

#### *The unit vector in the direction of a given vector:*

IF $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  Then the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{A}$  is denoted by  $\vec{U}_A$ , and given by the relation:  $\overrightarrow{U_A} = \frac{\overrightarrow{A}}{||\overrightarrow{A}||}$  $\|\vec{A}\|$ 



The direction angles and direction cosines of a vector in space IF $\overline{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$  is a vector in space and IF( $\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z$ ) are measures of the angles that the vector makes with the position direction of  $(x,y,z)$  axes respectively  $A_x = ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_x$ ,  $A_y = ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_y$ ,  $A_z = ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_z$  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z) = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k} = ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_x \hat{i} + ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_y \hat{j} + ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_z \hat{k}$  $= ||\vec{A}|| (\cos \theta_x \hat{i} + ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_y \hat{j} + ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta_z \hat{k})$  $(\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z)$  are direction angles of vector  $\vec{A}$ (cos  $\theta_x$ , cos  $\theta_y$ , cos  $\theta_z$ ) are direction cosines of vector  $\overline{A}$ 

# **Remark**

The unit vector in direction of  $\overline{A}$  is  $\overline{U_A}$  = cos  $\theta_x$  *î* + cos  $\theta_y$  *ĵ* + cos  $\theta_z$   $\hat{k}$  = (cos  $\theta_x$ , cos  $\theta_y$ , cos  $\theta_z$ )  $\|\overline{U_A}\| = \sqrt{\cos^2\theta_x + \cos^2\theta_y + \cos^2\theta_z} = 1$ Where :  $\cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$ 



The opposite figure represents the vector  $\overline{A}$  whose norm is 10 units. (a) Express the vector A by algebraic form (cartesian components). (b) Find measure of direction angles of vector  $\overline{A}$ .



(a) First resolve the vector  $\overline{A}$  into two components: The first in the direction of  $\overline{OZ}$  and its magnitude  $A_z = ||\overline{A}|| \cos \theta_z = 10 \cos 40 = 7.66$ 

The second lies in the coordinate plane *xy*:  $A_{xy} = ||\overline{A}|| \sin \theta_z = 10 \sin 40 = 6.428$ Now resolve the component A*xy* into two components: The first in the direction of  $\overline{OX}$  and its magnitude  $A_x$  $A_x = A_{xy} \cos 70 = 6.428 \cos 70 = 2.199$ The second in the direction of  $\overline{OY}$  and its magnitude  $A_y$  $A_y = A_{xy} \sin 70 = 6.428 \sin 70 = 6.04$  $\bar{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z) = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k} = (2.199, 6.04, 7.66)$  $\bar{A}$  (2.199 6.04 7.66

(b) 
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\overline{U_A} = \frac{A}{\|\overline{A}\|} = \left(\frac{2.199}{10}, \frac{6.04}{10}, \frac{7.66}{10}\right)
$$



 $\cos \theta_x =$ 2.199 10 , ∴ θ*<sup>x</sup>* = 77°17*'*49*"* cos θ*<sup>y</sup>* = 6.04 10 , ∴ θ*<sup>y</sup>* = 52°50*'* 35*''*

$$
\cos \theta_z = \frac{7.66}{10}
$$
,  $\therefore \theta_z = 70$ ,  $0, = 40^{\circ}14''$ 



The opposite figure represents a force  $\bar{F}$  of magnitude 200N (a) Express the force  $\bar{F}$  in the algebraic form. (b) Find the measure of the direction angles of the force  $\bar{F}$ .

a) 
$$
\vec{f} = (f \cos \theta \sin \varphi, f \cos \theta \cos \varphi, f \sin \theta)
$$
  
\n $\vec{f} = (200 \times \frac{5}{4\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{3}{5}, 200 \times \frac{5}{4\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{4}{5}, 200 \times \frac{5}{4\sqrt{2}})$   
\n $\vec{f} = (60\sqrt{2}, 80\sqrt{2}, 100\sqrt{2}) \longrightarrow \vec{f} = 60\sqrt{2} \hat{i} + 80\sqrt{2} \hat{j}, 100\sqrt{2} \hat{k}$ 

b) 
$$
\|\vec{f}\| = \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + f_z^2} = \sqrt{(60\sqrt{2})^2 + (80\sqrt{2})^2 + (100\sqrt{2})^2} = 200
$$
  
