12.4, number 9: Sketch the coordinate axes and then include \overrightarrow{u} , \overrightarrow{b} , and $\overrightarrow{u} \times \overrightarrow{v}$ for $\overrightarrow{u} = \overrightarrow{i}$ and $\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{j}$

Answer: $\overrightarrow{i} \times \overrightarrow{j} = \overrightarrow{k}$. We put a picture on the next page. Notice that \overrightarrow{k} is perpendicular to both \overrightarrow{i} and \overrightarrow{j} . The length of \overrightarrow{k} is one, which is also the area of the parallelogram (in this case square) determined by \overrightarrow{i} and \overrightarrow{j} . Also, if you put your right hand in the plane containing \overrightarrow{i} and \overrightarrow{j} with your fingers curling from \overrightarrow{i} to \overrightarrow{j} , then your thumb points in the direction of \overrightarrow{k} .

