

# Lecture #6 Vector Analysis: Basics and Transformations Haves ①

## I. Vector Analysis

### A. Basic Properties

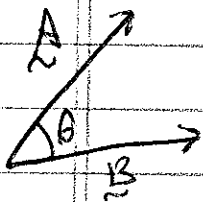
1. A vector  $\underline{A}$  has magnitude and direction
2. Components: In terms of unit vectors specifying a coordinate system

$$\underline{A} = A_x \hat{e}_x + A_y \hat{e}_y + A_z \hat{e}_z$$

### 3. Magnitude

$$|\underline{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

### 4. Dot Product



a.  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$

b.  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = |\underline{A}| |\underline{B}| \cos \theta$

c. If  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$ , vectors are orthogonal

d. Projection:  $\hat{e}_x \cdot \underline{A} = A_x (\hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{e}_x) + A_y (\hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{e}_y) + A_z (\hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{e}_z)$

e. Rotationally Invariant  $= A_x$

### 5. Column Vectors (Matrix Notation)

a.  $\underline{A} \Rightarrow \underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix}$

b.  $\underline{a}^T \underline{b} \Leftrightarrow \underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}$

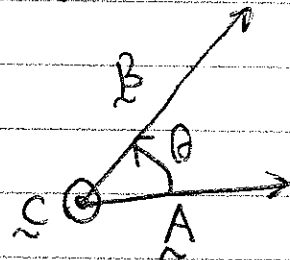
## B. Cross Product

1. Useful for angular momentum  $\underline{L} = \underline{r} \times \underline{p}$

### 2. Defn Cross Product

a.  $\underline{C} = \underline{A} \times \underline{B} = A B \sin \theta \hat{e}_c$

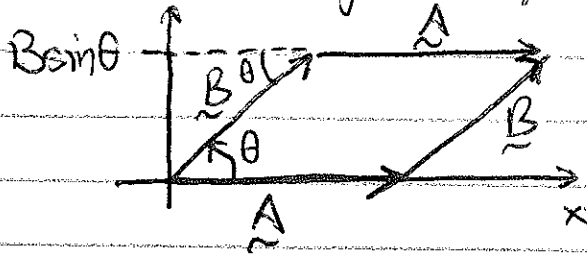
b.  $\hat{e}_c$  is perpendicular to the plane defined by  $\underline{A}$  &  $\underline{B}$ .



Right-hand rule!

"Anthropomorphic prescription"

3. a.  $\underline{A} \times \underline{B}$  has magnitude equal to area of parallelogram



b. Direction of  $\underline{A} \times \underline{B}$  is normal to parallelogram.

4. Anti-Commutation:  $\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = -\underline{B} \times \underline{A}$

5. Distributive: a.  $\underline{A} \times (\underline{B} + \underline{C}) = \underline{A} \times \underline{B} + \underline{A} \times \underline{C}$

b.  $k(\underline{A} \times \underline{B}) = (k\underline{A}) \times \underline{B}$

6. Unit Vectors: a.  $\underline{\hat{e}}_i \times \underline{\hat{e}}_j = \sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \underline{\hat{e}}_k$

b. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\hat{e}}_x \times \underline{\hat{e}}_y &= \underline{\hat{e}}_z & \underline{\hat{e}}_y \times \underline{\hat{e}}_x &= -\underline{\hat{e}}_z \\ \underline{\hat{e}}_y \times \underline{\hat{e}}_z &= \underline{\hat{e}}_x & \underline{\hat{e}}_z \times \underline{\hat{e}}_y &= -\underline{\hat{e}}_x \\ \underline{\hat{e}}_z \times \underline{\hat{e}}_x &= \underline{\hat{e}}_y & \underline{\hat{e}}_x \times \underline{\hat{e}}_z &= -\underline{\hat{e}}_y \end{aligned}$$

etc.

7. Component Form:

a.  $\underline{C} = \underline{A} \times \underline{B} = \underbrace{(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)}_{=C_z} \underline{\hat{e}}_z + \underbrace{(A_z B_x - A_x B_z)}_{=C_y} \underline{\hat{e}}_y + \underbrace{(A_y B_z - A_z B_y)}_{=C_x} \underline{\hat{e}}_x$

b. In general,  $C_i = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$

c. Determinant Form:

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{\hat{e}}_x & \underline{\hat{e}}_y & \underline{\hat{e}}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Can expand in minors about top row.

