

Quick Reivew on sections 1.1, 1.2

$$\vec{a} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

• A vector: a quantity with **direction** and **magnitude**.

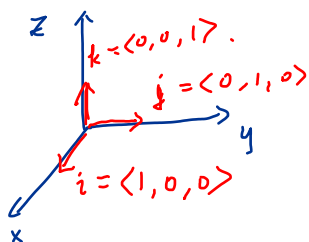
$$\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}$$

• Notation of a vector: use "bold"  $\mathbf{a}$  or  $\vec{a}$ .

$$\text{unit vector} = \frac{\vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|} = \frac{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{14}}$$

• Given a vector  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ . The length of a vector  $\vec{a}$  is denoted by  $\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$ .

• **Standard Basic vectors:**



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

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

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

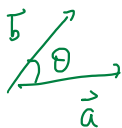
EX:  $\vec{a} = \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle$   
 $= 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ .

Then  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  can be written as  $\vec{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$ .

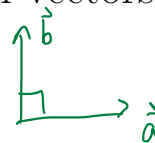
• (**Inner product** or **Dot product**) Let  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ . The Dot product formula is

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3.$$

•  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



$$\theta = 90^\circ$$



$$\cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

## Review: Parametrization of a line

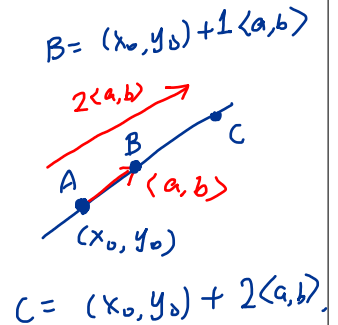
In two dimensions, a **parametrization** for a line through point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , in direction of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  is

$$(x, y) = (x_0, y_0) + t(a, b) \text{ for } -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Its **parametric equation** is

$$x = x_0 + at$$

$$y = y_0 + bt$$



In three dimensions, a **parametrization** for a line through point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , in direction of  $\langle a, b, c \rangle$  is

$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(a, b, c) \text{ for } -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Its **parametric equation** is

$$x = x_0 + at$$

$$y = y_0 + bt$$

$$z = z_0 + ct$$

### Example:



1. Find a parametrization of the line passes through points  $(2, 1, -3)$  and  $(3, 4, -5)$ .

$$\text{point} : \langle 2, 1, -3 \rangle$$

$$\text{direction} : \langle 3, 4, -5 \rangle - \langle 2, 1, -3 \rangle = \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$\text{A parametrization: } (x, y, z) = \langle 2, 1, -3 \rangle + t \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle, \\ -\infty < t < \infty.$$

2. Find a parametrization for the line segment between the points  $(2, 1, -3)$  and  $(3, 4, -5)$ .

$$(x, y, z) = \langle 2, 1, -3 \rangle + t \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

# 1.3 Matrices, Determinants, Cross Product

A **matrix** is simply a rectangle array of numbers, such as,

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{columns} \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{rows} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.7 & 10 \\ \pi & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

The above matrix is a  $\overline{2} \times \overline{3}$  matrix because it has  $\overline{2}$  rows and  $\overline{3}$  columns.

- $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{1st row, 2nd column}$$

The determinant: We denote it as  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right)$  or  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$ .

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

- $3 \times 3$  matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant: We denote it as  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right)$  or  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{a_{11}} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) - a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31}). \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Evaluate  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = 1(11) - 2 \times 4 = 11 - 8 = 3,$

Also evaluate  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 11 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -3.$

Can you guess what is the general rule for interchanging two columns or two rows?

**Example:** Evaluate  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$= 2(3 - 0) - (-1)(4 - 6) + 0.$$

$$= 4. \quad \#$$

§ **Cross Product** We define the **Cross product** or vector product for two 3-dimensional vectors,  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$  by

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}.$$

$$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \quad = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) \mathbf{i} - (a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1) \mathbf{j} + (a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \quad = \langle a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2, \quad a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1, \quad a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2 \rangle$$

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



a vector

NOTE:  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  is scalar number.

**Example:** Let  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$ . Find  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} \\ &= (4, -2, 5). \end{aligned}$$

## § Cross Product

**Properties:** Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are vectors and  $\alpha, \beta$  are constants.

$$1. \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$$

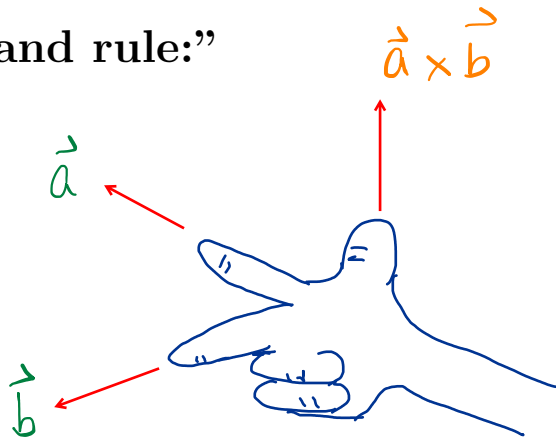
$$2. \vec{a} \times (\alpha\vec{b} + \beta\vec{c}) = \alpha(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \beta(\vec{a} \times \vec{c}).$$

$\alpha, \beta$  : constant

### 3. Geometric meaning:

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a vector **perpendicular** to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

"Right hand rule:"



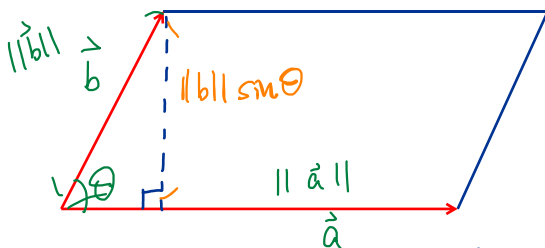
NOTE:  
 $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \perp \vec{a}$   
 $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \perp \vec{b}$

$$4. \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin(\theta).$$



5. Recall that the **area of the parallelogram** = Base  $\times$  Height.

Consider the parallelogram spanned by vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



area of parallelogram  
 = Base  $\times$  Height  
 $\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin\theta$

Thus,  $\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| = \text{area of parallelogram} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin\theta$   
 $= \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|$