

Show that  $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \times (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = 2\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$

### Useful Properties

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$$

$$(k\mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = k(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \times (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$$

$$= \mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w} \times (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$$

$$= \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \times (-\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \times (-\mathbf{w})$$

$$= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{v} \times (-\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0}$$

$$= -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$= \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(k\mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = k(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$