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8. The Cross Product is rotationally invariant  
(it does not depend on the coordinate system chosen).

9. The Cross Product is a specifically 3-D quantity!

### C. Scalar Triple Product

$$1. \underline{A} \cdot (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix}$$

a. Yields a scalar quantity!

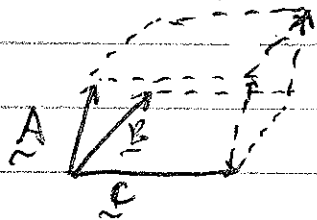
b. Must be rotationally invariant (since dot and cross products are rotationally invariant)

2. Sign changes for odd permutations; no change for even permutations.

$$\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} \times \underline{C} = \underline{B} \cdot \underline{C} \times \underline{A} = \underline{C} \cdot \underline{A} \times \underline{B} = -\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C} \times \underline{B} \text{ etc.}$$

NOTE: Can drop parentheses around cross product  
⇒ always evaluate cross product first!

3. Volume of parallelepiped defined by  $\underline{A}$ ,  $\underline{B}$ , and  $\underline{C}$ .



$$\text{Volume} = \underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} \times \underline{C}$$

4. Also, NOTE:  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} \times \underline{C} = \underline{A} \times \underline{B} \cdot \underline{C}$

D. Vector Triple Product  $\underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C})$ 

1. NOTE: Parentheses are essential here since it is often true that  $(\underline{A} \times \underline{B}) \times \underline{C} \neq \underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C})!$

$$2. \quad \underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) = \underline{B} (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}) - \underline{C} (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B})$$

"BAC - CAB" Rule!

3. Proof using index notation:

a. Remember definition  $C_i = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$  with  $\underline{C} = \sum_i \hat{e}_i C_i$

and use relation  $\sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{pkq} = \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}$

b. Thus

$$\underline{A} \times (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) = \sum_i \hat{e}_i \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \left[ \sum_{p,q} \epsilon_{kpq} B_p C_q \right]$$

$$= \sum_{ij} \sum_{pq} \hat{e}_i A_j B_p C_q \left( \sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{kpq} \right)$$

c. NOTE:  $\epsilon_{kpq} = -\epsilon_{pkq} = +\epsilon_{pqk}$

d. Thus

$$= \sum_{ij} \sum_{pq} \hat{e}_i A_j B_p C_q [\delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}]$$

e. Eliminate p,q sums:

$$= \sum_j \hat{e}_i A_j (B_i C_j - B_j C_i) = \sum_i \hat{e}_i \left[ B_i \left( \sum_j A_j C_j \right) - C_i \left( \sum_j A_j B_j \right) \right]$$

f. Using  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = \sum_j A_j B_j$ , we obtain  $= \sum_i \hat{e}_i [B_i (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}) - C_i (\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B})]$

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g. finally  $= \underline{B}(\underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}) - \underline{C}(\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}) \checkmark$

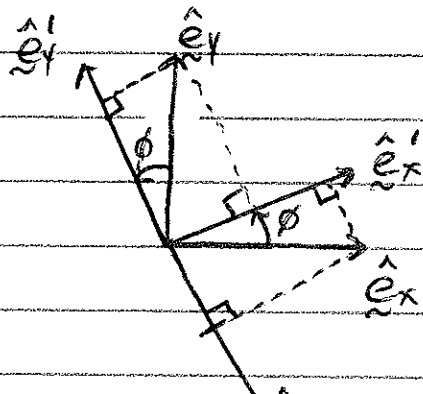
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## II. Coordinate Transformations

- Vectors must have specific transformation properties under rotation of the coordinate system.

### A. Rotations in 2D ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

1. Consider rotation to a new (primed) coordinate system



a.  $\underline{A} = A_x \hat{e}_x + A_y \hat{e}_y$   
 $= A'_x \hat{e}_{x'} + A'_y \hat{e}_{y'}$

b. How are  $A'_x$  &  $A'_y$  related to  $A_x$  &  $A_y$ ?

