

**Homework 1. Chapters 2.**  
**Basis independent vectors and their properties**

Show work – except for ♣ fill-in-blanks-problems (print .pdf from [www.MotionGenesis.com](http://www.MotionGenesis.com) ⇒ [Textbooks](#) ⇒ [Resources](#)).

**1.1 ♣ Solving problems – what engineers do.**

Understanding this material results from doing problems. Many problems are guided to help you synthesize processes (imitation). You are encouraged to work by yourself or with colleagues/instructors and use the textbook's reference theory and other resources.

**Confucius 500 B.C.**

“I hear and I forget.  
 I see and I remember.  
 I   and I understand.”

“By three methods we may learn wisdom:  
 First, by reflection, which is noblest;  
 Second, by imitation, which is easiest;  
 Third by experience, which is the bitterest.”



**1.2 ♣ What is a vector? (Section 2.2)**

Two properties (attributes) of a vector are   and  .

**1.3 ♣ What is a zero vector? (Section 2.3)**

A zero vector  $\vec{0}$  has a magnitude of  $0/1/2/\infty$ .  
 A zero vector  $\vec{0}$  has no direction. **True/False.**

**1.4 ♣ Unit vectors. (Section 2.4)**

A unit vector has a magnitude of  $0/1/2/\infty$ .  
 All unit vectors are equal. **True/False.**

**1.5 ♣ Draw the following vectors: (Section 2.2)**

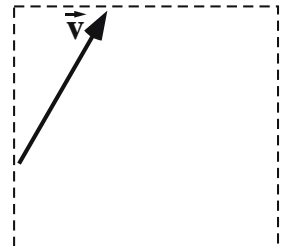
- Long, horizontally-right vector  $\vec{a}$
- Short, vertically-upward vector  $\vec{b}$
- Outwardly-directed unit vector  $\vec{c}$



**1.6 ♣ Vector magnitude and direction (orientation and sense). (Section 2.2)**

The figure to the right shows a vector  $\vec{v}$ . Draw the following vectors.

- $\vec{a}$ : Same magnitude and same direction as  $\vec{v}$  ( $\vec{a} = \vec{v}$ ).
- $\vec{b}$ : Same magnitude and orientation as  $\vec{v}$ , but different sense.
- $\vec{c}$ : Same direction as  $\vec{v}$ , but different magnitude.
- $\vec{d}$ : Same magnitude as  $\vec{v}$ , but different direction (orientation).
- $\vec{e}$ : Different magnitude and different direction (orientation) as  $\vec{v}$ .

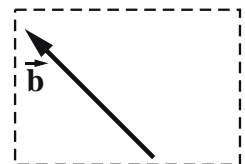


**1.7 ♣ Magnitude of a vector. (Section 2.2)**

Consider a real number  $x$  and a horizontally-right pointing unit vector  $\hat{i}$ .  
 The *magnitude* of the vector  $-x\hat{i}$  is (circle one): positive negative non-negative non-positive.

**1.8 ♣ Negating a vector. (Section 2.8)**

Complete the figure to the right by drawing the vector  $-\vec{b}$ .  
 Negating the vector  $\vec{b}$  results in a vector with different (circle all that apply):  
                   magnitude                direction                orientation                sense



Historical note: Negative numbers (e.g.,  $-3$ ) were not widely accepted until 1800 A.D.

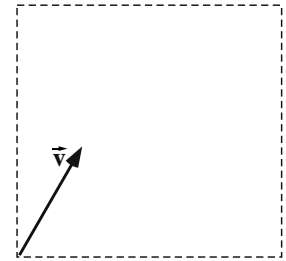
1.9 ♣ **Multiplying a vector by a scalar.** (Section 2.7)

Complete the figure to the right by drawing the vectors  $2\vec{v}$  and  $-2\vec{v}$ .

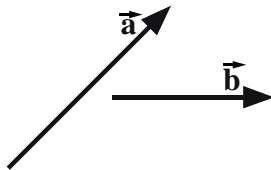
The following statements involve a vector  $\vec{v}$  and a real non-zero scalar  $s$  ( $s \neq 0$ ).

