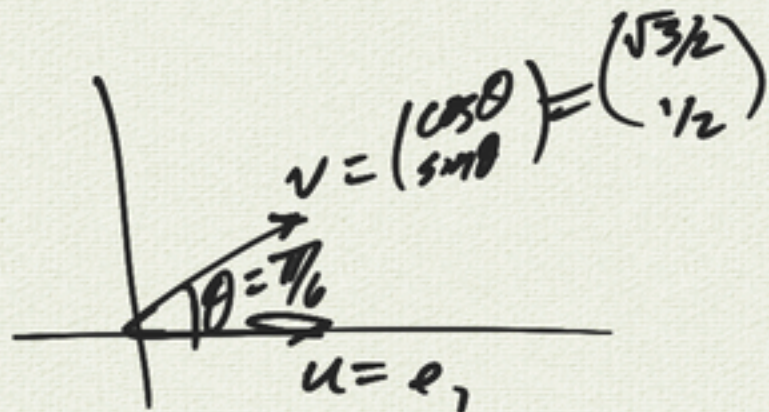


(2c)  $(v \wedge v = \underline{v(uv)})$



$v(uv)$

$uv = u \cdot v + u \wedge v$

$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e_1 e_2$

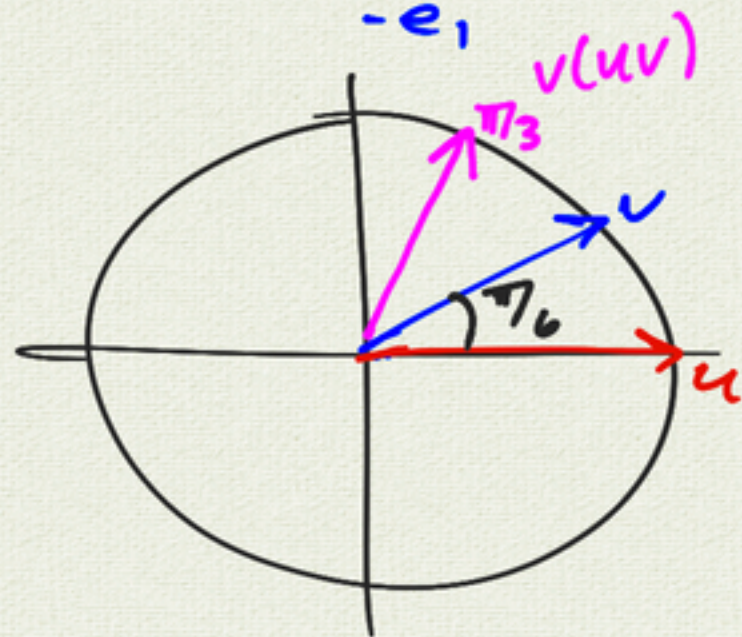
scalar bivector

$v(uv) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} e_1 + \frac{1}{2} e_2 \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e_1 e_2 \right)$

$= \frac{3}{4} e_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} e_1 e_1 e_2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} e_2 + \frac{1}{4} e_2 e_1 e_2$

