

5. Verify parts (a), (b), and (c) of Theorem 3.4.1 for the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (4, 2, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (-3, 2, 7)$ .
6. Verify parts (a), (b), and (c) of Theorem 3.4.2 for  $\mathbf{u} = (5, -1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (6, 0, -2)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 2, -1)$ .
7. Find a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  that is orthogonal to the vector  $\mathbf{u} = (2, -3, 5)$ .
8. Find the scalar triple product  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$ .
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 2, 4)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 4, -2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 2, 5)$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{u} = (3, -1, 6)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 4, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (5, -1, 2)$
9. Suppose that  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = 3$ . Find
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v})$     (b)  $(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{u}$     (c)  $\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$
  - (d)  $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$     (e)  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$     (f)  $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{w})$
10. Find the volume of the parallelepiped with sides  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} = (2, -6, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 4, -2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (2, 2, -4)$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{u} = (3, 1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (4, 5, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 2, 4)$
11. Determine whether  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  lie in the same plane when positioned so that their initial points coincide.
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, -2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 0, -2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (5, -4, 0)$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{u} = (5, -2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (4, -1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, -1, 0)$
  - (c)  $\mathbf{u} = (4, -8, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1, -2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (3, -4, 12)$
12. Find all unit vectors parallel to the  $yz$ -plane that are perpendicular to the vector  $(3, -1, 2)$ .
13. Find all unit vectors in the plane determined by  $\mathbf{u} = (3, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (1, -1, 1)$  that are perpendicular to the vector  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 2, 0)$ .
14. Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$ , and  $\mathbf{d} = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$ . Show that

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{d}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$$

15. Simplify  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \times (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$ .
16. Use the cross product to find the sine of the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (2, 3, -6)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 3, 6)$ .
17. (a) Find the area of the triangle having vertices  $A(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(0, 2, 3)$ , and  $C(2, 1, 0)$ .  
 (b) Use the result of part (a) to find the length of the altitude from vertex  $C$  to side  $AB$ .
18. Show that if  $\mathbf{u}$  is a vector from any point on a line to a point  $P$  not on the line, and  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector parallel to the line, then the distance between  $P$  and the line is given by  $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|/\|\mathbf{v}\|$ .
19. Use the result of Exercise 18 to find the distance between the point  $P$  and the line through the points  $A$  and  $B$ .
  - (a)  $P(-3, 1, 2)$ ,  $A(1, 1, 0)$ ,  $B(-2, 3, -4)$     (b)  $P(4, 3, 0)$ ,  $A(2, 1, -3)$ ,  $B(0, 2, -1)$
20. Prove: If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \neq 0$ , then  $\tan \theta = \|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|/(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$ .
21. Consider the parallelepiped with sides  $\mathbf{u} = (3, 2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 2)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 3, 3)$ .
  - (a) Find the area of the face determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
  - (b) Find the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and the plane containing the face determined by  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

**Note** The *angle between a vector and a plane* is defined to be the complement of the angle  $\theta$  between the vector and that normal to the plane for which  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ .

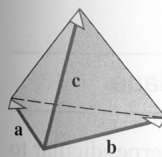


Figure Ex-30

- (a) Find the components of  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  in the  $x'y'z'$ -system of Figure 3.4.10.
  - (b) Compute  $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n}$  using the components in the  $xyz$ -system.
  - (c) Compute  $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n}$  using the components in the  $x'y'z'$ -system.
  - (d) Show that the vectors obtained in (b) and (c) are the same.
24. Prove the following identities.
    - (a)  $(\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$     (b)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{z}) = -(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{z}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$
  25. Let  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  be nonzero vectors in 3-space with the same initial point, but such that no two of them are collinear. Show that
    - (a)  $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$  lies in the plane determined by  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$
    - (b)  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w}$  lies in the plane determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$
  26. Prove part (d) of Theorem 3.4.1.
 

**Hint** First prove the result in the case where  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0)$ , then when  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0)$ , and then when  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$ . Finally, prove it for an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$  by writing  $\mathbf{w} = w_1\mathbf{i} + w_2\mathbf{j} + w_3\mathbf{k}$ .
  27. Prove part (e) of Theorem 3.4.1.
 

**Hint** Apply part (a) of Theorem 3.4.2 to the result in part (d) of Theorem 3.4.1.
  28. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 3, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 2)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (3, -1, 2)$ . Calculate  $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$  using the technique of Exercise 26; then check your result by calculating directly.
  29. Prove: If  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$ , and  $\mathbf{d}$  lie in the same plane, then  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
  30. It is a theorem of solid geometry that the volume of a tetrahedron is  $\frac{1}{3}(\text{area of base}) \cdot (\text{height})$ . Use this result to prove that the volume of a tetrahedron whose sides are the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\frac{1}{6}|\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})|$  (see the accompanying figure).
  31. Use the result of Exercise 30 to find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ .
    - (a)  $P(-1, 2, 0)$ ,  $Q(2, 1, -3)$ ,  $R(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $S(3, -2, 3)$
    - (b)  $P(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $Q(1, 2, -1)$ ,  $R(3, 4, 0)$ ,  $S(-1, -3, 4)$
  32. Prove part (b) of Theorem 3.4.2.
  33. Prove parts (c) and (d) of Theorem 3.4.2.
  34. Prove parts (e) and (f) of Theorem 3.4.2.

## Discussion Discovery

35. (a) Suppose that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are noncollinear vectors with their initial points at the origin in 3-space. Make a sketch that illustrates how  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$  is oriented in relation to  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
 (b) For  $\mathbf{w}$  as in part (a), what can you say about the values of  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ ? Explain your reasoning.
36. If  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , is it valid to cancel  $\mathbf{u}$  from both sides of the equation  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$  and conclude that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$ ? Explain your reasoning.
37. Something is wrong with one of the following expressions. Which one is it and what is wrong?
 
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}), \quad \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}, \quad (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w}$$

38. What can you say about the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  if  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ ?
39. Give some examples of algebraic rules that hold for multiplication of real numbers but