### 10.6 Graphing in Polar Coordinates

#### Symmetry

Figure illustrates the standard polar coordinate tests for symmetry.



### Slope

The slope of a polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  is given by dy/dx, not by  $r' = df/d\theta$ . think of the graph of f as the graph of the parametric equations

 $x = r \cos \theta = f(\theta) \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta = f(\theta) \sin \theta.$ 

with 
$$t = \theta$$
  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}$   
 $\frac{\frac{d}{d\theta}(f(\theta) \cdot \sin \theta)}{\frac{d}{d\theta}(f(\theta) \cdot \cos \theta)} = \frac{\frac{df}{d\theta}\sin \theta + f(\theta)\cos \theta}{\frac{df}{d\theta}\cos \theta - f(\theta)\sin \theta}$ 

Slope of the Curve  $r = f(\theta)$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{(r,\,\theta)} = \frac{f'(\theta)\sin\theta + f(\theta)\cos\theta}{f'(\theta)\cos\theta - f(\theta)\sin\theta},$$

provided  $dx/d\theta \neq 0$  at  $(r, \theta)$ .

### A Cardioid

Graph the curve  $r = 1 - \cos \theta$ .

$oldsymbol{ heta}$	π/3	π/2	2π/3	π
r	1/2	1	3/2	2



# The curve is symmetric about the *x*-axis



$oldsymbol{ heta}$	π/3	π/2	2π/3	π
r	1/2	1	3/2	2

# $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$











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Four-leaved rose  $r = \sin 2\theta$ ;  $\theta = \pm \pi/4, \pm 3\pi/4$ 



# 10.7 Areas and Lengths in Polar Coordinates



Area of the Fan-Shaped Region Between the Origin and the Curve  $r = f(\theta), \alpha \le \theta \le \beta$ 

$$A = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} r^2 \, d\theta.$$

Find the area of the region in the plane enclosed by the cardioid  $r = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$ .

$$y = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$$

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \frac{1}{2}r^2 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4(1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 2(1 + 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (3 + 4\cos \theta + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \left[ 3\theta + 4\sin \theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} = 6\pi - 0 = 6\pi.$$

### Finding Area Between Polar Curves

Area of the Region  $0 \le r_1(\theta) \le r \le r_2(\theta), \qquad \alpha \le \theta \le \beta$ 

$$A = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} r_2^2 d\theta - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} r_1^2 d\theta = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} (r_2^2 - r_1^2) d\theta$$



#### Length of a Polar Curve

If  $r = f(\theta)$  has a continuous first derivative for  $\alpha \le \theta \le \beta$  and if the point  $P(r, \theta)$  traces the curve  $r = f(\theta)$  exactly once as  $\theta$  runs from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ , then the length of the curve is

$$L = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} \, d\theta. \tag{3}$$



### 12.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

The Cartesian coordinate (**rectangular coordinates**) system is righthanded.



The three **coordinate planes x = 0, y = 0** and **z = 0** divide space into eight cells called **octants**.

The octant in which the point coordinates are all positive is called the **first octant**;

There is no conventional numbering for the other seven octants.



The planes x = 0, y = 0, and z = 0 divide space into eight octants.

 $z \ge 0$ 

- x = -3
- $z = 0, x \le 0, y \ge 0$  $x \ge 0, y \ge 0, z \ge 0$  $-1 \le y \le 1$

y = -2, z = 2

The half-space consisting of the points on and above the *xy*-plane.

The plane perpendicular to the x-axis at x = -3. This plane lies parallel to the yz-plane and 3 units behind it.

The second quadrant of the xy-plane.

The first octant.

The slab between the planes y = -1 and y = 1 (planes included).

The line in which the planes y = -2 and z = 2 intersect. Alternatively, the line through the point (0, -2, 2) parallel to the *x*-axis.

What points P(x, y, z) satisfy the equations



#### **Distance and Spheres in Space**

The formula for the distance between two points in the xy-plane extends to points in space



The Standard Equation for the Sphere of Radius *a* and Center  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ 

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2$$



### Distance

In Exercises 35–40, find the distance between points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

**35.**  $P_1(1, 1, 1), P_2(3, 3, 0)$  **36.**  $P_1(-1, 1, 5), P_2(2, 5, 0)$  **37.**  $P_1(1, 4, 5), P_2(4, -2, 7)$  **38.**  $P_1(3, 4, 5), P_2(2, 3, 4)$  **39.**  $P_1(0, 0, 0), P_2(2, -2, -2)$ **40.**  $P_1(5, 3, -2), P_2(0, 0, 0)$ 

### Spheres

Find the centers and radii of the spheres in Exercises 41-44.