If a statement is true, provide a numerical value for  $s$  that supports your answer

- $s\vec{v}$  can have a different *magnitude* than  $\vec{v}$ . True/False  $s =$
- $s\vec{v}$  can have a different *direction* than  $\vec{v}$ . True/False  $s =$
- $s\vec{v}$  can have a different *sense* than  $\vec{v}$ . True/False  $s =$
- $s\vec{v}$  can have a different *orientation* than  $\vec{v}$ . True/False  $s =$



1.10 ♣ **Graphical vector addition/subtraction - draw.** (Sections 2.6,2.8)



Draw  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$



Draw  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$



Draw  $\vec{b} + \vec{a}$



Draw  $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$



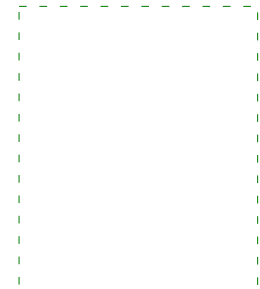
1.11 ♣ **Visual representation of a vector dot-product.** (Section 2.9)

Write the *definition* of the dot-product of a vector  $\vec{a}$  with a vector  $\vec{b}$ .

Include a *sketch* with *each symbol* in the right-hand-side of your definition clearly labeled. The sketch should include  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $|\vec{a}|$ ,  $|\vec{b}|$ , ...

Result:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \triangleq \text{$$



1.12 ♣ **Visual representation of a vector cross-product.** (Section 2.10)

Write the *definition* of the cross-product of a vector  $\vec{a}$  with a vector  $\vec{b}$ .

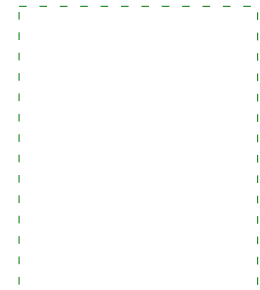
Include a *sketch* with *each symbol* in your definition labeled and described.

Result:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \triangleq \text{$$

where  $\hat{u}$  is

and  $\theta$  is



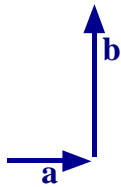
1.13 ♣ **Properties of vector dot-products and cross-products.** (Sections 2.9.1 and 2.10.1)

When $\vec{a}$ is parallel to $\vec{b}$ :	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$	True/False	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$	True/False
When $\vec{a}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{b}$ :	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$	True/False	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$	True/False
For arbitrary vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ :	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$	True/False	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$	True/False

1.14 ♣ **Calculating vector dot-products and cross-products via definitions.** (Sections 2.9 and 2.10)

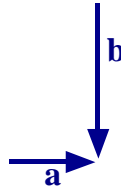
Draw a unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  outward-normal to the plane of the paper.

Knowing vector  $\vec{\mathbf{a}}$  has magnitude 2 and vector  $\vec{\mathbf{b}}$  has magnitude 4, calculate the following dot-products and cross-products via their **definitions** ( $2^+$  significant digits).



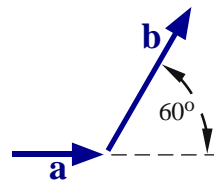
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$$\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times \vec{\mathbf{b}} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$



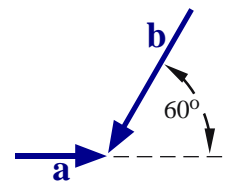
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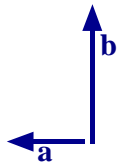
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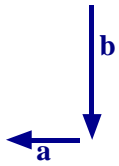
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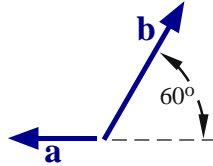
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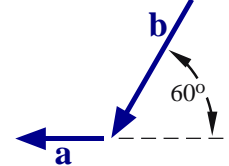
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$$\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times \vec{\mathbf{b}} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

1.15 ♣ **Property of scalar triple product.** (Section 2.11).

For arbitrary non-zero vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{a}}, \vec{\mathbf{b}}, \vec{\mathbf{c}}$ :  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot (\vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}}) = (\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times \vec{\mathbf{b}}) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{c}}$  Never/Sometimes/Always  
 A property of the *scalar triple product* is  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{a}} = 0$ . True/False.

1.16 **Optional: Property of vector triple cross-product.** (Sections 2.10.1 and 2.11)

Complete the following equation:  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}}) = \vec{\mathbf{b}} (\boxed{\phantom{000}}) - \vec{\mathbf{c}} (\boxed{\phantom{000}})$

Circle true or false (show supporting work):  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}}) = (\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times \vec{\mathbf{b}}) \times \vec{\mathbf{c}} + \vec{\mathbf{b}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}})$  True/False

1.17 ♣ **Optional: Proof of magnitude of vector cross product property.** (Sections 2.9 and 2.10)

Letting  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$  be a *unit vector* and  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}$  be *any vector*, prove<sup>1</sup>  $|\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}|^2 = \vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} - (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}})^2$ .

