

Basis independent vector operations:  $-\vec{b}$   $5\vec{b}$   $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$   $\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$   $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$   $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

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

1.1 ♣ Solving problems – what physicists and engineers do.

Understanding dynamics results from **doing** problems. Many problems herein guide you to help you synthesize processes (imitation). Please **do** these problems by yourself or with colleagues/instructors and use the textbook and other resources.



**Confucius 500 B.C.** “By three methods we may learn wisdom:  
 “I hear and I forget. 1<sup>st</sup> by reflection, which is noblest;  
 I see and I remember. 2<sup>nd</sup> by imitation, which is easiest;  
 I        and I understand.” 3<sup>rd</sup> by experience, which is the bitterest.”

1.2 ♣ What is a vector (as defined by Gibbs circa 1897)? (Section 2.2)

Two properties (attributes) of a vector are                      and                      (fill in the blanks).

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

A zero vector  $\vec{0}$  has a magnitude of 0 ( $|\vec{0}| = 0$ ). **True/False** (circle true or false).

A zero vector  $\vec{0}$  has a direction. **True/False**

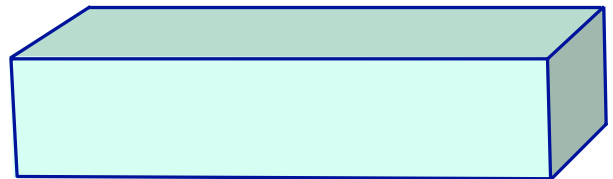
any  $\vec{v}$  vector +  $\vec{0} =$  any  $\vec{v}$  vector **True/False**

1.4 ♣ Unit vectors. (Section 2.4)

All unit vectors have a magnitude of 1 (e.g., $ \hat{i}  = 1$ , $ \hat{j}  = 1$ , $ \hat{k}  = 1$ ).	<b>True/False</b>
Typically, a unit vector is denoted with a hat, e.g., as $\hat{k}$ rather than $\vec{k}$ .	<b>True/False</b>
All unit vectors are equal.	<b>True/False</b>
A unit vector $\hat{u}$ in the direction of the non-zero vector $\vec{v}$ is $\hat{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{ \vec{v} }$ .	<b>True/False</b>

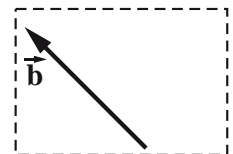
1.5 ♣ Draw the vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\hat{c}$ ,  $\hat{d}$  (Section 2.2)

- $\vec{a}$  Horizontally-right vector.
- $\vec{b}$  Vertically-upward vector.
- $\hat{c}$  Outwardly-directed **unit** vector.
- $\hat{d}$  Inwardly-directed **unit** vector.



1.6 ♣ Negating a vector. (Section 2.8)

**Draw** the vector  $-\vec{b}$ . Negating the vector  $\vec{b}$  results in a vector with different:  
 magnitude    direction    orientation    sense    (circle **all** that apply)

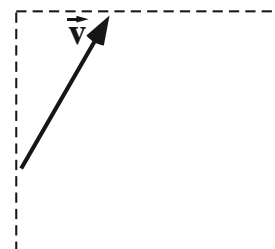


Historical note: Negative numbers (e.g., -3) were not widely accepted until 1800 A.D.

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

The figure to the right shows a vector  $\vec{v}$ . **Draw** the vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$ ,  $\vec{e}$ .

- $\vec{a}$  Same magnitude and direction as  $\vec{v}$  ( $\vec{a} = \vec{v}$ ).
- $\vec{b}$  Same magnitude as  $\vec{v}$ , with  $\vec{b} = -\vec{v}$  (**antiparallel**).
- $\vec{c}$  Same magnitude as  $\vec{v}$ , but different direction with  $\vec{c} \neq -\vec{v}$ .
- $\vec{d}$  Smaller magnitude than  $\vec{v}$ , but same direction as  $\vec{v}$ .
- $\vec{e}$  Different magnitude and different direction than  $\vec{v}$ .



1.8 ♣ **Vector magnitude and direction.** (Section 2.2)

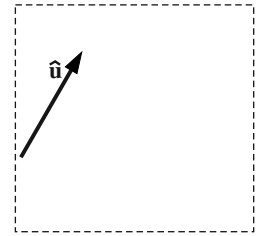
Knowing  $x$  is a real number (e.g., -3 or 0 or 7.8) and  $\hat{u}$  is a horizontal unit vector  $\rightarrow$ , complete **magnitude** with  $\leq$  or  $\geq$  and complete **direction** with  $+\hat{u}$  or  $-\hat{u}$ .