2. First, represent  $\hat{e}_x$  and  $\hat{e}_y$  in new coordinate system.

a.  $\hat{e}_x = \cos \phi \hat{e}_{x'} - \sin \phi \hat{e}_{y'}$

b.  $\hat{e}_y = \sin \phi \hat{e}_{x'} + \cos \phi \hat{e}_{y'}$

3. Simply substitute:  $\underline{A} = A_x (\cos \phi \hat{e}_{x'} - \sin \phi \hat{e}_{y'}) + A_y (\sin \phi \hat{e}_{x'} + \cos \phi \hat{e}_{y'})$

$$= \underbrace{(A_x \cos \phi + A_y \sin \phi)}_{= A'_x} \hat{e}_{x'} + \underbrace{(-A_x \sin \phi + A_y \cos \phi)}_{= A'_y} \hat{e}_{y'}$$

4. Matrix notation:  $\cos \phi A_x + \sin \phi A_y = A'_x$

$$-\sin \phi A_x + \cos \phi A_y = A'_y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A'_x \\ A'_y \end{pmatrix}$$

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5. For reverse transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_x' \\ A_y' \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Define Matrices

$$\underset{\sim}{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \quad \underset{\sim}{S}' = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\underset{\sim}{A}' = \underset{\sim}{S} \underset{\sim}{A}$  and  $\underset{\sim}{A} = \underset{\sim}{S}' \underset{\sim}{A}'$ .

7. Thus  $\underset{\sim}{A}' = \underset{\sim}{S} [\underset{\sim}{S}' \underset{\sim}{A}'] \Rightarrow \underset{\sim}{A}' = (\underset{\sim}{S} \underset{\sim}{S}') \underset{\sim}{A}'$

b. This must be valid for any  $\underset{\sim}{A}'$ , so  $\boxed{\underset{\sim}{S}' = \underset{\sim}{S}^{-1}}$

Such that  $\underset{\sim}{S} \underset{\sim}{S}' = \underset{\sim}{1}$

c. Also, by inspection  $\boxed{\underset{\sim}{S}' = \underset{\sim}{S}^T}$

d. Thus, since  $\boxed{\underset{\sim}{S}^T = \underset{\sim}{S}}$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{S}$  is an orthogonal matrix!

## B. Orthogonal Transformations

1. We can write  $\underset{\sim}{e}_x = (\underbrace{\underset{\sim}{e}_x' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_x}_{\text{Projection on } \underset{\sim}{e}_x'}) \underset{\sim}{e}_x' + (\underbrace{\underset{\sim}{e}_y' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_x}_{\text{Projection on } \underset{\sim}{e}_y'}) \underset{\sim}{e}_y'$

2. Thus  $\underset{\sim}{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \underset{\sim}{e}_x' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_x & \underset{\sim}{e}_x' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_y' \\ \underset{\sim}{e}_y' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_x & \underset{\sim}{e}_y' \cdot \underset{\sim}{e}_y' \end{pmatrix}$

3. Deeper meaning of an orthogonal matrix:

a. Each row contains components of unit vectors  $\underset{\sim}{e}_x'$  &  $\underset{\sim}{e}_y'$  on the unprimed coordinate axes.

b. Dot product of different rows = 0

c. Dot product of any row with itself = 1

d. Similarly, each column contains components of  $\underset{\sim}{e}_x$  &  $\underset{\sim}{e}_y$  on the primed coordinate axes. Same rule for dot products of columns!

e. Consistent with  $\underset{\sim}{S} \underset{\sim}{S}^T = \underset{\sim}{1}$

4. Transformation from one Cartesian coordinate system to another is orthogonal!

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### C. Reflections

1. Def: Inversion a.  $\underline{\underline{S}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , b.  $\det(\underline{\underline{S}}) = -1$ .

c. Conversion from right-handed to left-handed system.