\ncos  $\theta_x = \frac{f_x}{\|\vec{f}\|} = \frac{60\sqrt{2}}{200} \longrightarrow \theta_x = 64^\circ 53' 45''$   
\ncos  $\theta_y = \frac{f_x}{\|\vec{f}\|} = \frac{80\sqrt{2}}{200} \longrightarrow \theta_x = 55^\circ 33'$   
\ncos  $\theta_z = \frac{f_x}{\|\vec{f}\|} = \frac{100\sqrt{2}}{200} \longrightarrow \theta_z = 45^\circ$ 





S.B.2017 2) if  $\vec{A} = (1, -3, 2)$  and  $\vec{B} = (0, 2, 3)$  find  $\|\vec{A}\|$  and  $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\|$  [ $\sqrt{14}, 3\sqrt{3}$ ]

S.B.2017  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix}$  A = (- 2, 3, 5) and B = (1, 4, - 2), find  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  [(3, 1, - 7)]

S.B.2017  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 \end{vmatrix}$  if  $\vec{C} = (1, -2, 2)$ , find the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{C}$ 1  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$  $\frac{2}{3}$ 

 $S.B.2017$  5) If the vector A makes with the positive direction of the coordinate axes *x*, y and z angles of measure  $60^{\circ} 80^{\circ}$  and  $\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is an acute angle, (a) Find the measure of  $\theta$ . [31.96<sup>°</sup>] (b) Find if  $\vec{A}$  if  $\|\vec{A}\| = 13$  [6.5  $\hat{i} + 2.26 \hat{j} + 11.03 \hat{k}$ ]

 $S.B.2017$  6) If the tension force in a string equals 21 Newton, Find the components of the force  $\vec{F}$ .  $\sqrt{k^n}$  [(14, -7, -14)]

S.B.2017 7) Find the vector  $\vec{A}$  whose norm is 21  $\sqrt{3}$  and makes equal angles with the positive directions of the coordinate axes.  $[\pm 21 (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})]$ 

S.B.2017  $\vert$  8) Use the opposite figure to find the components of the force F whose magnitude is 12  $\sqrt{29}$  Newton in the direction of the coordinate axes. [(-24, 48,36)]

S.B.2017 9) Find the direction angles of the vector  $\vec{C}$  3  $\hat{i}$  - 4  $\hat{j}$  + 5  $\hat{k}$  with the positive direction of the coordinate axes. [64.9°, 124.48°, 45°]



(a)  $100^{\circ}$  (b)  $80^{\circ}$  (c)  $260^{\circ}$  (d)  $68.61^{\circ}$ 







# *Complete the following:*



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## Vector Multiplication

## *There are two kinds of vectors multiplication :*

(1) The scalar product (the dot product)

The vector product (the cross product)

## *Scalar product of two vectors ( Dot Product)*

\* If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  are two vectors the measure of the minor angles between them

is  $\theta$  the scalar product of the two vectors  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  is  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ 

 $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = ||\vec{A}|| \times ||\vec{B}|| \cos \theta \rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$ 

\* The absolute value of the scalar product equals the area of the rectangle whose dimensions are the norm of one of the two vectors

 $(\Vert \vec{B} \Vert)$  and the component of the other on it  $(\Vert \vec{A} \Vert \cos \theta)$ *Properties of scalar product :*

1) Commutative property :  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$ 

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2) \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = ||\vec{A}||^2
$$

3)  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$  = zero if and only if  $\vec{A}$  |  $\vec{B}$ 

4) Distributive property:  $\vec{A}$ . ( $\vec{B} + \vec{C}$ ) =  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$ 

5) If K is a scalar (real number) then,  $(K\vec{A}) \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{A}$  (k  $\vec{B}$ ) = k ( $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ )

# **Remark**

1) The two vectors must be outwards of the same point or inwards to the same point

 $2) \theta \in [0, \pi]$ 

EXAMPLE  
\nIf 
$$
||\vec{A}|| = 2 ||\vec{B}|| = 8
$$
,  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$ , Find  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$   
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\n $|\vec{A}|| = 8$ , & 2  $||\vec{B}|| = 8 \rightarrow ||\vec{B}|| = 4 \rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta = 8 \times 4 \times \cos 60 = 16$ 







2 (b)  $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = -(\overrightarrow{BA} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC}) = -(\overrightarrow{||BA||} \cdot \overrightarrow{||BC||} \cos 60) = -10 \times 10 \times \cos 60 = -50$ (c)  $2(\overrightarrow{AB})$ .  $3(\overrightarrow{BC}) = 6(\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{BC}) = 6 \times -50 = -300$ 