Vector	with	Magnitude	Direction
$x\hat{u}$	$x \geq 0$	$ x\hat{u}  \geq 0$	$+\hat{u}$
$x\hat{u}$	$x \leq 0$	$ x\hat{u}  \geq 0$	$-\hat{u}$
$-x\hat{u}$	$x \geq 0$	$ x\hat{u}  \geq 0$	$-\hat{u}$
$-x\hat{u}$	$x \leq 0$	$ x\hat{u}  \geq 0$	$+\hat{u}$

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

The following statements involve a unit vector  $\hat{u}$  and a real scalar  $s$  ( $s \neq 0$ ). If a statement is **true**, provide any numerical value for  $s$  that supports your answer, and if **true** also **draw** a corresponding vector, i.e.,  $\vec{a}$  or  $\vec{b}$  or  $\vec{c}$ .

- $s\hat{u}$  can have a different **magnitude** than  $\hat{u}$ . If true  $s = \square$ , **draw**  $\vec{a}$ .  
 $s\hat{u}$  can have a different **direction** than  $\hat{u}$ . If true  $s = \square$ , **draw**  $\vec{b}$ .  
 $s\hat{u}$  can have different **magnitude and direction** than  $\hat{u}$ . If true  $s = \square$ , **draw**  $\vec{c}$ .



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

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

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

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

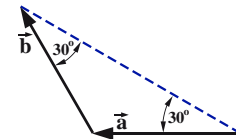
Draw  $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$

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

1.11 ♣ **Angle  $\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$  between vectors.** (Section 2.9)

For the figure shown right, determine the numerical value for the angle between vector  $\vec{a}$  and vector  $\vec{b}$ .

**Result:**  $\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \square^\circ$



1.12 ♣ **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 your definition clearly labeled.

**Result:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \triangleq \square \square \square$

Knowing  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are arbitrary vectors, complete the blanks with  $\leq$ ,  $=$ , or  $\geq$ .

When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $0^\circ$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \square 0$	(parallel)
When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $90^\circ$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \square 0$	(perpendicular)
When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $180^\circ$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \square 0$	(antiparallel)
For arbitrary vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ ,	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \square \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$	

Sketch should include  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $|\vec{a}|$ ,  $|\vec{b}|$ ,  $\theta$ .

1.13 ♣ **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 clearly labeled.

**Result:**  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \triangleq \square \square \square (\theta) \hat{u}$

where  $\hat{u}$  is   
 and  $\theta$  is

Knowing  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero vectors, complete the blanks with  $=$  or  $\neq$ .

When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $0^\circ$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \square \vec{0}$	(parallel)
When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $90^\circ$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \square \vec{0}$	(perpendicular)
When the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $180^\circ$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \square \vec{0}$	(antiparallel)
For arbitrary vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ ,	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \square \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$	

Sketch should include  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $|\vec{a}|$ ,  $|\vec{b}|$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\hat{u}$ .

1.14 Properties of vector dot/cross-products Draw/show work.  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$ . (Sections 2.9.1, 2.10)

When $\vec{a}$ is <i>parallel</i> to $\vec{b}$ ,	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$	True/False	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$	True/False
When $\vec{a}$ is <i>perpendicular</i> 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

1.15 Dot-products and cross-products via definitions. Show work. (Sections 2.9, 2.10)

- **Draw** a unit vector  $\hat{k}$  outward-normal to the plane of the paper (perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ).
- **Redraw** each figure to clarify  $\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$ , the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  (useful for dot and cross-product).
- Knowing  $|\vec{a}| = 2$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 4$ , calculate each expressions below ( $2^+$  significant digits) using only the definitions of dot-product and cross-product.

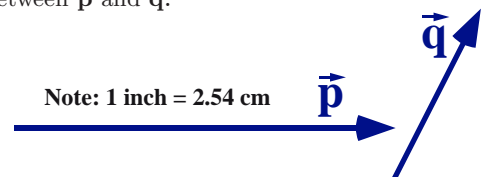
$\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \square^\circ$	$\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \square^\circ$	$\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \square^\circ$	$\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \square^\circ$
$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \square$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \square$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \square$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \square$
$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -8\hat{k}$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \square$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \square$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \square$

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

**Estimate** the magnitude of the vector  $\vec{q}$  shown below, the angle between  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$ ,  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$ , and the magnitude of  $\vec{p} \times \vec{q}$ . **Show work** and **redraw** to clarify the angle between  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$ .

