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1. Find the cross product $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

(a) $\vec{a} = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$, $\vec{b} = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$

(b) $\vec{a} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\vec{b} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

2. State whether each expression is meaningful. If not, explain why. If so, state whether it is a vector or a scalar.

(a) $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})$

(b) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})$

(c) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})$