people
- Be respectful of everyone
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**Big Idea:** Extend differential & integral calculus.

What are some key ideas from these two courses?

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Differential Calculus

limits  
 deriv. (single var)  
 PROD/QUOT/chain  
 Riemann sum  
 continuity

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Integral Calculus

integrals  
 u-sub  
 IBP  
~~trig~~  
~~partial frac~~  
 power red.

Before: we studied **single-variable functions**  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  like  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 6$ .

Now: we will study **multi-variable functions**  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ : each of these functions is a rule that assigns one output vector with  $m$  entries to each input vector with  $n$  entries.

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

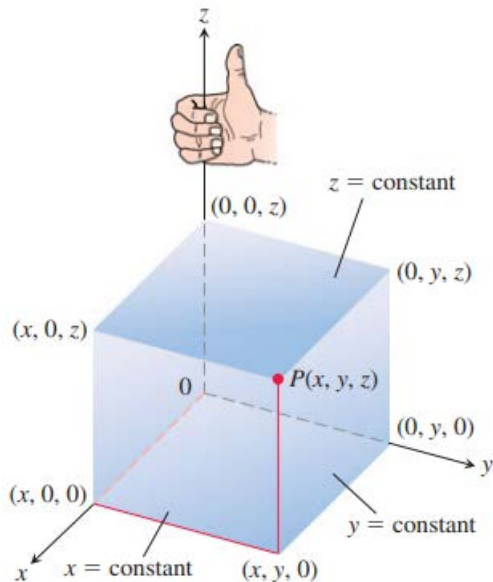
$f(t) = \langle t, t, t \rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$g(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

## §12.1: Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems



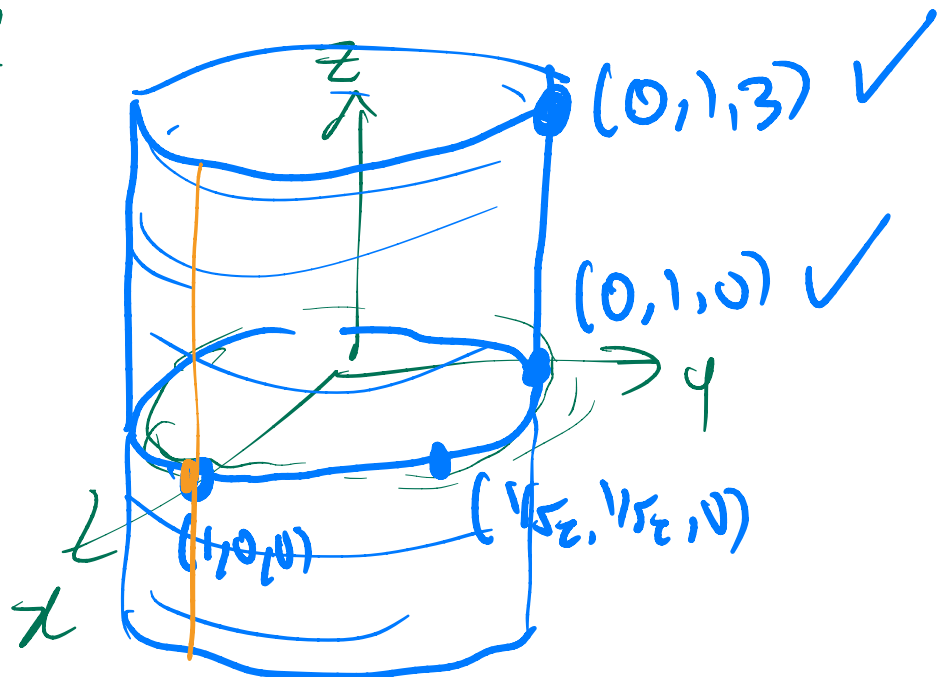
$\mathbb{R}^3$   $(a, b, c)$  point  
location  
in space.

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector pointing  
in direction  
of  $(a, b, c)$   
starts at  
 $\vec{0}$ .

**Question:** What shape is the set of solutions  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  to the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ?

Cylinder?  
plane?  
circle?

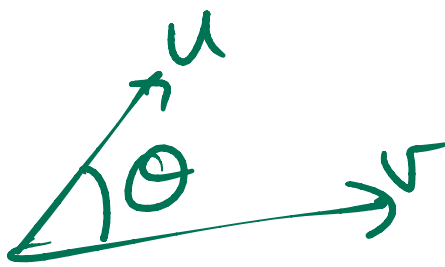


## §12.3, 12.4: Dot & Cross Products

**Definition 1.** The dot product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$  is

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

This product tells us about angles & orthogonality.

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


In particular, two vectors are **orthogonal** if and only if their dot product is 0.

**Example 2.** Are  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1, 4 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -3, -1, 1 \rangle$  orthogonal?

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= (1)(-3) + (1)(-1) + (4)(1) = -3 - 1 + 4 \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  are orthogonal.

defined only in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ **Goal:** Given two vectors, produce a vector orthogonal to both of them in a "nice" way.

1. play nice w/ scalars  $c\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$

2. play nice w/ vector +

$$\vec{u} \times (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}_1 + \vec{u} \times \vec{v}_2$$

\*  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$  ?? why?

~~Definition 3.~~ The cross product of two vectors  $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is

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

determinant of a 3x3 matrix

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

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

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

Example 4. Find  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \times \langle 3, -1, 0 \rangle = \vec{w}$

Why is  $\hat{j}$  neg?

$$\vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \hat{i} (0 - 0) - \hat{j} (0 - 0) + \hat{k} (-1 - 6)$$

$$= 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} - 7\hat{k} = \boxed{-7\hat{k}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{either} \\ \text{is} \\ \searrow \text{on.} \end{array}$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 0, 0, -7 \rangle}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{also on.}$$

**Example 5.** *You try it!* Find  $\langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle \times \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle = \vec{\omega}$

$$\vec{\omega} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}$$

$$= \langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle \text{ also ok.}$$

Some common [AJN] things to look out for. *specific to Uxv.*

[A] Accuracy

- simplify answer
- box answer

[J] Justification

- minus sign on **j** component
- show intermediate steps

[N] Notation

- use = sign for expressions that are equal
- vector notation vs. point notation



## A Geometric Interpretation of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$

 $\mathbb{R}^3$ 

The cross product  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  is the vector

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta) \mathbf{n}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is a unit vector which is normal to the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{n}$  is a unit vector, the magnitude of  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  is the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

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

**Example 5.** Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the points  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ .

$$P(1, 1, 1), Q(2, 1, 3), R(3, -1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} &= \vec{PQ} = \langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle - \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{PR} = \langle 3, -1, 1 \rangle - \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2, -2, 0 \rangle$$

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

$$= 4\hat{i} - (-4)\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} = \langle 4, 4, -2 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 4^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 16 + 4} = \sqrt{36} = \boxed{6}$$

