

# Dot Product and Cross Product

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Section 8.4

Warm-up

1) Find the determinant of  $a = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

2) Find the determinant of  $b = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

Given  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2 \rangle$   
 $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2.$

When the dot product of two vectors equals 0. They are considered perpendicular.

I Try:

Find the inner product if  
 $\vec{p} = \langle 7, 14 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{q} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{m} = \langle 3, 5 \rangle$ .  
 Identify if they are perpendicular.

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$$

Plug into equation.	$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = (7 \cdot 2) + (14 \cdot -1)$
Simplify	$14 + (-14)$ 0
Identify if it is perpendicular	Yes, because dot product = 0

We Try:

$$\vec{m} \cdot \vec{q}$$

Plug into equation.	
Simplify	

Identify if it is perpendicular	
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You Try with your partner:

$$\vec{m} \cdot \vec{p}$$

Plug into equation.	
Simplify	
Identify if it is perpendicular	

## Cross Product

If  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ , then the cross product of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is defined as follows.

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

Another way to visualize:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

I Try:

Given  $\vec{m} = \langle 0, 3, 1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{q} = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$ ,  
solve for  $\vec{m} \times \vec{q}$

Set up the matrix!	$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
Plug into equation	$\vec{m} \times \vec{q} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k}$
Simplify	$5\vec{i} - 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$

We Try:

Given  $\vec{m} = \langle -1, 2, 1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{q} = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  
solve for  $\vec{m} \times \vec{q}$

Set up the matrix!	$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \end{vmatrix}$
Plug into equation	$\vec{m} \times \vec{q} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \vec{i} - \\ \vec{j} + \\ \vec{k} \end{vmatrix}$
Simplify	

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Given  $\vec{m} = \langle 1, 0, 3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{q} = \langle -1, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  
*solve for  $\vec{m} \times \vec{q}$*

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1) Given  $\vec{m} = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{q} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ ,  
solve for  $\vec{m} \times \vec{q}$

2)  $\vec{p} = \langle 3, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{q} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{m} = \langle 3, 5 \rangle$ .  
Identify if they are perpendicular.

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$$