$= \frac{1}{2} e_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} e_2$

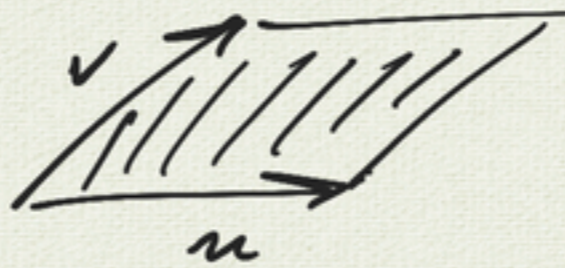
$v$  rotated by  $\pi/6$



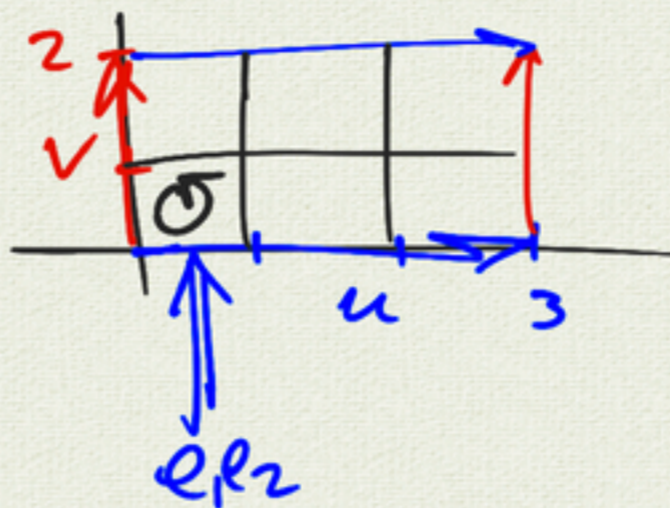
$uv =$  "rotation by  $\pi/6$ " rotor

# 6.3 Wedge Product in $\mathbb{R}^3$

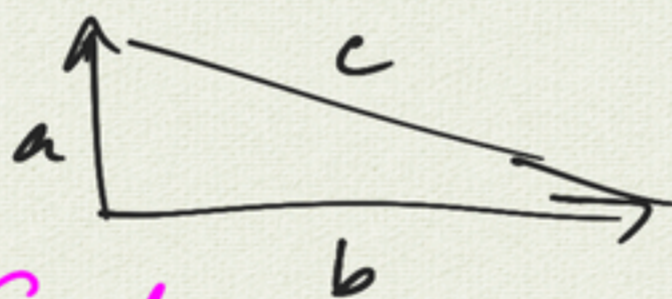
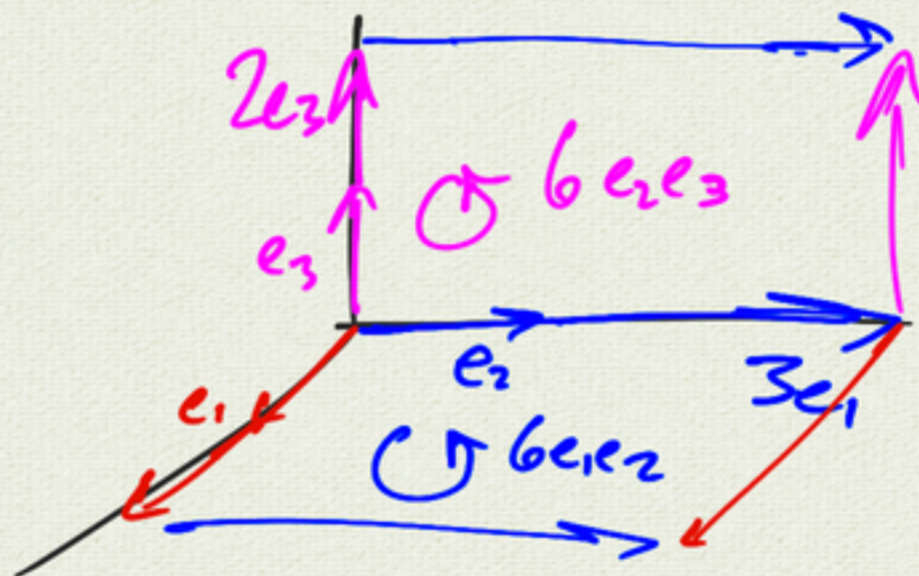
$u \wedge v =$  <sup>directed</sup> area of  $\square$