41. 
$$(x + 2)^2 + y^2 + (z - 2)^2 = 8$$
  
42.  $\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{21}{4}$   
43.  $\left(x - \sqrt{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \sqrt{2}\right)^2 + \left(z + \sqrt{2}\right)^2 = 2$   
44.  $x^2 + \left(y + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{29}{9}$ 

Find equations for the spheres whose centers and radii are given in

CenterRadius45. (1, 2, 3) $\sqrt{14}$ 46. (0, -1, 5)247. (-2, 0, 0) $\sqrt{3}$ 48. (0, -7, 0)7

Find the centers and radii of the spheres

49.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 4z = 0$ 50.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6y + 8z = 0$  give a geometric description of the set of points in space whose coordinates satisfy the given pairs of equations.

2. x = -1, z = 01. x = 2, y = 33. y = 0, z = 04. x = 1, y = 06.  $x^2 + v^2 = 4$ , z = -25.  $x^2 + v^2 = 4$ , z = 07.  $x^2 + z^2 = 4$ , y = 08.  $v^2 + z^2 = 1$ , x = 09.  $x^2 + v^2 + z^2 = 1$ . x = 010.  $x^2 + v^2 + z^2 = 25$ , v = -411.  $x^2 + y^2 + (z + 3)^2 = 25$ , z = 012.  $x^2 + (v - 1)^2 + z^2 = 4$ , v = 0

describe the sets of points in space whose coordinates satisfy the given inequalities or combinations of equations and inequalities.

13. a.  $x \ge 0$ ,  $y \ge 0$ , z = 0 b.  $x \ge 0$ ,  $y \le 0$ , z = 0**b.**  $0 \le x \le 1$ ,  $0 \le y \le 1$ 14. a.  $0 \le x \le 1$ c.  $0 \le x \le 1$ ,  $0 \le y \le 1$ ,  $0 \le z \le 1$ **15.** a.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 1$  b.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 > 1$ 16. a.  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$ , z = 0 b.  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$ , z = 3c.  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$ , no restriction on z 17. a.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ ,  $z \ge 0$ b.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 1$ ,  $z \ge 0$ 18. a. x = y, z = 0**b.** x = y, no restriction on z 12.2

- Some of the things are determined simply by their magnitudes. To record mass, length, or time
- only write down a number and name an appropriate unit of measure.
- more information required to describe a force, displacement, or velocity.
- We need to record the direction in which it acts as well as how large it is.



The velocity vector of a particle moving along a path (a) in the plane (b) in space. The arrowhead on the path indicates the direction of motion of the particle.

#### DEFINITIONS Vector, Initial and Terminal Point, Length

A vector in the plane is a directed line segment. The directed line segment  $\overline{AB}$  has initial point A and terminal point B; its length is denoted by |AB|. Two vectors are equal if they have the same length and direction.



### The directed line segment



have the same length and direction. They therefore represent the same vector, and we write  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{CD} = \overrightarrow{OP} = \overrightarrow{EF}$ .

#### DEFINITION Component Form

If v is a two-dimensional vector in the plane equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point  $(v_1, v_2)$ , then the component form of v is

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle.$$

If v is a three-dimensional vector equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ , then the component form of v is

 $\mathbf{v}=\langle v_1,v_2,v_3\rangle.$ 





#### **Vector Algebra Operations**

Two principal operations involving vectors are *vector addition* and *scalar multiplication*. A **scalar** is simply a real number, and is called such when we want to draw attention to its differences from vectors. Scalars can be positive, negative, or zero.

**DEFINITIONS** Vector Addition and Multiplication of a Vector by a Scalar Let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  be vectors with k a scalar.

Addition:  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$ Scalar multiplication:  $k\mathbf{u} = \langle ku_1, ku_2, ku_3 \rangle$ 



Scalar multiples of u.



 (a) Geometric interpretation of the vector sum. (b) The parallelogram vector addition.



#### **Properties of Vector Operations**

Let **u**, **v**, **w** be vectors and *a*, *b* be scalars.

