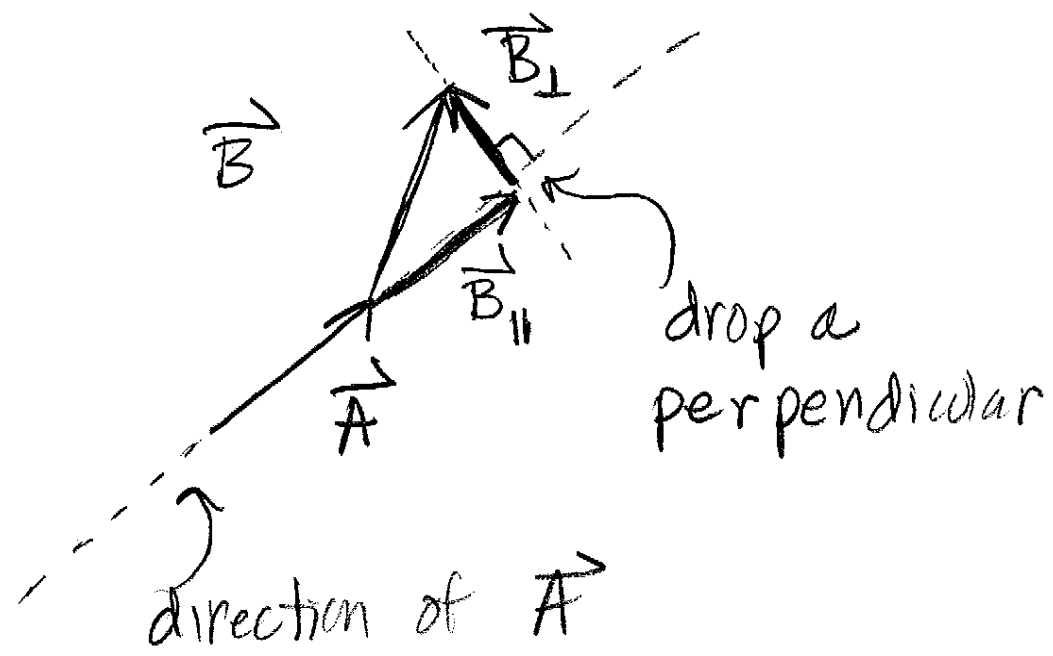


The Geometric Analysis of this Inequality
Qualitatively... Heart of the Matter
is the Pythagorean Theorem

Useful to Break \vec{B} into a piece
Parallel to \vec{A} + Perpendicular to \vec{A}

this does not exist in
one dimension



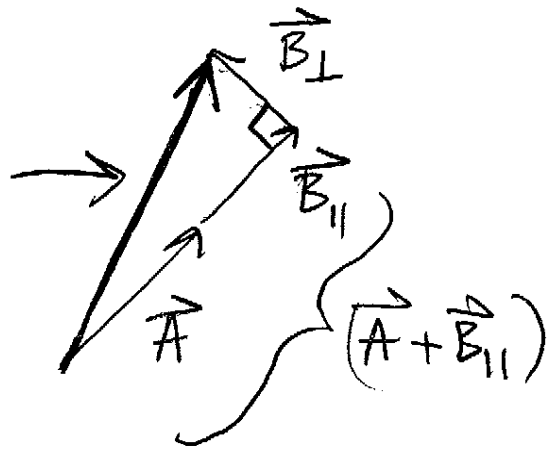
Conceptually, $\vec{B} = \vec{B}_{\parallel} + \vec{B}_{\perp}$

"decomposing \vec{B} into
directions \parallel + \perp to \vec{A} "

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \underbrace{\vec{A} + \vec{B}_{\parallel}}_{\text{like 1-d}} + \underbrace{\vec{B}_{\perp}}_{\text{Pythagorean!}}$$

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|$$

$$= \sqrt{|\vec{A} + \vec{B}_{||}|^2 + |\vec{B}_{\perp}|^2}$$



Pythagoras

says: add in quadrature

Adding in quadrature gives a smaller result than regular adding

Regular adding : $1 + 1 = 2$

Quadrature adding : $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2} < 2$