example:  $3e_1 \wedge 2e_2$   
 $= 6e_1e_2$   
 $= 6e_1e_2$



$3e_2 \wedge 2e_3$   
 $= 6e_2e_3$



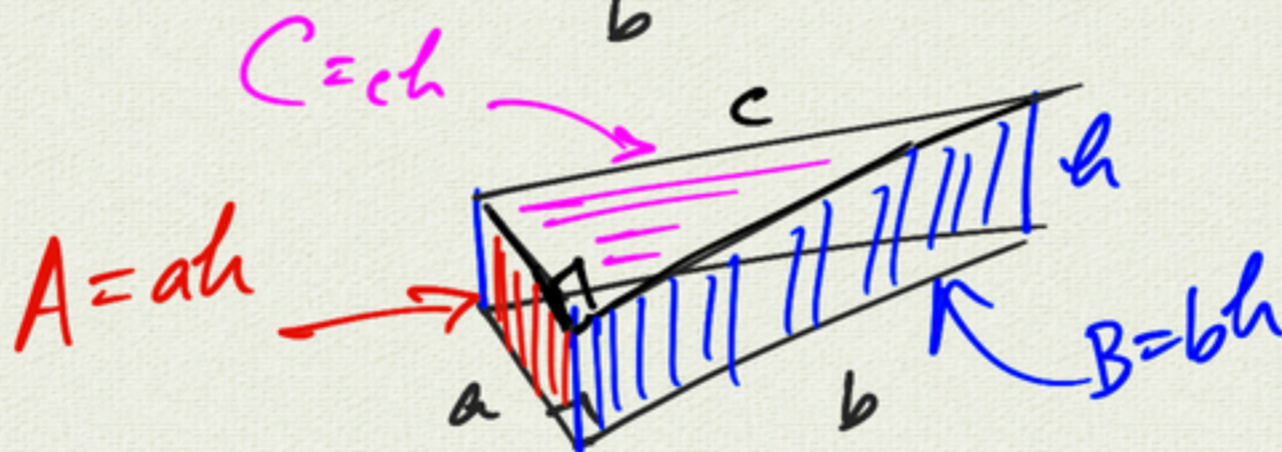
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$a^2 h^2 + b^2 h^2 = c^2 h^2$$

$$(ah)^2 + (bh)^2 = (ch)^2$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2$$

Pythagorean Thm  
for area



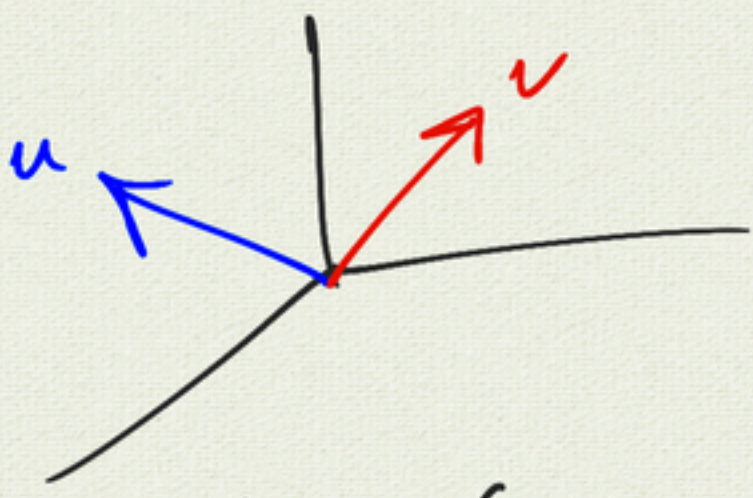
$\Rightarrow$  3 components for area:

$$e_1e_2, e_3e_1, e_2e_3$$

general bivector

$$ae_1e_2 + be_3e_1 + ce_2e_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{area} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$



$$u = \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{pmatrix} = u_x e_1 + u_y e_2 + u_z e_3$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = v_x e_1 + v_y e_2 + v_z e_3$$

$$u \wedge v = (u_x e_1 + u_y e_2 + u_z e_3) \wedge (v_x e_1 + v_y e_2 + v_z e_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 \wedge e_1 &= 0 \\ e_2 \wedge e_2 &= 0 \\ e_3 \wedge e_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e_1 e_2 (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \\ &\quad + e_3 e_1 (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) \\ &\quad + e_2 e_3 (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$u \times v = \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = e_1 \begin{vmatrix} u_y & u_z \\ v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} - e_2 \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_z \\ v_x & v_z \end{vmatrix} + e_3 \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} u_y v_z - u_z v_y & u_x v_z - u_z v_x & u_x v_y - v_x u_y \end{matrix}$

$$\Rightarrow |u \times v| = \text{area of } \square$$

$$|u \times v| = |u \wedge v| = \text{area of } \square$$

$$\text{let } w = \begin{pmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \\ w_z \end{pmatrix} = w_x e_1 + w_y e_2 + w_z e_3$$

$$\Rightarrow u \wedge v \wedge w = (u \wedge v) \wedge w$$

$$= [e_1 e_2 (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) + e_3 e_1 (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) + e_2 e_3 (u_y v_z - u_z v_y)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} u \wedge u &= 0 \\ e_1 \wedge e_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