- 1. u + v = v + u
- 3. u + 0 = u
- 5.  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- 7.  $a(b\mathbf{u}) = (ab)\mathbf{u}$
- $9. \quad (a+b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{u}$

2. (u + v) + w = u + (v + w)4. u + (-u) = 06. 1u = u8. a(u + v) = au + av

### **Unit Vectors**

A vector v of length 1 is called a unit vector. The standard unit vectors are

$$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$
$$\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle = \langle v_1, 0, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, v_2, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, 0, v_3 \rangle$$
$$= v_1 \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + v_2 \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle + v_3 \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$
$$= v_1 \mathbf{i} + v_2 \mathbf{j} + v_3 \mathbf{k}.$$
$$\overrightarrow{P_1 P_2} = (x_2 - x_1) \mathbf{i} + (y_2 - y_1) \mathbf{j} + (z_2 - z_1) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\left|\frac{1}{|\mathbf{v}|}\mathbf{v}\right| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{v}|}|\mathbf{v}| = 1$$



The vector from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ is  $\overline{P_1P_2} = (x_2 - x_1)\mathbf{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\mathbf{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\mathbf{k}$ .

### Find,

# $5\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ if $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 0, 3 \rangle$ $-2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$ if $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, 0, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

#### Midpoint of a Line Segment

Vectors are often useful in geometry. For example, the coordinates of the midpoint of a line segment are found by averaging.

The midpoint *M* of the line segment joining points  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is the point

$$\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1+z_2}{2}\right).$$

### Vectors Determined by Points; Midpoints find

- a. the direction of  $P_1P_2$  and
- **b.** the midpoint of line segment  $P_1P_2$ .
- **35.**  $P_1(-1, 1, 5) = P_2(2, 5, 0)$
- **36.**  $P_1(1, 4, 5) \qquad P_2(4, -2, 7)$
- **37.**  $P_1(3, 4, 5) \qquad P_2(2, 3, 4)$
- **38.**  $P_1(0, 0, 0) \qquad P_2(2, -2, -2)$
- 39. If  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} 2\mathbf{k}$  and *B* is the point (5, 1, 3), find *A*.
- 40. If  $\overrightarrow{AB} = -7\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$  and A is the point (-2, -3, 6), find B.



- how to calculate the angle between two vectors directly from their components.
- A key part of the calculation is an expression called the *dot product*.
- also called *inner* or *scalar* products because the product <u>results in a scalar</u>, <u>not a vector</u>. finding the **projection** of one vector onto another



The magnitude of the force F in the direction of vector v is the length  $|F| \cos \theta$  of the projection of F onto v.

 $|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$  $\cos\theta = \frac{u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3}{|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|}$  $-1\left(\frac{u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3}{u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3}\right)$ Ĥ

$$u = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{u_1 v_1}{u_1 v_1} + \frac{u_2 v_2}{u_2 v_2} + \frac{u_3 v_3}{u_3 v_3} \right)$$

### find

- a.  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}|$ ,  $|\mathbf{u}|$
- b. the cosine of the angle between v and u
- c. the scalar component of u in the direction of v

d. the vector projv u.

1.  $v = 2i - 4j + \sqrt{5k}$ ,  $u = -2i + 4j - \sqrt{5k}$ 2.  $\mathbf{v} = (3/5)\mathbf{i} + (4/5)\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$ 3. v = 10i + 11j - 2k, u = 3j + 4k4. v = 2i + 10j - 11k, u = 2i + 2j + k5. v = 5j - 3k, u = i + j + k6. v = -i + j,  $u = \sqrt{2}i + \sqrt{3}j + 2k$ 7. v = 5i + j,  $u = 2i + \sqrt{17}j$ 

- **Triangle** Find the measures of the angles of the triangle whose vertices are A = (-1, 0), B = (2, 1), and C = (1, -2).
- **Rectangle** Find the measures of the angles between the diagonals of the rectangle whose vertices are A = (1, 0), B = (0, 3), C = (3, 4), and D = (4, 1).

### DEFINITION Orthogonal Vectors

Vectors **u** and **v** are orthogonal (or perpendicular) if and only if  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .

### Properties of the Dot Product

If u, v, and w are any vectors and c is a scalar, then

1. 
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

2. 
$$(c\mathbf{u})\cdot\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}\cdot(c\mathbf{v}) = c(\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v})$$

$$3. \quad \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$$

4. 
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

5.  $0 \cdot u = 0$ .

