COMPARISON OF PROPERTIES OF DOT PRODUCT AND CROSS PRODUCT

| DOT PRODUCT | CROSS PRODUCT |
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| $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}=u_{1} v_{1}+u_{2} v_{2}+u_{3} v_{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} & =\left\langle u_{2} v_{3}-u_{3} v_{2}, u_{3} v_{1}-u_{1} v_{3}, u_{1} v_{2}-u_{2} v_{1}\right\rangle \\ & =\left(u_{2} v_{3}-u_{3} v_{2}\right) \mathbf{i}+\left(u_{3} v_{1}-u_{1} v_{3}\right) \mathbf{j}+\left(u_{1} v_{2}-u_{2} v_{1}\right) \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$ <br> $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ can be calculated using diagonal method <br> $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ 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" because it is a scalar, not a vector | Direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is determined by right hand rule: Curl fingers of right hand from $\mathbf{u}$ to $\mathbf{v}$; thumb points in direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ |
| PROPERTIES OF DOT PRODUCT | PROPERTIES OF CROSS PRODUCT |
| $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ <br> Commutative | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}=-\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ <br> Anticommutative |
| $\mathbf{u} \cdot(\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{w})=\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}+\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ <br> Distributive over addition | $\mathbf{u} \times(\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{w})=\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}+\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$ <br> Distributive over addition |
| $c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})=(C \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{u} \cdot(C \mathbf{v})$ | $C(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})=(C \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{u} \times(C \mathbf{v})$ |
| $\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{v}=\\|\mathbf{v}\\|^{2}$ | $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}=\mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k}=\mathbf{i} \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i}=\mathbf{j}$ |
| $\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{v}=0$ if and only if $\mathbf{v}=\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{0}$ (because $\mathbf{v}$ is parallel to itself) |
| If $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are non-zero vectors then: $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}=0$ if and only if $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are orthogonal $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}>0$ if and only if the angle between $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ is acute ( $0^{\circ}<\theta<90^{\circ}$ ) <br> $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}<0$ if and only if the angle between $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ is obtuse $\left(90^{\circ}<\theta<180^{\circ}\right)$ | If $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are non-zero vectors then: $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{0}$ if and only if $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are parallel |
| APPLICATIONS OF DOT PRODUCT | APPLICATIONS OF CROSS PRODUCT |
| $\cos \theta=\frac{\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}}{\\|\mathbf{u}\\|\\|\mathbf{v}\\|}$ <br> allows us to find the angle between $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ | Use $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ when you need to find a vector that is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}}{\\|\mathbf{v}\\|}\right) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\\|\mathbf{v}\\|}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\\|\mathbf{v}\\|^{2}}\right) \mathbf{v}=\left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right) \mathbf{v} \\ & \mathbf{o r t h}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{p r o j}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$ | area of parallelogram defined by vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ $=\\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\\|$ <br> area of triangle defined by vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ $=(1 / 2)\\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\\|$ |
| Work $=\mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{D}$ <br> U.S.: units of work are foot-pounds <br> Metric: units of work are joules | Cross product is useful when finding the equation of a plane that contains two given vectors. <br> (This will be covered in section 11.4) |