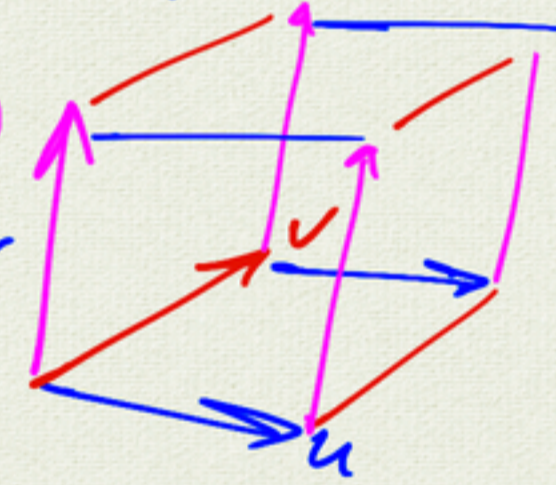
$$\wedge (w_x e_1 + w_y e_2 + w_z e_3)$$

$$= e_1 e_2 e_3 [w_z (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) + w_y (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) + w_x (u_y v_z - u_z v_y)]$$

$$= e_1 e_2 e_3 \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$u \wedge v \wedge w = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{vmatrix} e_1 e_2 e_3$$

trivector  
volume of parallelepiped



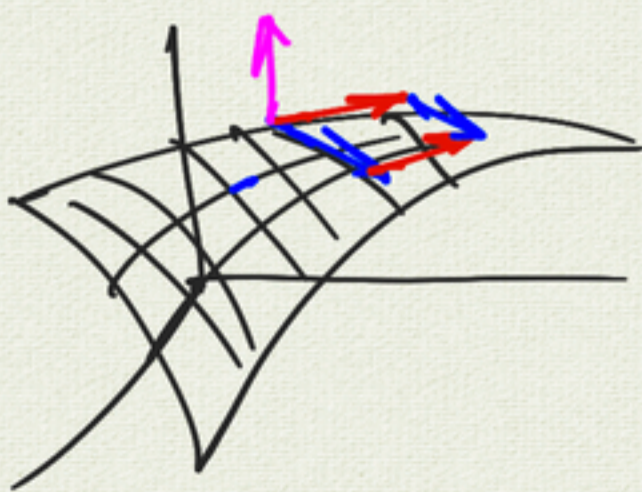
"triple scalar product"

$$(u \times v) \cdot w = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^2: \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & e_1 & e_2 \\ \text{scalars} & \text{vectors} & \text{bivector} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^3: \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_1 e_2 & e_2 e_3 & e_3 e_1 & e_1 e_2 e_3 \\ \text{scalars} & \text{vectors} & \text{bivectors} & \text{trivector} \\ & (\text{length}) & (\text{area}) & (\text{volume}) \end{array}$$

recall: surface area  $F(u, v)$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \iint |\tilde{r}_u \times \tilde{r}_v| \, du \, dv \\ &= \iint |\tilde{r}_u \wedge \tilde{r}_v| \, du \, dv \end{aligned}$$

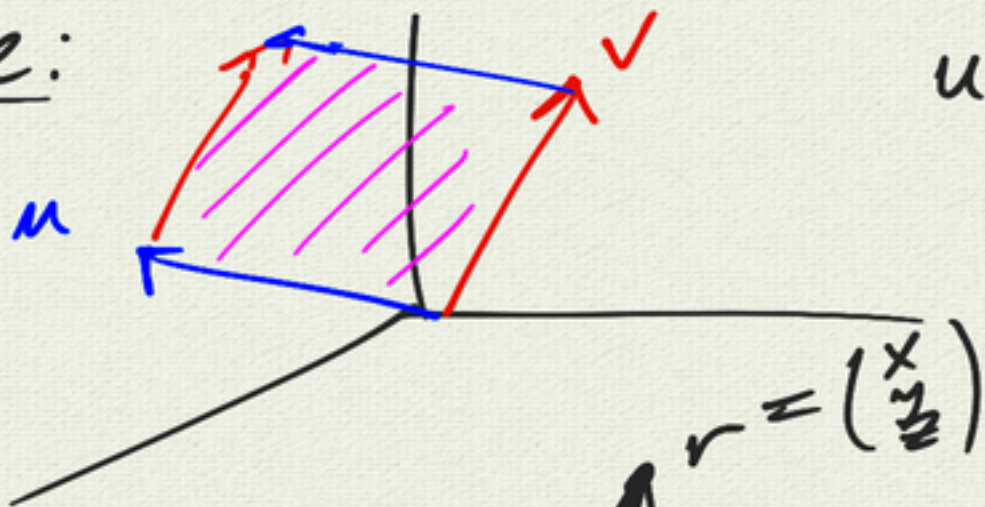
change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta & \Rightarrow dx &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} d\theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta & dy &= \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

