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$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{u} = (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \quad (5.4)$$

$\vec{u} \times \vec{w}$  is perpendicular to both  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{w}$  so both dot products must be 0.

$$(a\vec{u}) \times \vec{w} = a(\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \times (a\vec{w}) \quad (5.7)$$

$$|(a\vec{u}) \times \vec{w}| = |a\vec{u}| |\vec{w}| \sin \theta, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is the angle between } \vec{u} \text{ \& } \vec{w}$$

$$\Rightarrow |(a\vec{u}) \times \vec{w}| = |a| |\vec{u}| |\vec{w}| \sin \theta = |a| |\vec{u} \times \vec{w}|$$

$$\& |\vec{u} \times (a\vec{w})| = |\vec{u}| |a\vec{w}| \sin \theta = |a| |\vec{u} \times \vec{w}|$$

So the expressions in (5.7) have equal magnitudes, but what if  $a < 0$ ?

Check for  $a = -1$ :  $(-\vec{u}) \times \vec{w} = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{w})$  by the right hand rule

$$\& \vec{u} \times (-\vec{w}) = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) \text{ also by RHR}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a\vec{u}) \times \vec{w} = a(\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \times (a\vec{w})$$

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$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot [-(\vec{v} \times \vec{w})] = -\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$$

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$$\hat{i} \times (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) = \hat{i} \times (\hat{k}) = -\hat{j}$$

$$(\hat{i} \times \hat{i}) \times \hat{j} = (\vec{0}) \times \hat{j} = \vec{0}$$

Since  $-\hat{j} \neq \vec{0}$ , the cross product is not associative.

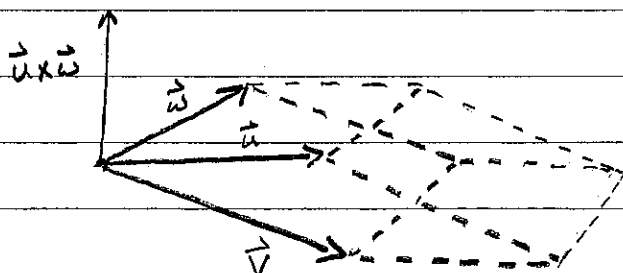
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$$\vec{u} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0) \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{u}}{d\theta} = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (\vec{u} \times \hat{i}) = \frac{d\vec{u}}{d\theta} \times \hat{i} + \vec{u} \times \frac{d\hat{i}}{d\theta}, \text{ but } \frac{d\hat{i}}{d\theta} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{d}{d\theta} (\vec{u} \times \hat{i}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + (-\cos \theta)\hat{k} = -\cos \theta \hat{k}$$

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That's one  
swoozy  
parallelepiped!  
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$$\text{Volume} = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{u}) = \vec{v} \cdot [-(\vec{u} \times \vec{w})] = -\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w})$$

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If  $\vec{v}$  is in the same plane as  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{w}$  then their triple product is zero because they create a "flat" parallelepiped with zero volume.

Equivalently,  $\vec{u} \times \vec{w}$  is  $\perp$  to the plane containing  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \& \vec{w}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) = 0 \text{ since the vectors are } \perp.$$

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Ordering	Triple Product	Orientation
$\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$	$\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) = +1$	positive
$\hat{k}, \hat{i}, \hat{j}$	$\hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) = +1$	positive
$\hat{j}, \hat{k}, \hat{i}$	$\hat{j} \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{i}) = +1$	positive
$\hat{j}, \hat{i}, \hat{k}$	$\hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) = -1$	negative
$\hat{k}, \hat{j}, \hat{i}$	$\hat{k} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{i}) = -1$	negative
$\hat{i}, \hat{k}, \hat{j}$	$\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{j}) = -1$	negative

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$$2x + 3y - z = 0 \Rightarrow (2, 3, -1) \cdot (x, y, z) = 0$$

Since every vector  $(x, y, z)$  that satisfies this equation is in the plane, the vector  $(2, 3, -1)$  must be  $\perp$  to the plane.

$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = (0, 0, 0) + t(2, 3, -1)$  is the parametrized line through the origin  $\perp$  to the plane.

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$$\vec{v} = (1, 1, 2) \quad \vec{u} = (1, 2, 1) \quad \vec{w} = (2, 1, 1)$$

$$\text{Volume} = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2-1) \cdot 1 - (1-2) \cdot 1 + (1-4) \cdot 2 = -6$$

The vectors in the order given are negatively oriented.

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$$l_1 \text{ is in the direction } \vec{d}_1 = (2, -2, 0) - (1, 2, 1) = (1, -4, -1)$$

$$l_2 \text{ is in the direction } \vec{d}_2 = (-1, 4, -2) - (2, 1, 5) = (-3, 3, -7)$$

$$\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \\ -3 & 3 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = (28+3)\hat{i} - (-7-3)\hat{j} + (3-12)\hat{k}$$

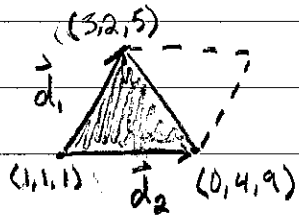
$\Rightarrow 31\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}$  is  $\perp$  to  $l_1$  &  $l_2$ .

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$$\vec{u} = (2, 1, 4) \quad \vec{v} = (-1, 3, 8)$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = (8-12)\hat{i} - (16+4)\hat{j} + (6+1)\hat{k} = -4\hat{i} - 20\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Area} = |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-20)^2 + (7)^2} = \sqrt{465}$$



$$\vec{d}_1 = (3, 2, 5) - (1, 1, 1) = (2, 1, 4)$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = (0, 4, 9) - (1, 1, 1) = (-1, 3, 8)$$

$$\text{Area}_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Area}_{\square} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{465} \quad \text{from 1st part}$$