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

$ \vec{p}  \approx 4.0$ cm	$ \vec{q}  \approx \square$ cm	$\angle(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \approx \square^\circ$
$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} \approx \square$ cm <sup>2</sup>	$ \vec{p} \times \vec{q}  \approx \square$ cm <sup>2</sup>	



1.17 **Vector operations and units.** (Chapter 2)

Each vector operation below involves a position vector  $\vec{r}$  (with **units** of m) and/or a velocity vector  $\vec{v}$  (with **units** of  $\frac{m}{s}$ ). Determine whether the operation produces a well-defined scalar or vector or is **undefined**. If well-defined, determine the associated units.

Operation:	$-\vec{r}$	$5\vec{v}$	$5\frac{m}{s} + \vec{v}$	$\vec{r} + 2\vec{r}$	$\vec{r} + \vec{v}$	$5\frac{m}{s} \cdot \vec{v}$	$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v}$	$\vec{r} \times \vec{v}$
Produces:	vector	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$
Units:	meters	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$

1.18 **Vector exponentiation:**  $\vec{v}^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{v}^3$ . (Section 2.9)

The following is a reasonable proof that  $\vec{v}^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$ . **True/False** (if **False**, provide a proof).

$$\vec{v}^2 \triangleq |\vec{v}|^2 \quad \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \stackrel{(2.2)}{\triangleq} |\vec{v}| |\vec{v}| \cos(0^\circ) = |\vec{v}|^2 \quad \vec{v}^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

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

**Result:**  $|\vec{v}| \stackrel{(2.4)}{=} \sqrt{\square \cdot \square} \quad \vec{v}^3 \triangleq |\vec{v}|^{\square} = (\sqrt{\square \cdot \square})^{\square} = (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})^{\frac{3}{2}}$

1.19 **Calculate vector magnitude with dot products.** (Section 2.9 and Hw 1.18)

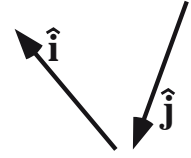
Show how the vector dot-product can be used to show that the magnitude of the vector  $c\hat{a}_x$  ( $c$  is a positive or **negative** number and  $\hat{a}_x$  is a unit vector) can be written solely in terms of  $c$  (without  $\hat{a}_x$ ).

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

1.20 †(Challenge) **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  $120^\circ$ , calculate a numerical value for the magnitude of  $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$ .

**Result:**  $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{13}$  Note: The answer is not  $\sqrt{25} = 5$ .



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

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

1.22 ♣ **Property of vector triple cross-product.** (Sections 2.10, 2.11)

Complete the following equation:  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b}(\text{yellow}) - \vec{c}(\text{yellow})$

For arbitrary vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ :  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} + \vec{b} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$  **True/False** (show work).

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

**Result:**  $\hat{u} = \frac{\text{yellow}}{\text{yellow}} \hat{a}_x$  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 ♣ **Ranges of angles from dot-product and cross-product calculations.** (Sections 2.9, 2.10)

Quantity	Numerical range of values
$c = \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$ (assume $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ are known so a numerical value for $\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$ can be calculated).	$\text{yellow} \leq c \leq \text{yellow}$
$s =  \hat{a} \times \hat{b} $ (assume $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ are known so a numerical value for $ \hat{a} \times \hat{b} $ can be calculated).	$\text{yellow} \leq s \leq \text{yellow}$
Angle $\theta_c$ between $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ that can be uniquely determined <b>solely</b> from $c$ .	$\text{yellow}^\circ \leq \theta_c \leq \text{yellow}^\circ$
Angle $\theta_s$ between $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ that can be uniquely determined <b>solely</b> from $s$ .	$\text{yellow}^\circ \leq \theta_s \leq \text{yellow}^\circ$
Angle $\theta$ between $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ , i.e., $\theta = \angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$	$\text{yellow}^\circ \leq \theta \leq \text{yellow}^\circ$

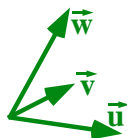
Note: The range of  $\theta_s$  is smaller than the range for  $\theta$ . Hence,  $s$  and  $\theta_s$  are insufficient to correctly calculate  $\theta$ .  
 What this means: Use the **dot-product**  $\cdot$  to calculate an angle  $\theta$  from two given/known vectors  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$ .

1.26 ♣ **Using vector identities to simplify expressions** (refer to Homework 1.14)

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 mathematical properties of dot-products and cross-products.

Express results in terms of dot-products  $\cdot$  and cross-products  $\times$  of the arbitrary vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ .

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are not necessarily orthogonal or co-planar.