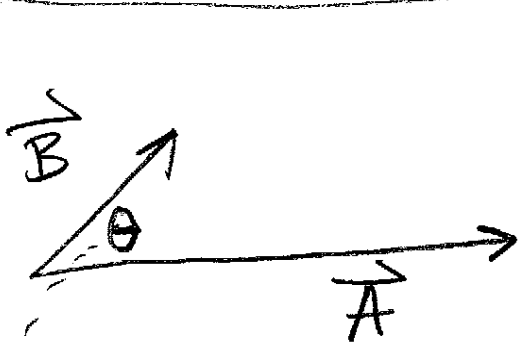
That Pythagoras "said" to add in quadrature is the "heart" of why:

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}| \leq |\vec{A}| + |\vec{B}|$$

↑
equality only one
1-dimension sufficient.

This situation is better explored/discussed with the dot product or scalar product.

Geometric Definition of Dot Product



put $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$
TAIL TO TAIL
not like addition!

direction of θ \uparrow \downarrow irrelevant

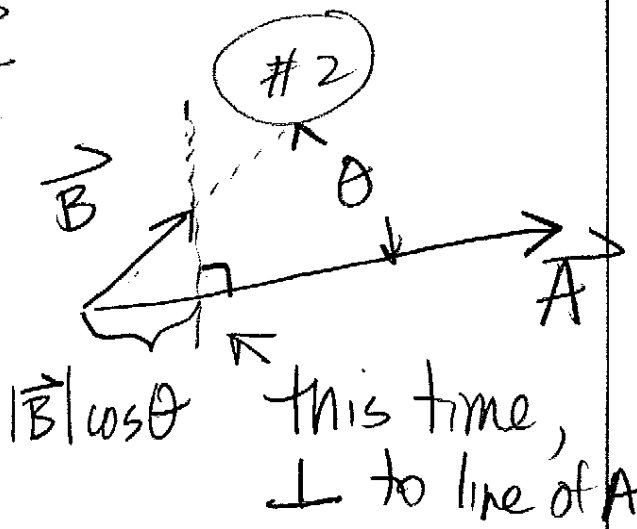
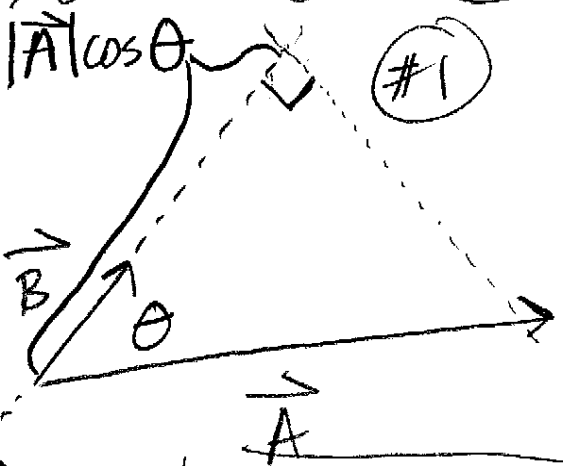
$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} \equiv |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

definition of dot product

defined Geometric

$$\cos \theta = \cos(-\theta)$$

Two interpretations



$|\vec{A}| \cos \theta =$ "projection of \vec{A} on \vec{B} "

$|\vec{B}| \cos \theta =$ "projection of \vec{B} on \vec{A} "

extend "line of \vec{B} "

$$|\vec{B}| \cdot |\vec{A}| \cos \theta = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

What does $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} < 0$ mean?

$$|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta < 0$$

$$\cos \theta < 0$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{3}{2}\pi$$