*The scalar product of two vectors in orthogonal coordinate system,* If  $\overline{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ ,  $\overline{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z)$ , then  $\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ .  $(B_x, B_y, B_z)$  $\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$ 



Let  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$  ∴  $\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$  $\vec{B} = (\text{B}_x, \text{B}_y, \text{B}_z)$  :  $\vec{B} = \text{B}_x \hat{\imath} + \text{B}_y \hat{\jmath} + \text{B}_z \hat{k}$  $\vec{A}.\ \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{\imath} + A_y \hat{\jmath} + A_z \hat{k})$ .  $(B_x \hat{\imath} + B_y \hat{\jmath} + B_z \hat{k})$ Since  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1 \rightarrow \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$  $\therefore \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$ 

**Remark** 

If 
$$
\vec{A} = (A_x A_y)
$$
,  $\vec{B} = (B_x, B_y) \rightarrow \vec{A}$ .  $\vec{B} = (A_x A_y)$ .  $(B_x, B_y)$   
 $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y$ 





find  $\overrightarrow{A}$ .  $\overrightarrow{B}$  in each of the following : a)  $\vec{A} = (-1, 3, 2)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (4, -2, 5)$  and what do you deduce ? b)  $\vec{A} = (2, -1)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (-3, 1)$ SOLUTION

a)  $\overrightarrow{A}$ .  $\overrightarrow{B}$  = (-1, 3, 2). (4, -2, 5)  $\rightarrow \overrightarrow{A}$ .  $\overrightarrow{B}$  = -4 – 6 + 10 = zero  $\rightarrow \overrightarrow{A}$   $\perp$   $\overrightarrow{B}$ b)  $\overline{A}$ .  $\overline{B} = (2, -1)$ . (-3, 1) = -6 – 1 = -7

*\* The angle between two vector :*  $\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} = ||\overline{A}|| \cdot ||\overline{B}|| \cos \theta$  $\theta$  : is the measure of the minor angle between the two non zeros vectors  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ where  $\theta \in [0, \pi] \cos \theta =$ 

#### *Special cases :*

- (1) if  $\cos \theta = 1$  then  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  in the same direction
- (2) if  $\cos \theta = -1$  then  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  in the opposite direction
- (3) if  $\cos \theta = \text{zero}$ , then  $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$



Component (projection) of a vector in a direction of another vector. \* If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  are two vectors then the component (projection) of vector  $\vec{A}$ in direction vector  $\vec{B}$  (denoted by A<sub>B</sub>).  $A_B = ||\vec{A}|| \cos \theta \rightarrow A_B = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{||\vec{B}||}$  $\|\vec{B}\|$ 



The component of a vector in a direction of another vector vanishes

a) if the two vectors are perpendicular ( $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ )

b) if one or both of the two vectors is the zero vector  $\vec{O}$ 

Using the scalar product to find the work done by a force:

\* If a force acted on a body and moved it a displacement S then we say the force exerted a work. The work is given by the relation

 $W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{S} \rightarrow W = ||\vec{F}|| ||\vec{S}|| \cos \theta \rightarrow W = F S \cos \theta$ 

unit of measuring the work = units of force  $\times$  unit of displacement.



The force  $\vec{F} = \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 3 \hat{k}$  Newton acts upon a body and moved from the point A  $(-3,1, 0)$  to the point B  $(2,0, -2)$  Find the work done by the force  $\vec{f}$  where the displacement is measured by meter.



 $\vec{S} = \vec{AB} \rightarrow \vec{S} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{S} = (2,0,-2) - (-3,1,0) = (5,-1,-2)$  $W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{S} \rightarrow W = (1, -2, 3), (5, -1, -2) = 5 + 2 - 6 = 1$  N.m = 1 Joule



SCILUTION



In the opposite figure :

A man draw a box by a tension force with magnitude 160 newton and inclines to the horizontal at angle whose tangent is 3 4 to move it horizontally a distance 5m. find the work done by this force.

Work =  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{S}$ W =  $\|\vec{F}\| \|\vec{S}\| \cos \theta$  $W = 160 \times 5 \times$ 4 5  $= 640$  joule





In the opposite figure: A man lift a box by a string passing over a smooth pulley and inclines to the vertical at angle of measure 30°. If the tension at the string equal 120 newton to raise the box a distance 3 meters from the ground surface. Find the work done by the tension force.

