

Math 201

Section F03

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Classroom change for Friday

We meet in Physics 240A on Friday.

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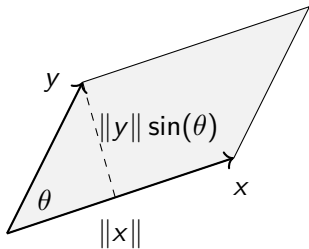
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$$\|x \times y\| = \|x\| \|y\| \sin(\theta)$$



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