Work = 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{scalar component of } \mathbf{F} \\ \text{in the direction of } \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (length of  $\mathbf{D}$ )  
=  $(|\mathbf{F}| \cos \theta) |\mathbf{D}|$   
=  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{D}$ .

#### DEFINITION Work by Constant Force

The work done by a constant force F acting through a displacement  $D = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  is

$$W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{D} = |\mathbf{F}| |\mathbf{D}| \cos \theta,$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between F and D.

If  $|\mathbf{F}| = 40$  N (newtons),  $|\mathbf{D}| = 3$  m, and  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$ , the work done by F in acting from P to Q is



Water main construction A water main is to be constructed with a 20% grade in the north direction and a 10% grade in the east direction. Determine the angle  $\theta$  required in the water main for the turn from north to east.



 $\mathbf{u} = 10\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}$  is parallel to the pipe in the north direction and  $\mathbf{v} = 10\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  is parallel to the pipe in the east

direction. The angle between the two pipes is  $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{104}\sqrt{101}}\right) \approx 1.55 \text{ rad} \approx 88.88^{\circ}$ .



#### The Cross Product of Two Vectors in Space

We start with two nonzero vectors **u** and **v** in space. If **u** and **v** are not parallel, they determine a plane. We select a unit vector **n** perpendicular to the plane by the **right-hand rule**. This means that we choose **n** to be the unit (normal) vector that points the way your right thumb points when your fingers curl through the angle  $\theta$  from **u** to **v** . Then the **cross product u**  $\times$  **v** ("**u** cross **v**") is the *vector* defined as follows.

### DEFINITION Cross Product

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta) \mathbf{n}$$

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#### Parallel Vectors

Nonzero vectors **u** and **v** are parallel if and only if  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .





### **Properties of the Cross Product** If **u**, **v**, and **w** are any vectors and *r*, *s* are scalars, then

1. 
$$(r\mathbf{u}) \times (s\mathbf{v}) = (rs)(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$$

$$2. \quad \mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$$

3. 
$$(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{u}$$

$$4. \quad \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} = -(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$$

$$\mathbf{5.} \quad \mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$





Diagram for recalling these products

 $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = -(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{k}$ 

- $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = -(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{i}$
- $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = -(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{j}$

 $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$ 



### $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$ Is the Area of a Parallelogram

Because **n** is a unit vector, the magnitude of  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  is

 $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| |\sin \theta| |\mathbf{n}| = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta.$ 

Calculating Cross Products Using Determinants If  $\mathbf{u} = u_1 \mathbf{i} + u_2 \mathbf{j} + u_3 \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = v_1 \mathbf{i} + v_2 \mathbf{j} + v_3 \mathbf{k}$ , then  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_2 \end{vmatrix}$ . Find the area of the triangle with vertices P(1, -1, 0), Q(2, 1, -1), and R(-1, 1, 2)



$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (2-1)\mathbf{i} + (1+1)\mathbf{j} + (-1-0)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$
  

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = (-1-1)\mathbf{i} + (1+1)\mathbf{j} + (2-0)\mathbf{k} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$
  

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$
  

$$= 6\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{k}.$$

Solution The area of the parallelogram determined by P, Q, and R is  $|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}| = |6\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{k}|$  Values from  $= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 36} = 6\sqrt{2}.$ 

The triangle's area is half of this, or  $3\sqrt{2}$ .

The area of triangle PQRis half of  $|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}|$ 



### Torque

When we turn a bolt by applying a force **F** to a wrench, the torque we produce acts along the axis of the bolt to drive the bolt forward

## Magnitude of torque vector = $|\mathbf{r}| |\mathbf{F}| \sin \theta$ ,

#### **Triple Scalar or Box Product**

The product  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is called the triple scalar product of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  (in that order). As you can see from the formula

 $|(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}| = |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}| |\cos \theta|,$ 

the absolute value of the product is the volume of the parallelepiped (parallelogram-sided box) determined by  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  ). The number  $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$  is the area of the base parallelogram. The number  $|\mathbf{w}| |\cos \theta|$  is the parallelepiped's height. Because of this geometry,  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is also called the **box product** of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$ .



The number  $|(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}|$  is the volume of a parallelepiped.

### **Calculating the Triple Scalar Product**

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