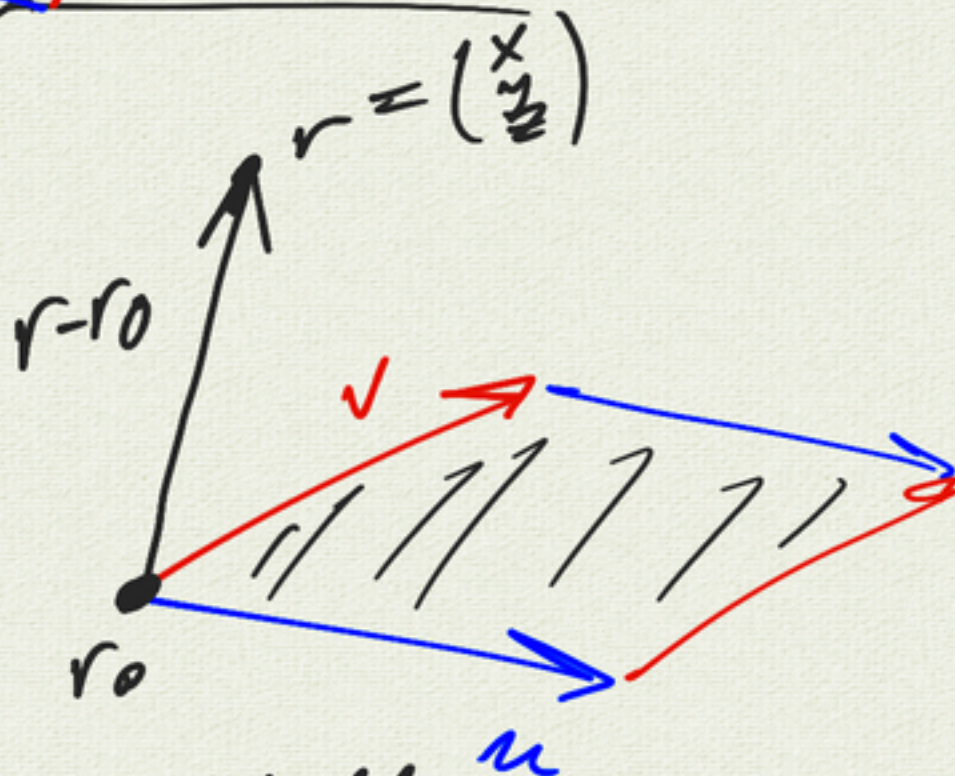
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \iint dx \, dy &= \iint dx \wedge dy \\ &= \iint \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| dr \wedge d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} \right|$$

plane:



