

THE ALGEBRA I SKIPPED 1/20/2010

$$A_1 C_1 + A_2 C_2 + A_3 C_3 = 0$$

$$A \cdot C = 0$$

$$B_1 C_1 + B_2 C_2 + B_3 C_3 = 0$$

$$B \cdot C = 0$$

$$\therefore C_1 = \frac{-A_2 C_2 - A_3 C_3}{A_1}$$

$$\& C_1 = \frac{-B_2 C_2 - B_3 C_3}{B_1}$$

$$\frac{-A_2 C_2 - A_3 C_3}{A_1} = \frac{-B_2 C_2 - B_3 C_3}{B_1}$$

$$\frac{A_2 C_2}{A_1} + \frac{A_3 C_3}{A_1} = \frac{B_2 C_2}{B_1} + \frac{B_3 C_3}{B_1}$$

$$C_2 \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} - \frac{B_2}{B_1} \right) = C_3 \left( \frac{B_3}{B_1} - \frac{A_3}{A_1} \right)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{A_2}{A_1} - \frac{B_2}{B_1}} \left[ \frac{B_3}{B_1} - \frac{A_3}{A_1} \right] C_3$$

$$= \frac{1}{B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2} [A_1 B_3 - B_1 A_3] C_3$$

$$\underline{C_2 = \left( \frac{A_1 B_3 - B_1 A_3}{B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2} \right) C_3}$$

Then we can also write  $C_1$  with this

$$C_1 = -\frac{B_2}{B_1} C_2 - \frac{B_3}{B_1} C_3$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{B_2}{B_1} \left( \frac{A_1 B_3 - B_1 A_3}{B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2} \right) - \frac{B_3}{B_1} \right] C_3$$

$$= \left[ \frac{-A_1 B_2 B_3 + B_2 B_1 A_3 - B_3 (B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2)}{B_1 (B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2)} \right] C_3$$

$$= \left[ \frac{-A_1 B_2 B_3 + B_2 B_1 A_3 - B_3 B_1 A_2 + B_3 A_1 B_2}{B_1 (B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2)} \right] C_3$$

$$= \left[ \frac{B_2 A_3 - B_3 A_2}{B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2} \right] C_3$$

Remark: this derivation assumes we can divide by  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  etc... but generally this is false. To give complete argument need to consider cases

$$\therefore \vec{C} = \frac{-C_3}{B_1 A_2 - A_1 B_2} \langle A_2 B_3 - B_2 A_3, A_3 B_1 - A_1 B_3, A_1 B_2 - B_2 A_1 \rangle$$

choose  $C_3 = A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1$   
and get  $\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ .