

1.13 Vector cross (or exterior) product

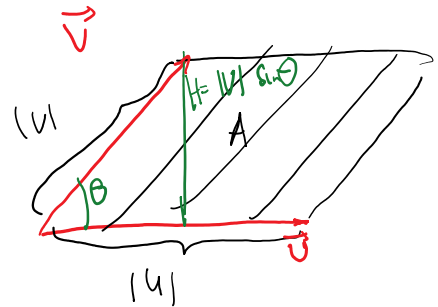
$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = ?$$

magnitude $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = A$

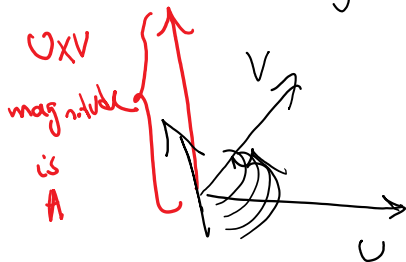
direction is normal to

u, v plane following right hand side rule:

area $A = |u| h = |u| |v| \sin \theta$



recall $u \cdot v = |u| |v| \cos \theta$



One can show that this definition is consistent with ^{rank 2 tensor}

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = (\overset{3}{E} \cdot \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

vector

$$\overset{3}{E} = \epsilon_{ijk} e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k$$

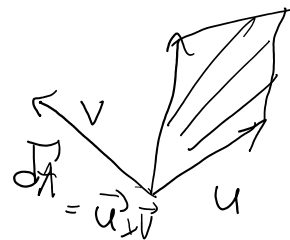
alternating tensor

Expression of $u \times v$ in a given coordinate system

$$u \times v = \det \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \epsilon_{ijk} u_i v_j e_k$$

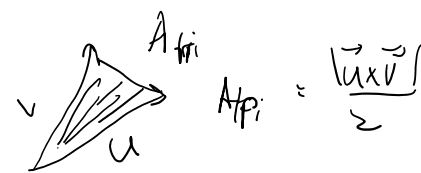
Use of $u \times v$?
- Computing area



$$v \times u = -u \times v$$

$$u \times (v \times w) \neq (u \times v) \times w$$

No
It's not associative



Theorem 93 The vector product is not associative:

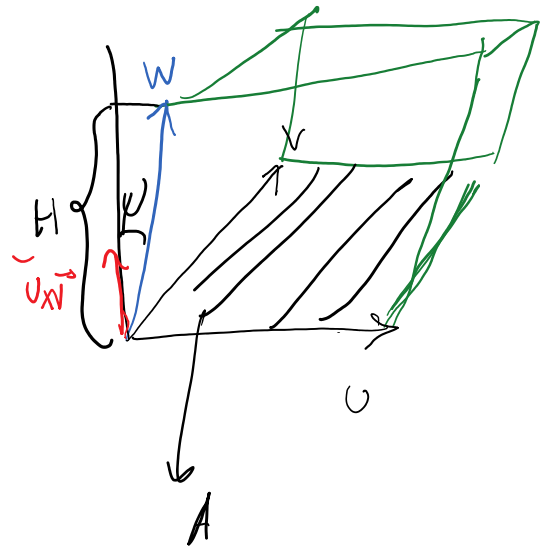
$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}),$$

indeed

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{u}, \\ \mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) &= (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w}. \end{aligned}$$

Triple product

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 volume = $AH = A|w| \cos \psi$
 $= \underbrace{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|}_{\text{area } A} |w| \cos \psi$

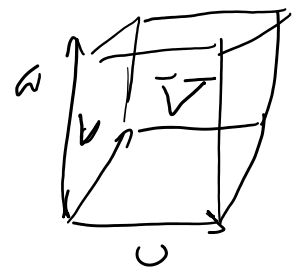


$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$$

ψ is angle between $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ & \mathbf{w}

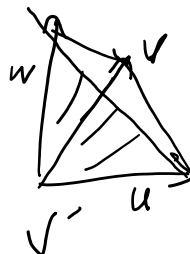
$$= \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \cdot (w_1 e_1 + w_2 e_2 + w_3 e_3)$$

$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \det \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