SOLUTION Work =  $\vec{T} \cdot \vec{S}$  $W = ||\vec{T}|| ||\vec{S}|| \cos\theta$  $W = 120 \times 3 \times \cos 150 = .311.78$  joule



### The Vector Product

## (cross product) of two vectors

If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  are two non zero vectors in a plane including an angle of measure. Then  $\vec{A} \times$  $\vec{B} = ( ||\vec{A}|| ||\vec{B}|| \sin \theta) \hat{c}$ 

 $\hat{c}$  : is a unit vector perpendicular to the plane containing  $\overline{A}$ ,  $\overline{B}$ .

Right Hand Rule:

The direction of the unit vector ĉ is defined (up or down) according to the right hand rule where the curved fingers of the right hand show the direction of the relation from  $\vec{A}$  to  $\vec{B}$ , then the thumb shows the direction of the vector ĉ.

# Remark

1)  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$  by applying the right hand rule.

2) For any vector 
$$
\vec{A}
$$
,  $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = \vec{0}$ 

3) By applying the right hand rule on the set of orthogonal unit vectors then

$$
\hat{\imath} \times \hat{\jmath} = \hat{k}, \hat{\jmath} \times \hat{k} = \hat{\imath}, \hat{k} \times \hat{\imath} = \hat{\jmath}, \hat{\imath} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{\jmath}, \hat{k} \times \hat{\jmath} = -\hat{\imath}, \hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\imath} = -\hat{k}
$$



# *The cross product in the cartesian coordinate*

\* if 
$$
\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z), \vec{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z)
$$
, then  
\n
$$
\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{i} + A_y + A_z \hat{k}) \cdot (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k})
$$
\n
$$
= (A_x B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} - (A_x B_z - B_x A_z) \hat{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k}
$$
\n
$$
\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_z & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = (A_x B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} - (A_x B_z - B_x A_z) \hat{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k}
$$
\nIf  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y), \vec{B} = (B_x, B_y) \therefore \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & 0 \\ B_x & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k}$   
\n**EXAMPLE1**  
\nIf  $\vec{A} (= 2, 3, 1), \vec{B} = (1, 2, 4), \text{ find } \vec{A} \times \vec{B} \text{ then deduce the unit vector perpendicular to the plane containing the two vectors } \vec{A}, \vec{B}$   
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\n**REVALUATE:** If 
$$
||\vec{A}|| = 6
$$
 and the direction cosines of vector  $\vec{A}$  are  
\nRespectively  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $-\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the vector  $\vec{B} = (-2, 3, 5)$ , find  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$   
\n $\vec{A} = (A \cos \theta_x, A \cos \theta_y, A \cos \theta_z) = (6 \times \frac{2}{3}, 6 \times \frac{2}{3}, 6 \times \frac{1}{3}) = (4, -4, 2)$   
\n $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & -4 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -26\hat{i} - 24\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ 

#### *Properties of cross product:*

\* If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  are two vectors, the measure of the angle between them is  $\theta$  then 1)  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$  (not commutative) 2)  $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B} \times \vec{B} = \vec{0}$ 3) If  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{0}$  then :  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  or one of the two vectors equal  $\vec{0}$ 4)  $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) + (\vec{A} \times \vec{C})$  (distributive property) 5)  $(K\vec{A}) \times \vec{B} = \vec{A} \times (K\vec{B}) = K(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$ , where K is a scalar (real number) *\** Parallelism of two vectors:  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  ( $\longleftrightarrow$ ) $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{0}$  $(A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} - (A_x B_z - B_x A_y) \hat{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k} = \vec{0}$  $A_{y}$  $A_{Z}$  $A_x$  $A_{Z}$  $A_y B_z = A_z B_y \rightarrow$ =  $\rightarrow A_x B_z = B_x A_z \rightarrow$ =  $B_{y}$  $B_{Z}$  $B_{\chi}$  $B_{Z}$  $\frac{1}{4}$  sin i  $A_{y}$  $A_{y}$  $A_x$  $A_x$  $A_{Z}$  $A_x B_y = A_y B_x \rightarrow$ =  $\rightarrow$   $\therefore$ = =  $B_{\chi}$  $B_{y}$  $B_{\chi}$  $B_{y}$  $B_{Z}$  $A_{y}$  $A_{\chi}$  $A_{Z}$  $\rightarrow A_x = K B_x$ ,  $A_y = K B_y' = A_z = K B_z$ Let = =  $B_{\chi}$  $B_{y}$  $B_{Z}$  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ ,  $A = (KB_x, KB_y, KB_z), \vec{A} = K (B_x, B_y, B_z), \vec{A} = K (B \rightarrow \vec{A} \text{ // } \vec{B}$ 1)  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  in same direction if K > 0 2)  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$  in opposite direction if K< 0