Vector expression	Simplified vector expression
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \times (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	$\text{yellow} \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	$\text{yellow} \vec{u}^2 - \text{yellow} \vec{v}^2 + \text{yellow} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$
$(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$	$\text{yellow} - \text{yellow}$
$(3\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}) \times (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (2\vec{u} - 7\vec{v})$	$\text{yellow}$
$(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \times (\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{w} + 2\vec{u})$	$\text{yellow} \vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$

1.27 ♣ **Vector concepts: Solving a vector equation?** (Section 2.9.3)

Shown right is a vector equation and a questionable process that solves for  $v_x$  ( $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_x$  is a unit vector and  $v_x, \dot{\theta}, R$  are scalars).

$$v_x \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x = \dot{\theta} R \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x$$

$$v_x = \dot{\theta} R \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}}_x}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}_x} = \dot{\theta} R$$

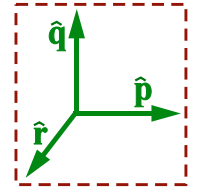
This is a valid process to solve for  $v_x$ . **True/False.**

Explain:

1.28 **Change a vector equation to scalar equations.** Show work. (Section 2.9.3)

Shown right are three mutually orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ .

Use a vector operation (e.g., +, \*, ·, ×) to change the **vector** equation  $(2x-4)\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  into **one scalar** equation and subsequently solve the scalar equation for  $x$ .



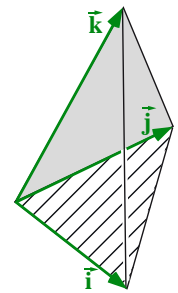
**Result:**  $(2x-4)\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \xrightarrow{??} (2x-4) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$

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

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

**Result:**  $(2x-4) = 0 \quad (3y-9) = 0 \quad (\text{yellow box}) = 0$   
 $x = 2 \quad y = 3 \quad z = 4$

†**Optional:** The figure to the right shows three **non-orthogonal**, non-coplanar vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{i}}, \vec{\mathbf{j}}, \vec{\mathbf{k}}$ . Show **every** vector operation that changes the following **vector** equation into **three** uncoupled **scalar** equations and subsequently solve those scalar equations for  $x, y, z$ .



$$(2x-4)\vec{\mathbf{i}} + (3y-9)\vec{\mathbf{j}} + (4z-16)\vec{\mathbf{k}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$$

**Result:**  $(2x-4) = 0 \quad (3y-9) = 0 \quad (\text{yellow box}) = 0$  Hint: think  $\times \cdot$ ,  
 $x = 2 \quad y = 3 \quad z = 4$  not matrix algebra.

1.29 ♣ **Number of independent scalar equations from 1 vector equation.** (Section 2.9.3)

The **vector** equation shown right is useful for static analyses of a system  $S$ .

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

In the table to the right, box all integers that could be equal to the number of **independent scalar** equations produced by the previous vector equation. Hint: Hw 1.28. Related Hw 7.10.

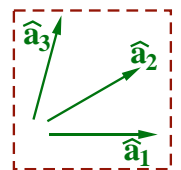
System type	Integer(s)
1D (line)	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">0</span> 1 2 3 4 <sup>+</sup>
2D (planar)	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">0</span> 1 2 3 4 <sup>+</sup>
3D (spatial)	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">0</span> 1 2 3 4 <sup>+</sup>

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

1.30 ♣ **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  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_3$ .

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



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

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

**1.31 ♣ Gibbs ( $\approx 1900$  AD) vectors revolutionizes Euclidean geometry (300 BC). (Sections 2.9.2, 2.10.1, 2.11.1)**

For each geometrical quantity shown right, circle the vector operation(s) (dot-product, cross-product, or both) that is **most** useful for their calculation.

Length: $\cdot$ $\times$	Angle: $\cdot$ $\times$
Area: $\cdot$ $\times$	Volume: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**1.32 ♣ Order of operations with vector dot products ( $\cdot$ ) and cross products ( $\times$ ). (Chapter 2)**

Create a valid expression by adding parentheses to each expression or **cross-out** the expression if it is inherently invalid.

$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{c}$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \times \vec{c}$	$\vec{a} + 5 \times \vec{c}$
$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c}$	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}$	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}$

Example:  $3 * \vec{a} + \vec{b} \Rightarrow (3 * \vec{a}) + \vec{b}$ .