1.18 ♣ **Vector exponentiation:  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^2$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^3$ .** Complete the 3-step proofs. (Section 2.9)

**Step 1:** Complete the **definition** of  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^2$  in terms of  $|\vec{\mathbf{v}}|$ .

**Step 2:** Use the **definition** of the dot-product to show how  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}$  can be expressed in terms of  $|\vec{\mathbf{v}}|$ .

**Step 3:** Combine these two definitions to provide an alternate way to calculate  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^2$  with a vector dot-product.

**Result:**  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^2 \triangleq |\vec{\mathbf{v}}|^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}}$   $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} \underset{(2.2)}{=} \boxed{\phantom{000}}$   $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^2 = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

Complete the 3-step proof that relates  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^3$  to  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}$  raised to a real number.

**Result:**  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}^3 \triangleq |\vec{\mathbf{v}}|^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}} \underset{(2.4)}{=} (\sqrt{\boxed{\phantom{000}}})^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}} = (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}})^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}}$

<sup>1</sup>One way to prove this is to write  $(\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}})^2 = (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) \cdot (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) \underset{(2.10)}{=} \vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}})]$  and then use the vector triple cross-product property  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}}) = \vec{\mathbf{b}}(\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{c}}) - \vec{\mathbf{c}}(\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{b}})$  from Section 2.10. Alternately, it is helpful to write  $\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\perp} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\parallel} \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$  where  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\perp}$  is the component of  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}$  that is perpendicular to  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\parallel} \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$  is the component of  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}$  that is parallel to  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$ .

1.19 ♣  $|c\hat{a}_x|$  Calculate vector magnitude with dot products. (Section 2.9 and Hw 1.18)

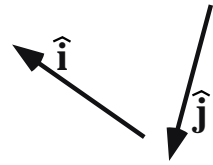
Show how the vector dot-product can be used to show that the magnitude of the vector  $c\hat{a}_x$  ( $c$  is a positive or **negative** number and  $\hat{a}_x$  is a unit vector) can be written solely in terms of  $c$  (without  $\hat{a}_x$ ).

Result:  $|c\hat{a}_x| = \sqrt{\text{yellow} \cdot \text{yellow}} = \sqrt{c^2 * \text{yellow} \cdot \text{yellow}} = \sqrt{\text{yellow}} = \text{abs}(c)$

1.20 † Magnitude of the vector  $\vec{v}$ . Show work. (Section 2.9)

Knowing the angle between a unit vector  $\hat{i}$  and unit vector  $\hat{j}$  is  $110^\circ$ , calculate a numerical value for the magnitude of  $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$ .

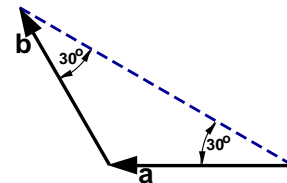
Result:  $|\vec{v}| \approx \text{4.098}$  Note: The answer is **not** 5.



1.21 ♣ Angle between vectors. (Section 2.9)

Referring to the figure to the right, find the numerical value for the angle between vector  $\vec{a}$  and vector  $\vec{b}$ .

$\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \text{yellow}^\circ$



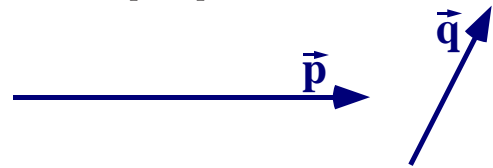
1.22 Visual estimation of vector dot/cross-products. Show work. (Sections 2.9 and 2.10)

**Estimate** (e.g., using your pinky) the magnitude of the vector  $\vec{p}$  shown below. Note: 1 inch  $\triangleq$  2.54 cm.

**Estimate** the angle between  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$ ,  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$ , and the magnitude of  $\vec{p} \times \vec{q}$ . Show work.

Result: (Provide numerical results with 1 or more significant digits).

$ \vec{p}  \approx \text{yellow} \text{ cm}$	$\angle(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \approx \text{yellow}^\circ$
$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} \approx \text{yellow} \text{ cm}^2$	$ \vec{p} \times \vec{q}  \approx \text{yellow} \text{ cm}^2$



1.23 ♣ Form the **unit** vector  $\hat{u}$  having the same direction as  $c\hat{a}_x$ . (Section 2.4)

Result:  $\hat{u} = \text{yellow} \hat{a}_x$  Note:  $\hat{a}_x$  is a unit vector and  $c$  is a non-zero real number, e.g., 3 or -3

1.24 ♣ Coefficient of  $\hat{u}$  in cross products – definitions and trig functions. (Section 2.10)

The **cross product** of vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  can be written in terms of a real scalar  $s$  as  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = s\hat{u}$  where  $\hat{u}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  in a direction defined by the **right-hand rule**. The coefficient  $s$  of the unit vector  $\hat{u}$  is inherently non-negative. True/False.

