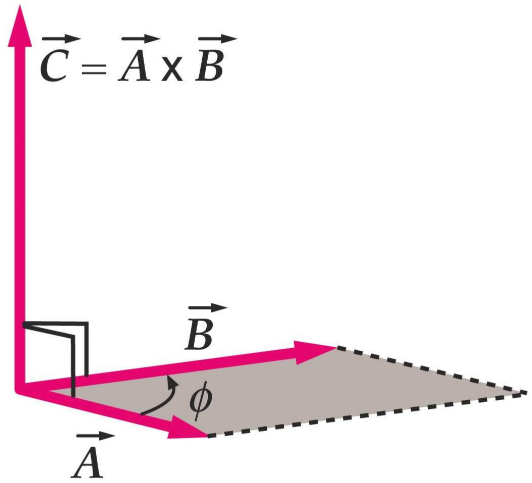
Cross Product Between Vectors

Consider two vectors $\vec{A} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} + A_z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j} + B_z\hat{k}$.



- $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB\sin\phi\,\hat{n}$.
- $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$.
- $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = 0$.
- $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB\,\hat{n}$ if $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$.
- $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 0$ if $\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B}$.
- $$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= (A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} + A_z\hat{k}) \times (B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j} + B_z\hat{k}) \\ &= A_xB_x(\hat{i}\times\hat{i}) + A_xB_y(\hat{i}\times\hat{j}) + A_xB_z(\hat{i}\times\hat{k}) \\ &+ A_yB_x(\hat{j}\times\hat{i}) + A_yB_y(\hat{j}\times\hat{j}) + A_yB_z(\hat{j}\times\hat{k}) \\ &+ A_zB_x(\hat{k}\times\hat{i}) + A_zB_y(\hat{k}\times\hat{j}) + A_zB_z(\hat{k}\times\hat{k}).\end{aligned}$$
- Use $\hat{i}\times\hat{i} = \hat{j}\times\hat{j} = \hat{k}\times\hat{k} = 0$,
  $\hat{i}\times\hat{j} = \hat{k},\ \hat{j}\times\hat{k} = \hat{i},\ \hat{k}\times\hat{i} = \hat{j}$.
- $\Rightarrow\ \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_yB_z - A_zB_y)\hat{i} + (A_zB_x - A_xB_z)\hat{j} + (A_xB_y - A_yB_x)\hat{k}$.