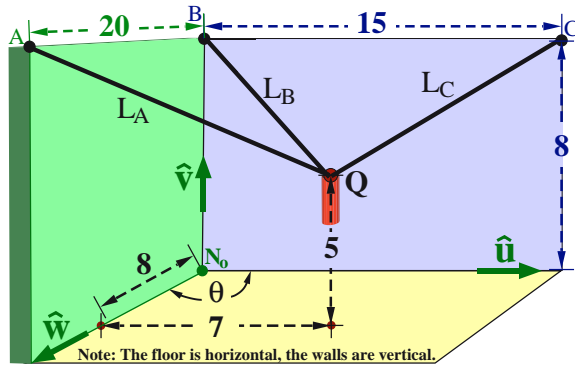
**1.33 † Microphone cable lengths (non-orthogonal walls) “It’s just geometry”. Show work.**

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  $\hat{u}, \hat{v}, \hat{w}$ .

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. Think, talk, draw, sleep, walk, get help, ... (if necessary, read Section 3.4).



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 $Q$	16.9 m
$L_B$ : Length of cable joining $B$ and $Q$	8.1 m
$L_C$ : Length of cable joining $C$ and $Q$	14.2 m

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

**Result:**  $L_A = \sqrt{202 - \text{[ ]} \cos(\theta)}$      $L_B = \sqrt{122 + 112 \cos(\theta)}$      $L_C = \sqrt{\text{[ ]} - 128 \text{[ ]}}$

Vocabulary: In this **inverse kinematics** analysis, the position of “end-effector”  $Q$  is known and you determine the cable lengths.

- Knowing  $\beta$  is defined as the angle between lines  $\overline{BN_o}$  and  $\overline{BQ}$ , show  $\beta \approx \text{[68.33]}^\circ$ .

Vector addition, dot products, and cross products: + · ×

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

2.1 ♣ Right-handed, orthogonal, unit vectors. (Section 4.1)

**Draw** a set of right-handed orthogonal (mutually perpendicular) unit vectors consisting of  $\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z$ . In other words, draw  $\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z$  so that  $\hat{n}_y$  is perpendicular (orthogonal) to  $\hat{n}_x$  and  $\hat{n}_z = \hat{n}_x \times \hat{n}_y$ .



2.2 ♣ Adding and subtracting vectors. (Sections 2.6, 2.8)

**Given:** Vectors  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$  expressed in terms of unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ . Form the vector sums and differences below.

$$\vec{p} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{q} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$



**Result:**  $\vec{p} + \vec{q} = (a+x)\hat{i} + (\text{yellow})\hat{j} + (\text{yellow})\hat{k}$       $\vec{p} - \vec{q} = (a-x)\hat{i} + (\text{yellow})\hat{j} + (\text{yellow})\hat{k}$

2.3 ♣ Words: Physical vectors and column matrices. (Section 2.1, Hw 1.2)

**True/False** As defined by Gibbs and for  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ , physical vectors have magnitude and direction.

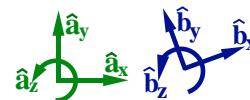
**True/False** In math (linear algebra), a column matrix is called a “vector”.

**True/False** The physical vector  $\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y + 3\hat{a}_z$  can be written  $[\hat{a}_x \ \hat{a}_y \ \hat{a}_z] * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Note:  $\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_y, \hat{a}_z$  are the orthogonal unit vectors shown below.

**True/False** The physical vector  $\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y + 3\hat{a}_z$  is equal to the column matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**True/False**  $\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y + 3\hat{a}_z + 4\hat{b}_x + 5\hat{b}_y + 6\hat{b}_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$   
 ( $\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_y, \hat{a}_z$  and  $\hat{b}_x, \hat{b}_y, \hat{b}_z$  are shown right).

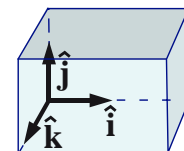


- Complete the following statement with one equal sign  $\equiv$  and one not-equal sign  $\neq$ .

$$\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y + 3\hat{a}_z \text{ yellow } [\hat{a}_x \ \hat{a}_y \ \hat{a}_z] * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ yellow } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.4 ♣ Dot products with orthogonal unit vectors. (Sections 2.9, 2.9.4)

**Given:** Vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  expressed in terms of right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , with:  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \underbrace{(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k})}_{\vec{v}} \cdot \underbrace{(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})}_{\vec{w}}$



- Use the **distributive property** for dot products to write  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  in terms of  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}, \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}$ , etc. Next, use the **definition** of the dot product to calculate  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}, \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}$ , etc. (below-right).