vol of tetrahedron $\frac{1}{6}$

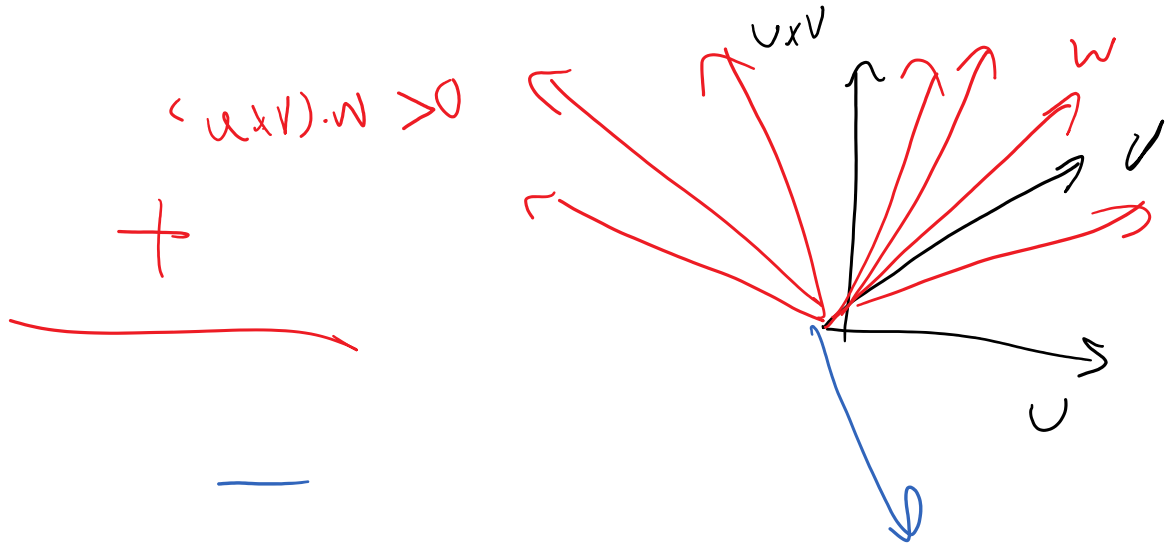
$$= \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}}{6}$$



$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} > 0$$

they're called to be positively oriented (or follow the RH rule)

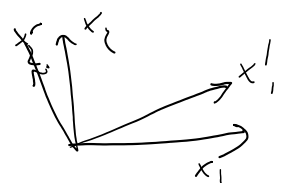
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Special types of 2nd order tensors:

1. Orthonormal
2. Skew symmetric
3. Symmetric
4. Positive definite

Orthonormal recall for matrix Q we had $Q Q^t = Q^t Q = I$



For 2nd order orthogonal tensors we have a similar relation:

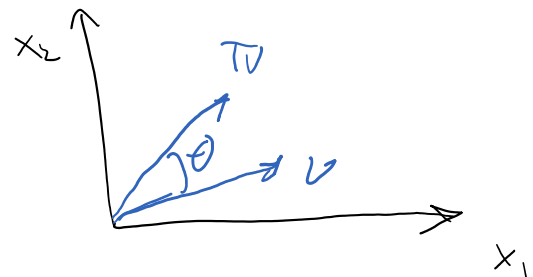
$$T T^t = T^t T = I$$

$$T^t = T^{-1}$$

What does an orthonormal tensor represent?

rotation operation

$v \rightarrow \underline{v}$
 v rotated by θ around origin



\vec{v} rotated by θ around origin



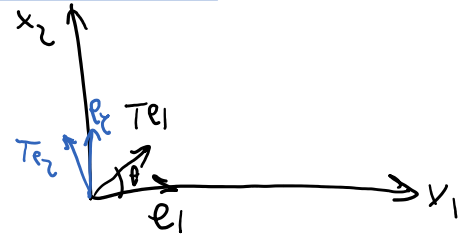
Expression of T in $(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{T_{11}} \\ \overline{T_{21}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{e_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Col}_j(T) = \overline{T e_j}$$

$$T e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = \text{col}_1(T)$$

$$\overline{T e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \text{col}_2(T)$$



$$\text{rotation } T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

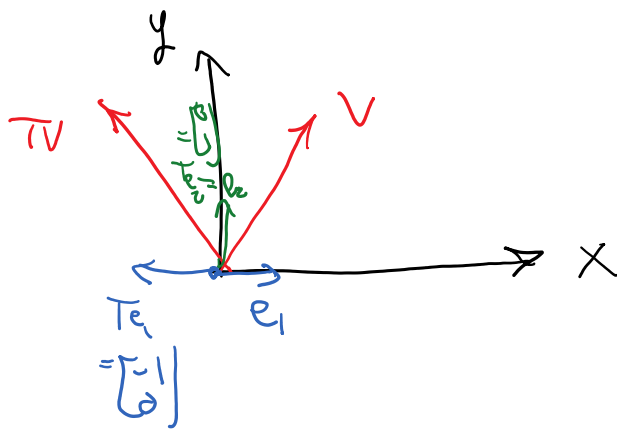
$$\det T = 1$$

Rotation is an orthogonal operation

Another example

Reflection

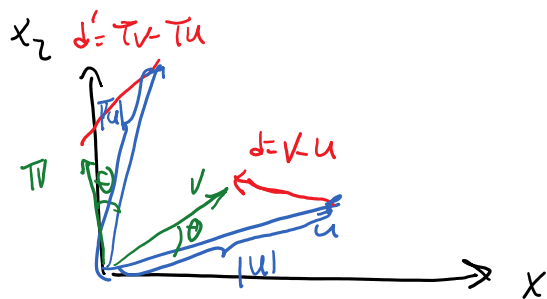
e.g. w.r.t. y axis



reflects $T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\det T = -1$

HW rotation and/or reflection orthogonal tensor

Orthogonal operators preserve
 - Length $\|\vec{u}\| = \|\vec{u}'\|$
 - Angle
 - Distance $d' = d \quad \|\vec{v} - \vec{u}\| = \|\vec{Tv} - \vec{Tu}\|$
 Of vectors