2. Def: Reflection about a plane a.  $\underline{\underline{S}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  about  $x-y$  plane.

b.  $\det(\underline{\underline{S}}) = -1$  c. Also RH to LH coordinates

### 3. Vectors vs. Pseudovectors:

a. Vector addition, multiplication by scalar, dot product unaffected by reflection

b. But, for reflection or inversion, cross product changes sign.

c. Polar vectors  $\underline{B}$   $\underline{C} \Rightarrow \underline{B}' = \underline{\underline{S}} \underline{B} \Rightarrow$  vector

Axial vectors  $\underline{B} \times \underline{C} \Rightarrow (\underline{B} \times \underline{C})' = \det(\underline{\underline{S}}) \underline{\underline{S}} (\underline{B} \times \underline{C}) \Rightarrow$  pseudo vector

### D. Order of Operations

1. Successive reflections:  $\underline{A}' = \underline{\underline{S}}(R') \underline{\underline{S}}(R) \underline{A}$

a. Operations from right to left.

b. Product matrix  $\underline{\underline{S}}(R'R) = \underline{\underline{S}}(R') \underline{\underline{S}}(R)$  is orthogonal.

### E. Rotations in 3D ( $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

1.  $\underline{\underline{S}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1' \cdot \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_1' \cdot \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_1' \cdot \hat{e}_3 \\ \hat{e}_2' \cdot \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2' \cdot \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_2' \cdot \hat{e}_3 \\ \hat{e}_3' \cdot \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_3' \cdot \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3' \cdot \hat{e}_3 \end{pmatrix}$  element  $S_{uv} = \hat{e}_u' \cdot \hat{e}_v$

2. Projection of  $\hat{e}_u'$  onto  $\hat{e}_v'$ :

a. Describe change in  $x_v$  produced by unit change in  $x_u' \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial x_v}{\partial x_u'}}$

b. Thus,  $\underline{\underline{S}}$  can be written in terms of  $\frac{\partial x_v}{\partial x_u'}$  For linear relation only!

c. Linear restriction means only true among Cartesian coordinate systems.

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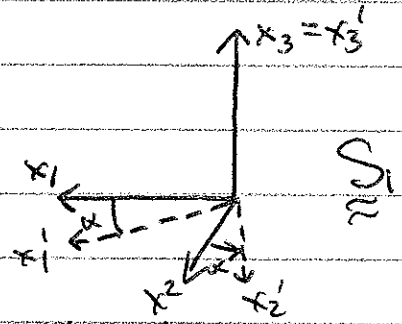
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3.a. In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we require 3 angles to specify arbitrary rotation  
(1 angle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

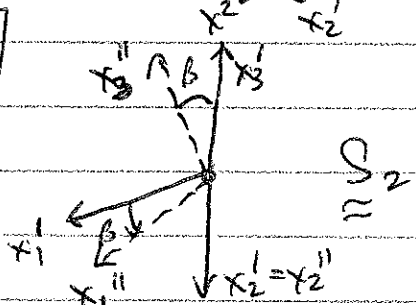
b. Thus, of 9 elements in  $\mathbb{S}$ , only three are independent.

4. Specify 3 successive rotations:

a.  $\mathbb{S}_1(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Rotation about  $x_3$

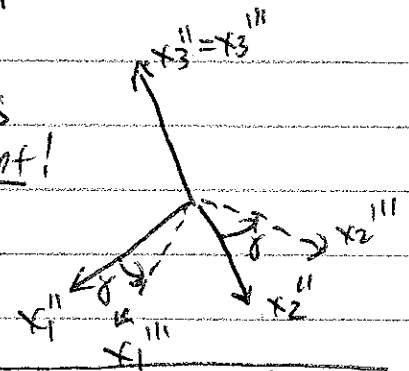


b.  $\mathbb{S}_2(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$  Rotation about  $x_2'$



c.  $\mathbb{S}_3(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0 \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Rotation about  $x_3''$

d. Total  $\mathbb{S}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \mathbb{S}_3(\gamma) \mathbb{S}_2(\beta) \mathbb{S}_1(\alpha)$  Order is important!



5. Total  $\mathbb{R}^3$  Rotation

$$\mathbb{S}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma \cos \beta \cos \alpha - \sin \gamma \sin \alpha & \cos \gamma \cos \beta \sin \alpha + \sin \gamma \cos \alpha & -\cos \gamma \sin \beta \\ -\sin \gamma \cos \beta \cos \alpha - \cos \gamma \sin \alpha & -\sin \gamma \cos \beta \sin \alpha + \cos \gamma \cos \alpha & \sin \gamma \sin \beta \\ \sin \beta \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \sin \alpha & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

a. Elements are  $\hat{e}_i''' = \hat{e}_j'$

b.  $\det(\mathbb{S}) = +1$