**Result:**

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = ax\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + ay\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} + \text{yellow}\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} + bx\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} + by\text{yellow}\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} + \text{yellow}\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} + cx\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} + cy\text{yellow}\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j} + \text{yellow}\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1$	$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \text{yellow}$	$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = \text{yellow}$
$\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$	$\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \text{yellow}$	$\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = \text{yellow}$
$\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$	$\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j} = \text{yellow}$	$\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = \text{yellow}$

- Simplify  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  and use its special dot-product formula for the calculations that follow.

**Result:**  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = ax + by + \text{yellow}$  Use this special dot-product formula to calculate  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  when  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are **orthogonal unit** vectors.

**Given**

$$\vec{p} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{q} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

Calculate	
$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = 2x + 3y + \text{yellow}z$	$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = 29$
$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow}$	$\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q} = x^2 + \text{yellow} + \text{yellow}$
$\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow}$	$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow}$

$$|\vec{p}| = \sqrt{29}$$

$$|\vec{q}| = \sqrt{\text{yellow}}$$

$$|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{110}$$

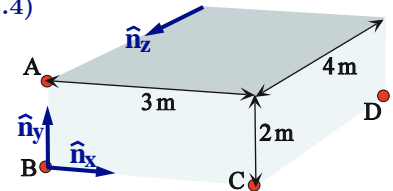
2.5 ♣ **Perpendicular vectors.** (Note:  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are orthogonal unit vectors). (Section 2.9)

**Draw** two vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  that are perpendicular. Hence,  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \square$ .  
 When  $\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ ,  $x = \square$ .



2.6 **Dot products to calculate distance and angles.** (Sections 2.9, 3.4)

The figure to the right shows a block with sides of length 2 m, 3 m, 4 m and points  $A, B, C$  located at corners. Right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z$  are directed with  $\hat{n}_x$  from  $B$  to  $C$  and  $\hat{n}_y$  from  $B$  to  $A$ .



- (a) Express  $\vec{r}$  (position from  $A$  to  $C$ ) in terms of  $\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z$  and find a numerical value for  $|\vec{r}|^2$ .  
 Next calculate the distance  $d$  between  $A$  to  $C$  (magnitude of  $\vec{r}$ ).

**Result:**  $\vec{r} = \square \hat{n}_x - \square \hat{n}_y$   $|\vec{r}|^2 = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \square \text{ m}^2$   $d = \sqrt{\square} \text{ m}$

- (b) Calculate the unit vector  $\hat{u}$  directed from  $A$  to  $C$  and the unit vector  $\hat{v}$  directed from  $A$  to  $D$ .

**Result:**  $\hat{u} = \frac{3\hat{n}_x - \square \hat{n}_y}{\sqrt{\square}}$   $\hat{v} = \frac{\square \hat{n}_x - \square \hat{n}_y - \square \hat{n}_z}{\sqrt{\square}}$

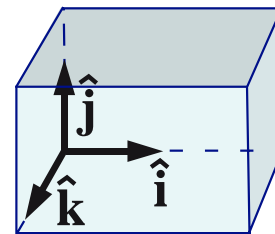
- (c) Calculate  $\angle BAC$  (angle between line  $\overline{AB}$  and line  $\overline{AC}$ ) and  $\angle CAD$  (angle between line  $\overline{AC}$  and line  $\overline{AD}$ ).

**Result:**  $\angle BAC = \square^\circ$   $\angle CAD = 47.97^\circ$

2.7 ♣ **Construct a unit vector  $\hat{u}$  in the direction of each vector given below.** (Section 2.9.2)

Vector	Unit vector $\hat{u}$
$3\hat{i}$	$\hat{i}$
$-3\hat{i}$	$\square$
$3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$	$\frac{\square - \square}{\square}$
$3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$	$\frac{\square - \square + 12}{\square}$
$c\hat{i}$ <small><math>c</math> is a real non-zero number</small>	$\frac{c}{\square} \hat{i}$ or $\text{sign}(c)\hat{i}$

Note:  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are orthogonal unit vectors.

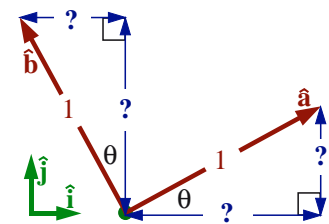


Ensure your last answer agrees with your first two answers, e.g., if  $c = 3$  or  $c = -3$ .

2.8 ♣ **Vector components: Sine and cosine.** (Section 1.4)

- **Replace** each  $?$  in the figure to the right with  $\sin(\theta)$  or  $\cos(\theta)$ .
- Use vector addition to express  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  in terms of  $\sin(\theta), \cos(\theta), \hat{i}, \hat{j}$ .