Theorem

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The following statements are equivalent

1. $T \in O(n, \mathbb{R})$

2. $\forall u, v \quad Tu \cdot Tv = u \cdot v$ preserve inner product

3. $\forall u \quad |Tu| = |u|$ = magnitude

4. $\forall u, v \quad |Tu - Tv| = |u - v|$ = distance

$b \cdot Ta = T^T b \cdot a$

1 \Leftrightarrow 2

$$Tu \cdot Tv = \underbrace{T^T T}_{I} u \cdot v = u \cdot v$$

① $T \in O(n, \mathbb{R})$
 $\Rightarrow T^T T = I$

2 \Rightarrow 3 $|Tu| = \sqrt{Tu \cdot Tu} \stackrel{\text{from 2}}{=} \sqrt{u \cdot u} = |u|$

3 \Rightarrow 2

$|Tu| = |u|$

$|Tv| = |v|$

$|T(u+v)| = |u+v|$

Square all of these and rearrange them

$\rightarrow Tu \cdot Tv = u \cdot v$

3 \rightarrow 4

③ $|Tu| = |u|$ choose $0 \rightarrow$ for v

$|T(u-v)| = |u-v|$

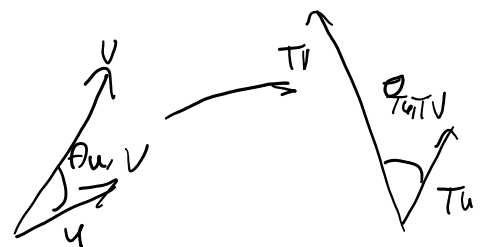
4 \rightarrow 3 $|T(u-v)| = |u-v|$ choose $v=0 \rightarrow |Tu| \stackrel{\text{③}}{=} |u|$

As I mentioned, orthogonal tensors preserve angle as well.

Why?

$\theta_{Tu, Tv} = \theta_{u, v}$

cos $\theta_{Tu, Tv} = \frac{Tu \cdot Tv}{|Tu| |Tv|} \stackrel{\text{prop 3}}{=} \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| |v|} = \cos \theta_{u, v}$



→ angle is preserved

Skew-symmetric tensors:
They'll represent "small rotations"

$$W^t = -W$$

$$w_{ji} = -w_{ij} \quad \text{HWT}$$

$$w_{ji} = w_{ij}$$

$$u \cdot Wu = u_i (Wu)_i = u_i W_{ij} u_j = u_i u_j W_{ij} = 0$$

another way to show this

$$u \cdot Wu = (W^t u) \cdot u = (-W u) \cdot u = -u \cdot Wu = -u \cdot Wu$$

$$A = -A \rightarrow 2A = 0 \rightarrow A = 0 \quad \boxed{u \cdot Wu = 0}$$

if W is skew symmetric

$$w_{ji} = -w_{ij}$$

$$w_{ii} = -w_{ii} \quad \text{no summation on } i$$

$$\downarrow w_{ii} = 0 \quad \text{diagonals are zero}$$

in 3D we have

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & w_{12} & -w_{31} \\ -w_{12} & 0 & w_{23} \\ w_{31} & -w_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$Wu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & w_{12} & -w_{31} \\ -w_{12} & 0 & w_{23} \\ w_{31} & -w_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{12} u_2 - w_{31} u_3 \\ -w_{12} u_1 + w_{23} u_3 \\ w_{31} u_1 - w_{23} u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} w_{23} \\ w_{31} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

you can check it at home

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{31} \\ \omega_{12} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} !$$

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$$Wu = \omega \times u$$

1-1 correspondence between Skew tensors W & their corresponding "small rotation" vectors ω

$$\omega_i = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} W_{jk}$$

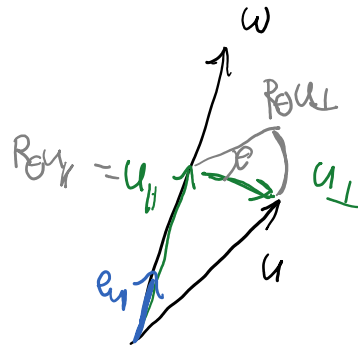
$$W_{ij} = -\epsilon_{ijk} \omega_k$$

Why $\omega \times u$ can represent small rotations

$$\omega = |\omega| e_\omega$$

$$u = u_{\parallel} + u_{\perp}$$

$$R_\theta u = \underbrace{R_\theta}_{\substack{\text{rotation} \\ \text{with angle } \theta \text{ along } e_\omega}} u_{\parallel} + R_\theta u_{\perp}$$



e_ω going out of the plane



look from the top.