1.25 ♣ Orthogonal vectors: Insights via drawing. (Section 2.10)

Consider three unit vectors  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$ .  
 Vector  $\hat{a}$  is perpendicular to vector  $\hat{b}$ .  
 Vector  $\hat{b}$  is perpendicular to vector  $\hat{c}$ .  
 Vector  $\hat{a}$  is not parallel to vector  $\hat{c}$ .

In **all** cases,  $\hat{a}$  is perpendicular to  $\hat{c}$ . True/False.

Explain your answer by **drawing**  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ ,  $\hat{c}$  and relevant angles.



1.26 Calculating distance between a point and a line via cross-products. (Section 2.10.2)

**Draw** a horizontally-right unit vector  $\hat{a}_x$  and vertically-upward unit vector  $\hat{a}_y$ .

**Draw** a point  $Q$  whose position vector from a point  $P$  is  $\vec{r}^{Q/P} = 5\hat{a}_x$ .

**Draw** a line  $L$  that passes through point  $P$  and is parallel to  $\hat{u} = \frac{3}{5}\hat{a}_x + \frac{4}{5}\hat{a}_y$ .

Calculate the **distance**  $d$  between  $Q$  and  $L$  using both formulas in equation (2.9).

Result:  $d = \text{yellow} = \text{4}$   $d = \text{yellow} = \text{4}$



1.27 ♣ **Vector operations and units.** (Chapter 2)

Circle the vector operations below (scalar multiplication, addition, dot-product, etc.) that are **defined** for a position vector  $\vec{a}$  (with **units** of m) and a velocity vector  $\vec{b}$  (with **units** of  $\frac{m}{s}$ ).

$-\vec{a}$        $5\vec{a}$        $\vec{a}/5$        $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$        $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$        $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

1.28 ♣ **“Popular” vector operations.** (Chapter 2)

For each vector operation, provide its name and determine whether it produces a scalar or vector.

Name	Symbol	Example	Operation produces
Addition	+	$\vec{a} + \vec{b}$	Scalar/Vector
<input type="text"/>	-	$-\vec{b}$	Scalar/Vector
<input type="text"/>	*	$3 * \vec{b}$	Scalar/Vector
<input type="text"/>	·	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$	Scalar/Vector
<input type="text"/>	×	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$	Scalar/Vector

1.29 ♣ **Using vector identities to simplify expressions** (refer to Homework 1.13).

One reason to treat vectors as *basis-independent* quantities is to simplify vector expressions *without* resolving the vectors into orthogonal “ $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z}$ ” or “ $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ ” components. Simplify the following vector expressions using various properties of dot-products and cross-products.

Express your results in terms of dot-products  $\cdot$  and cross-products  $\times$  of the arbitrary vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  (i.e.,  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are not orthogonal).

Vector expression	Simplified vector expression
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \times (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{u}^2 -$ <input type="text"/> $\vec{v}^2 +$ <input type="text"/> $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$
$(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \times (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (2\vec{u} - 7\vec{v})$	<input type="text"/>
$(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \times (\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{w} + 2\vec{u})$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$

1.30 **Changing a vector equation to scalar equations.** Show work. (Section 2.9.5)

Draw three mutually orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{p}, \hat{q}, \hat{r}$ .

- (a) Use a vector operation (e.g., +, -, \*, ·, ×) to transform the following **vector** equation into **one scalar** equation and subsequently solve the scalar equation.

$$(2x - 4)\hat{p} = \vec{0} \quad \stackrel{??}{\Rightarrow} \quad x = 2$$

- (b) Show **every** vector operation (e.g., +, -, \*, ·, or ×) that transforms the following **vector** equation into **three scalar** equations and subsequently solve the scalar equations for  $x, y, z$ .

$$(2x - 4)\hat{p} + (3y - 9)\hat{q} + (4z - 16)\hat{r} = \vec{0}$$

**Result:**  $x = 2$        $y = 3$        $z =$

1.31 ♣ **Number of independent scalar equations from one vector equation.** (Section 2.9.5)

Consider the **vector** equation shown to the right that can be useful for static analyses of any system  $S$ .

$$\vec{F}^S = \vec{0}$$

Complete the blanks in the table to the right with **all** integers that could be equal to the number of **independent scalar** equations produced by the previous vector equation for any system  $S$ .