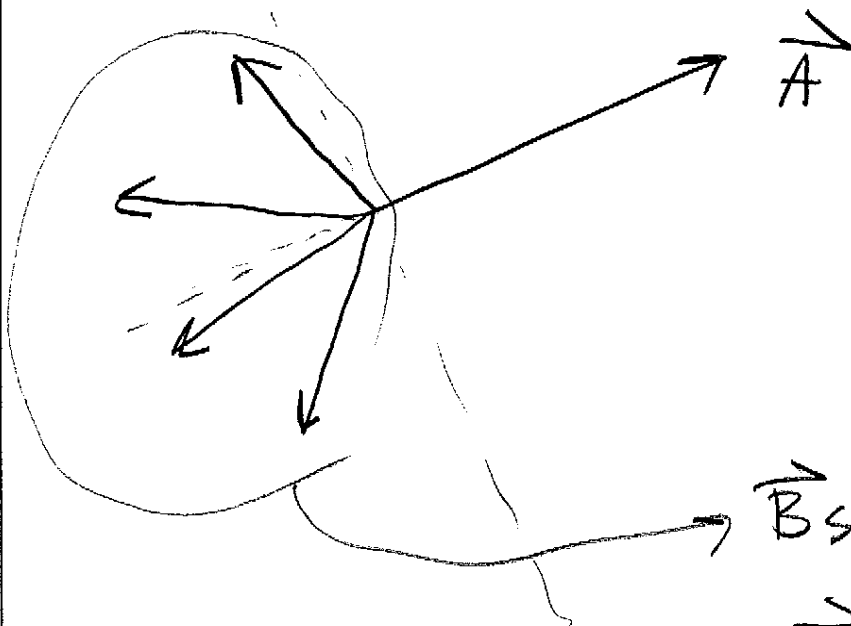
or $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$

$$-\pi < \theta < -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

θ in
quadrants

II, III.

\perp to \vec{A} at its
base



\vec{B} s that have

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} < 0$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{A}| \cdot \cos(0) = |\vec{A}|^2$$

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

dot product distributes. *(commutative)*

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|^2 = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$= |\vec{A}|^2 + |\vec{B}|^2 + 2|\vec{A}||\vec{B}|\cos\theta$$

Maximum $\cos\theta = 1$ (θ real-valued)

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}| \leq \sqrt{|\vec{A}|^2 + |\vec{B}|^2 + 2|\vec{A}||\vec{B}|}$$

$$\leq (|\vec{A}| + |\vec{B}|)^2$$

Minimum $\cos\theta = -1$

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}| \geq \sqrt{|\vec{A}|^2 + |\vec{B}|^2 - 2|\vec{A}||\vec{B}|}$$

$$\geq (|\vec{A}| - |\vec{B}|)^2$$

Triangle Inequality ... equalities
 $\cos\theta = \pm 1$
 \vec{A}, \vec{B} \parallel or \updownarrow

Cross Product (into the third dimension!)

Dot Product: 2 vectors \rightarrow result is a scalar

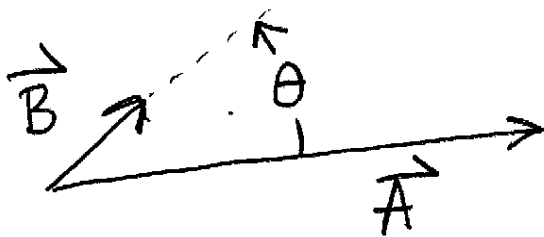
Cross Product: 2 vectors \rightarrow result is a vector, in the 3rd dimension!

Order of vectors matters in cross product

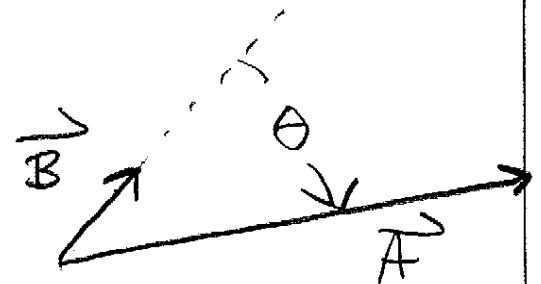
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A} \text{ ("anti-commute")}$$