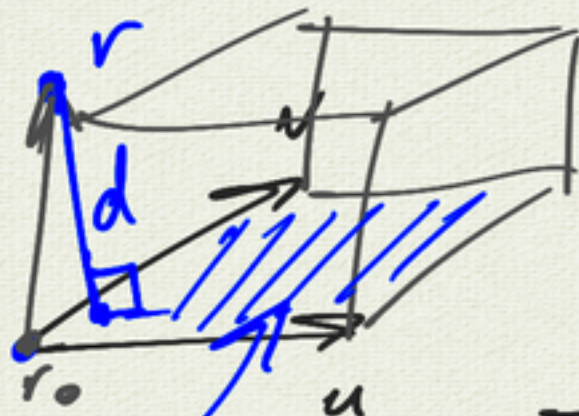
$u \wedge v$  determines a plane



$$(r-r_0) \wedge u \wedge v = \text{directed volume}$$

$\Rightarrow r$  is in the  $uv$  plane

$$\Leftrightarrow |(r-r_0) \wedge u \wedge v| = 0$$

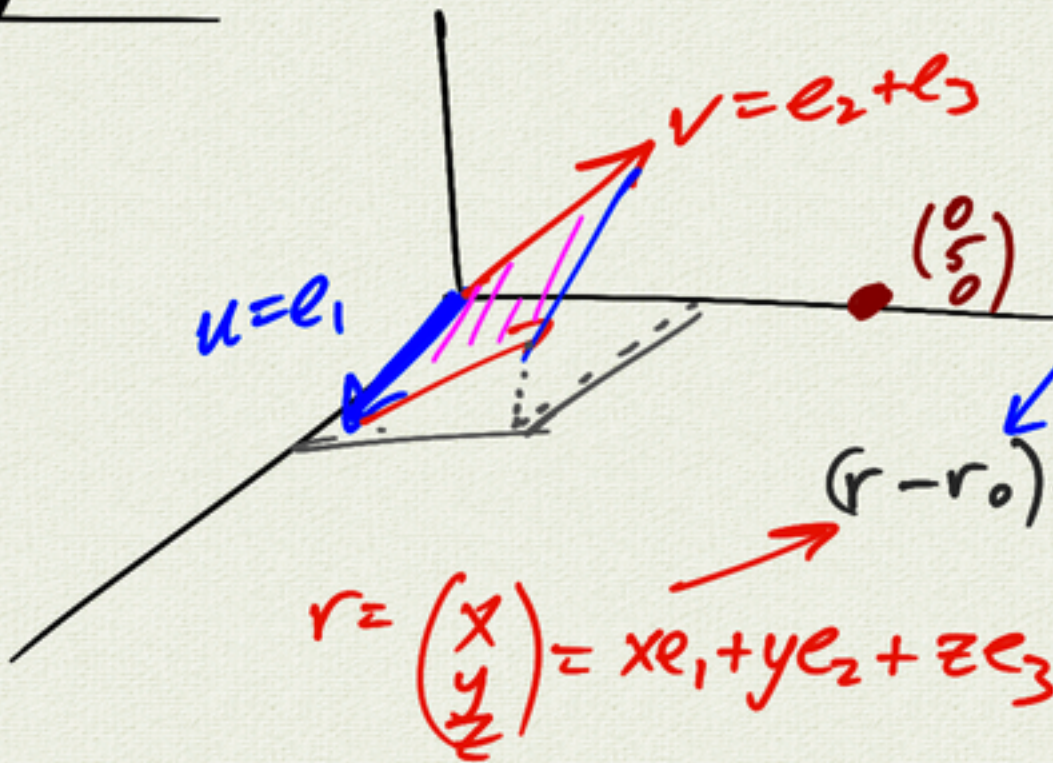


$$(r-r_0) \wedge u \wedge v$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{|(r-r_0) \wedge u \wedge v|}{|u \wedge v|}$$

$$B = |u \wedge v|$$

example:



find equation of plane

$$u = e_1$$

$$v = e_2 + e_3$$

take  $r_0 = 0$

$$(r - r_0) \wedge u \wedge v = 0$$

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3$$

$$(xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3) \wedge e_1 \wedge (e_2 + e_3) = 0$$

$$ye_2e_1e_3 + ze_3e_1e_2 = 0$$

$-ye_1e_2e_3 \qquad e_1e_2e_3$

$$(-y + z)e_1e_2e_3 = 0$$
$$z = y$$

calculate distance from plane to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5e_2$

$$d = \frac{|(r - r_0) \wedge u \wedge v|}{|u \wedge v|}$$

$$r_0 = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{|5e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge (e_2 + e_3)|}{|e_1 \wedge (e_2 + e_3)|}$$

$$= \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 \wedge (e_2 + e_3) &= e_1e_2 + e_1e_3 \\ &= |e_1e_2 + |e_1e_3 + 0e_2e_3 \\ \Rightarrow |e_1 \wedge (e_2 + e_3)| &= \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$