**Result:**  $\hat{a} = \square \hat{i} + \square \hat{j}$   
 Reminder:  $\hat{b} = \square \hat{i} + \cos(\theta) \hat{j}$



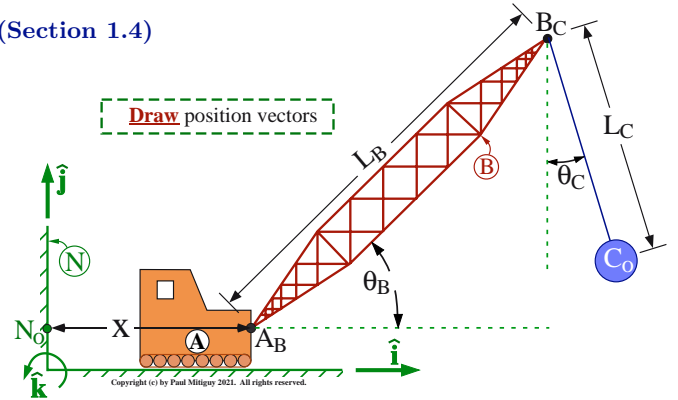


**2.9 ♣ Vector components for a crane-boom. (Section 1.4)**

Shown right is a crane whose cab  $A$  supports a boom  $B$  that swings a wrecking ball  $C_o$ .

Right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are directed with  $\hat{i}$  horizontally-right,  $\hat{j}$  vertically-upward, and  $\hat{k}$  outward-normal to the plane containing points  $N_o, A_B, B_C, C_o$ .

**Draw** each position vector listed below and then use your knowledge of sine/cosine to resolve these vectors into  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  components.



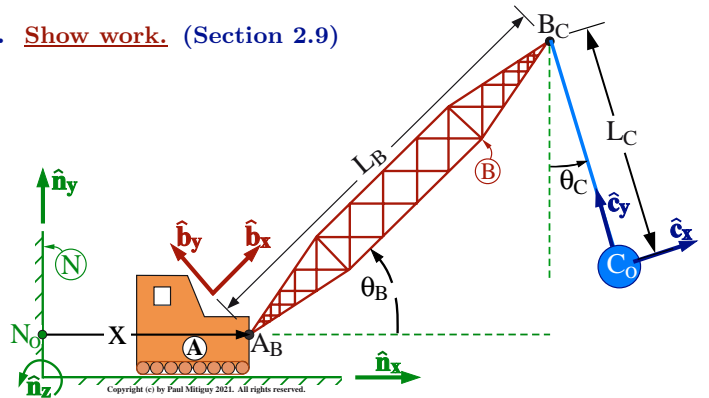
- Position from  $N_o$  to  $A_B$      ${}^{N_o}\mathbf{r}^{A_B} =$      $\square \hat{i} +$      $\square \hat{j}$
- Position from  $A_B$  to  $B_C$      ${}^{A_B}\mathbf{r}^{B_C} =$      $\square \hat{i} +$      $\square \hat{j}$
- Position from  $B_C$  to  $C_o$      ${}^{B_C}\mathbf{r}^{C_o} =$      $\square \hat{i} +$      $\square \hat{j}$
- Position from  $N_o$  to  $B_C$      ${}^{N_o}\mathbf{r}^{B_C} =$      $\square + \square \hat{i} +$      $\square \hat{j}$
- Position from  $N_o$  to  $C_o$      ${}^{N_o}\mathbf{r}^{C_o} =$      $\square \hat{i} + [L_B \sin(\theta_B) - L_C \cos(\theta_C)] \hat{j}$

**2.10 Dot products and distance calculations. Show work. (Section 2.9)**

Shown right is a crane whose cab  $A$  supports a boom  $B$  that swings a wrecking ball  $C_o$ . To prevent the wrecking ball from hitting a car, the distance between  $N_o$  and point  $B_C$  (the tip of the boom) must be controlled.

To start this problem, express  $\mathbf{r}$  (the position vector from  $N_o$  to  $B_C$ ) in terms of  $x, L_B, \hat{n}_x, \hat{b}_x$ .

**Result:**  $\mathbf{r} = \square \hat{n}_x + \square \hat{b}_x$



• **Without** resolving  $\mathbf{r}$  into  $\hat{n}_x$  and  $\hat{n}_y$  components, use  $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$  [from equation (3.1)] and the distributive property to calculate the distance between  $N_o$  and  $B_C$  in terms of  $x, L_B, \theta_B$ .