Geometric Cross Product Definition

- Put vectors tail-to-tail
- Orientation of θ , angle between, now matters



$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$: θ from \vec{A} to \vec{B}
this $\theta > 0$



$\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$: θ from \vec{B} to \vec{A}
this $\theta < 0$

$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is a vector
its component out (+)
or in (-) of page

$$= |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta > 0$$

"page" \equiv plane containing
 \vec{A} & \vec{B}

$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is out of page.

$$|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta$$

here $\sin \theta < 0$

$\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$ is in to page

Notation :

IN TO PAGE



back of arrow

OUT OF PAGE

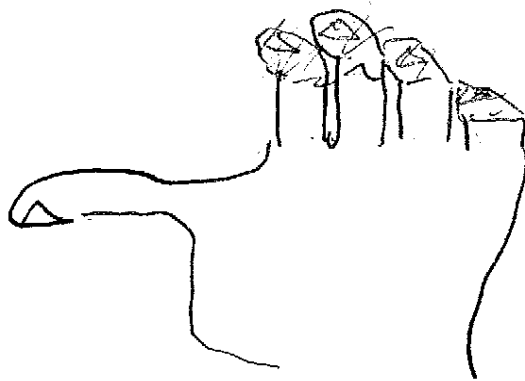


Follows "Right Hand Rule"

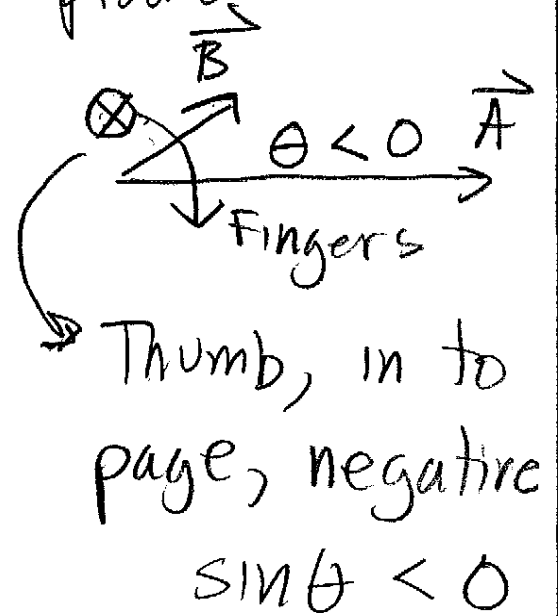
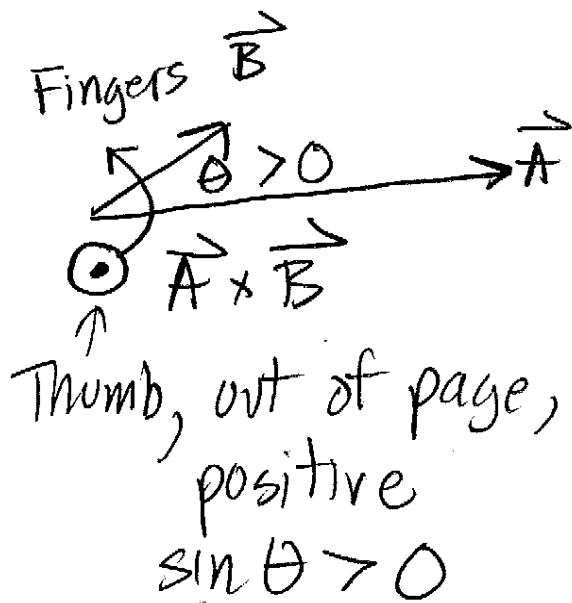
① Align your right hand



② Practice Curling Fingers Forward



③ Align ^{Cycled} Fingers so they point from first vector in cross product to second. Thumb points in direction of cross product



And so: $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B} \times \vec{B} = 0$$

Base Vectors in 2-d, 3-d

We talked about $\hat{i} \rightarrow$ base vector in one dimension (sometimes called \hat{x}).

$\hat{i} \rightarrow$ no dimensions, $|\hat{i}| = 1$