











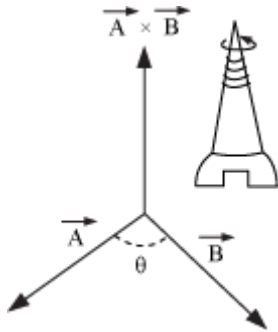




- Scalar product of a vector with itself gives the square of its magnitude.
- Dot Product of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  in Cartesian Coordinates is

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

- The magnitude of the vector product of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is defined as the product of the magnitude of the vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  and sine of the smaller angle between them.



$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = AB \sin \theta$$

- The cross product of the two vectors is at right angles to both the vectors and points in the direction in which a right-handed screw will advance.
- Properties of vector product:
  - The cross product of a vector with itself is a null vector.
  - The cross product of two vectors does not obey commutative law. That is,
 
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \neq \vec{B} \times \vec{A}$$
  - The cross product of vectors obeys the distributive law. That is,
 
$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} + \vec{A} \times \vec{C}$$
- If the vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  represent the two adjacent sides of a parallelogram, the magnitude of cross product of  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  will represent the area of the parallelogram.