if  $\vec{A} = (2, -3, m)$  is parallel to the vector  $\vec{B} = (1, n, 8)$ EXAMPLE! find the values of m,n.  $(21)(3)$ SOLUTION  $A_{y}$  $\vec{A}$  //  $\vec{B}$   $\rightarrow$   $\frac{A_x}{B}$  $A_{Z}$ = =  $B_{x}$  $B_{y}$  $B_{Z}$ 2 3  $\boldsymbol{m}$ 3 3  $= -$ =  $\longrightarrow$  - $= 2 \rightarrow n = -$ 1  $\boldsymbol{n}$ 8  $\boldsymbol{n}$ 2  $\boldsymbol{m}$  $= 2 \rightarrow m = 16$ 8



*\* The geometric meaning of the cross product of two vectors*

 $\|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}\| = \|\vec{A}\| \|\vec{B}\| \sin \theta = \|\vec{B}\| \times L$  (where  $L = \|\vec{A}\| \sin \theta$ )

= Area of parallelogram where  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  two adjacent sides in it = twice area of triangle in which  $\overline{A}$ ,  $\overline{B}$  two adjacent sides in it.

EXAMPLE  
\nIf 
$$
\vec{A} = (-3,1,2)
$$
,  $\vec{B} = (3,4,-1)$  Find the area of parallelogram in which  $\vec{A}$ ,  
\n
$$
\vec{B}
$$
 are two adjacent sides in it.  
\nS  
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$$
\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (-3,1,2) \times (3,4,-1) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
= (-1-8) \hat{i} - (3-6) \hat{j} + (-12-3) \hat{k} \rightarrow \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -9 \hat{i} + 3 \hat{j} - 15 \hat{k}
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$$
\|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}\| = \sqrt{9^2 + 3^2 + 15^2} = 3\sqrt{35} \text{ sq.u} \rightarrow \text{Area of parallelogram} = 3\sqrt{35} \text{ sq.u}
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### *The scalar triple product:*

If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ ,  $\vec{C}$  are three vectors Then  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$  is known as the scalar triple product The expression  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$  has no brackets where doing the scalar

*Product first is meaningless*  Let  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z), \vec{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z), \vec{C} = (C_x, C_y, C_z)$ Then  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} = \vec{A} \cdot |\vec{A}|$  $\hat{\imath}$   $\hat{\jmath}$   $\hat{k}$  $B_x$   $B_y$   $B_z$  $C_x$   $C_y$   $C_z$ |  $= \vec{A}$ .  $[(B_y C_z - C_y B_z) \hat{i} - (B_x C_z - C_x B_z) \hat{j} + (B_x C_y - C_x B_y) \hat{k}]$  $= A_x (B_y C_z - C_y B_z) - A_y (B_x C_z - C_x B_z) + A_z (B_x C_y - C_x B_y)$  $\vec{A}$  .  $\vec{B} \times \vec{C} =$  |  $A_x$   $A_y$   $A_z$  $B_x$   $B_y$   $B_z$  $C_x$   $C_y$   $C_z$ |

#### *Properties of the scalar triple product*

 $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$ 

The value of the scalar triple product doesn't change if the vectors in the same cyclic order

## *The geometric meaning of the scalar triple product*

If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ ,  $\vec{C}$  are three vectors and form three non parallel sides of parallelepiped then the volume of parallelepiped  $=$  the absolute value of the scalar triple product The volume of parallelepiped =  $|\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}|$ 



Find the volume of the parallelepiped in which three non parallel edges are represented by the vectors  $\vec{A} = (3,-4,1) \vec{B} = (0,2,-3), \vec{C} = (3,2,2)$  $\vec{A}$  .  $(\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) =$ 2 1 3 − 1 3 2  $1 \quad 1 \quad -2$  $\vert$  = 3 (4 + 6) + 4 (0 + 9) + 1(0 - 6) = 30 + 36 - 6 = 60 Volume =  $|\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}|$  60 Cubic unit



# *Answer the following:*





