COMPARISON OF PROPERTIES OF DOT PRODUCT AND CROSS PRODUCT

| DOT PRODUCT | CROSS PRODUCT |
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| $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$ | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3, u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \rangle$ |
| | = $(u_2v_3-u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} + (u_3v_1-u_1v_3)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2-u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}$ |
| | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ can be calculated using diagonal method |
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| | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ can also be calculated by determinant method |
| | as shown in the textbook. |
| vector \bullet vector = scalar (number) | $vector \times vector = vector$ |
| $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} \cos \theta$ | $ \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} \sin \theta$ |
| u • v does not have a "direction" | Direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is determined by right hand rule: |
| because it is a scalar, not a vector | Curl fingers of right hand from u to v ; |
| | thumb points in direction of u × v |
| PROPERTIES OF DOT PRODUCT | PROPERTIES OF CROSS PRODUCT |
| u•v= v•u | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ |
| Commutative | Anticommutative |
| $\mathbf{u} \bullet (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{w}$ | $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$ |
| Distributive over addition | Distributive over addition |
| $c (\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \bullet \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \bullet (c\mathbf{v})$ | $c(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times (c\mathbf{v})$ |
| $\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} ^2$ | i×j=k j×k=i k×i=j |
| $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{v} = 0$ | $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = 0$ (because v is parallel to itself) |
| If u and v are non-zero vectors then: | If u and v are non-zero vectors then: |
| $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ if and only if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} |
| u • v >0 if and only if the angle between u and v is acute $(0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ)$ | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = 0$ if and only if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are parallel |
| $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} < 0$ if and only if the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is obtuse (90° < θ < 180°) | |
| APPLICATIONS OF DOT PRODUCT | APPLICATIONS OF CROSS PRODUCT |
| $\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\ \mathbf{u}\ \ \mathbf{v}\ }$ | Use $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ when you need to find a vector that is orthogonal to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} |
| allows us to find the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} | |
| $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$ | area of parallelogram defined by vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} |
| $\mathbf{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\ \mathbf{v}\ }\right) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\ \mathbf{v}\ } = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\ \mathbf{v}\ ^2}\right) \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right) \mathbf{v}$ | $= \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} $ |
| | area of triangle defined by vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} |
| $orth_v u = u - proj_v u$ | $= (1/2) \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} $ |
| Work = $\mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{D}$ | Cross product is useful when finding the equation |
| U.S.: units of work are foot-pounds | of a plane that contains two given vectors. |
| Metric: units of work are joules | (This will be covered in section 11.4) |