System type	Integer(s)
1D (line)	0, <input type="text"/>
2D (planar)	0, <input type="text"/>
3D (spatial)	0, <input type="text"/>

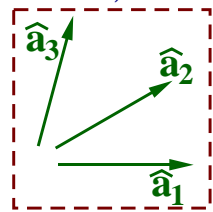
Hint: See Homework 1.30 for ideas.

Note: Regard 1D/linear as meaning  $\vec{F}^S$  can be expressed in terms of a single unit vector  $\hat{i}$  whereas 2D/planar means  $\vec{F}^S$  can be expressed in terms of two non-parallel unit vectors  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$ , and 3D/spatial means  $\vec{F}^S$  can be expressed in terms of three non-coplanar unit vectors  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{k}$ .

1.32 ♣ **Vector concepts: Solving a vector equation (just circle true or false and fill-in the blank).**

Consider the following vector equation written in terms of the scalars  $x, y, z$  and three unique non-orthogonal **coplanar** unit vectors  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3$ .

$$(2x - 4) \hat{a}_1 + (3y - 9) \hat{a}_2 + (4z - 16) \hat{a}_3 = \vec{0}$$



The **unique** solution to this vector equation is  $x = 2, y = 3, z = 4$ . **True/False.**

**Explain:**  $\hat{a}_2$  can be expressed in terms of  $\hat{a}_1$  and  $\hat{a}_3$  (i.e.,  $\hat{a}_2$  is a linear combination of  $\hat{a}_1$  and  $\hat{a}_3$ ). Hence the vector equation produces  linearly independent scalar equations.

1.33 ♣ **A vector revolution in geometry.** (Chapter 2)

The relatively new invention of vectors (Gibbs  $\approx$  1900 AD) has revolutionized Euclidean geometry (Euclid  $\approx$  300 BC). For each geometrical quantity below, circle the vector operation(s) (either the dot-product, cross-product, or both) that is **most** useful for their calculation.

Length:    •    ×	Angle:    •    ×
Area:    •    ×	Volume: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

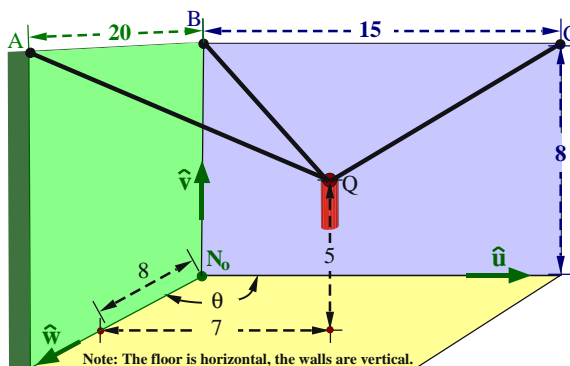
1.34 † **Microphone cable lengths (non-orthogonal walls) “It’s just geometry”.** Show work.

A microphone  $Q$  is attached to three pegs  $A, B, C$  by three cables. Knowing the peg locations, microphone location, and the angle  $\theta$  between the vertical walls, express  $L_A, L_B, L_C$  solely in terms of numbers and  $\theta$ . Next, complete the table by calculating  $L_B$  when  $\theta = 120^\circ$ .

Hint: To do this **efficiently**, use only unit vectors  $\hat{u}, \hat{v}, \hat{w}$ , and do **not** introduce an **orthogonal** set of unit vectors.

Hint: Use the distributive property of the vector dot-product as shown in Section 2.9.1 and Homework 2.4.

Note: Synthesis problems are difficult. Engineers solve problems. Think, talk, draw, sleep, walk, get help, ...



Distance between $A$ and $B$	20 m
Distance between $B$ and $C$	15 m
Distance between $N_o$ and $B$	8 m
Distance along back wall (see picture)	7 m
$Q$ 's height above $N_o$	5 m
Distance along side wall (see picture)	8 m
$L_A$ : Length of cable joining $A$ and $Q$	<input type="text"/> m
$L_B$ : Length of cable joining $B$ and $Q$	<input type="text"/> m
$L_C$ : Length of cable joining $C$ and $Q$	<input type="text"/> m

$$\vec{r}^{Q/N_o} = 7\hat{u} + 5\hat{v} + 8\hat{w}$$

**Result:**

$$L_A = \sqrt{202 - 168 \cos(\theta)}$$

$$L_B = \text{[Blank]}$$

$$L_C = \sqrt{137 - \text{[Blank]} \cos(\theta)}$$