**Result:** (if stumped, hint below).<sup>1</sup> **Optional:** Calculate  $|\mathbf{r}|$  when  $x = 20$  m,  $L_B = 10$  m,  $\theta_B = 30^\circ$ .

Distance between  $N_o$  and  $B_C$ :  $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{\square^2 + \square^2 + 2xL_B \cos(\theta_B)} \approx 29.1$  m

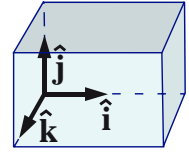
• Homework 2.9 showed  $\mathbf{r}$  can be expressed as  $\mathbf{r} = [x + L_B \cos(\theta_B)] \hat{n}_x + L_B \sin(\theta_B) \hat{n}_y$ . Use this expression to verify your previous result for  $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$ .

**Result:**  $|\mathbf{r}|$  simplifies to the previous result but uses an inefficient process and  $\sin^2(\theta_B) + \cos^2(\theta_B) = 1$ .

<sup>1</sup>Hint: The distributive property for vector dot-multiplication is  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d}$ . Use the distributive property to express  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}$  in terms of  $x, L_B$ , and  $\hat{n}_x \cdot \hat{b}_x$ . Thereafter, use the **dot-product definition** of  $(\hat{n}_x \cdot \hat{b}_x)$  to form  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \square^2 + \square^2 + 2xL_B(\hat{n}_x \cdot \hat{b}_x) \stackrel{(2.2)}{=} \square^2 + \square^2 + 2xL_B \cos(\square)$ .

2.11 ♣ **Cross products with right-handed orthogonal unit vectors.** (Section 2.10)

**Given:** Vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  expressed in terms of right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , with:  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \underbrace{(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k})}_{\vec{v}} \times \underbrace{(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})}_{\vec{w}}$



• Use the *distributive property* for cross products to write  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  in terms of  $\hat{i} \times \hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{i} \times \hat{j}$ , etc. Next, use the *definition* of the cross product to calculate  $\hat{i} \times \hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{i} \times \hat{j}$ , etc. (below-right).

**Result:**

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = ax \hat{i} \times \hat{i} + ay \hat{i} \times \hat{j} + \text{[ ]} \hat{i} \times \hat{k} + bx \hat{j} \times \hat{i} + by \text{[ ]} \times \text{[ ]} + \text{[ ]} \text{[ ]} \times \text{[ ]} + cx \hat{k} \times \hat{i} + cy \text{[ ]} \times \text{[ ]} + \text{[ ]} \text{[ ]} \times \text{[ ]}$$

$\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \vec{0}$	$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$	$\hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$
$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = \text{[ ]}$	$\hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \text{[ ]}$	$\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \text{[ ]}$
$\hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \text{[ ]}$	$\hat{k} \times \hat{j} = \text{[ ]}$	$\hat{k} \times \hat{k} = \text{[ ]}$

• Combine your previous results to calculate  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  in terms of  $a, b, c, x, y, z$ .

**Result:**  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = (bz - \text{[ ]})\hat{i} + (\text{[ ]} - az)\hat{j} + (\text{[ ]})\hat{k}$



2.12 ♣ **Cross products and determinants (orthogonal unit vectors).** (Section 2.10.2)

Shown right are arbitrary vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  expressed in terms of right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ . Show that calculating  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  with the *distributive property* of the cross product (seen in Hw 2.11) happens to be equal to the *determinant* of the matrix shown to the right.

$$\vec{v} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{w} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a & b & c \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$$



**Result:**  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = (bz - \text{[ ]})\hat{i} + (\text{[ ]} - az)\hat{j} + (\text{[ ]})\hat{k}$

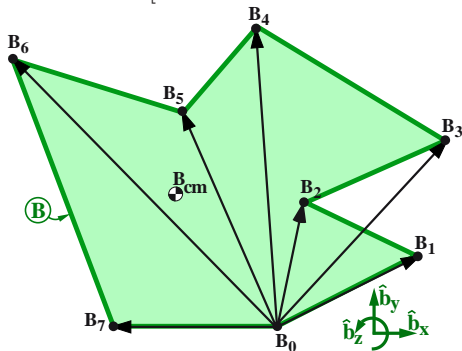
2.13 ♣ **Cross products: Commercial area calculation algorithm (surveying).** (Sections 2.10.1, 3.3)

Complex **planar objects** such as the polygon  $B$  below can be decomposed into triangles for important planar measurements (e.g., farming acreage, building costs, and mass and area properties of 2D objects).



- Calculate  $\vec{A}_2$  and  $\vec{A}_4$ , the vector-areas of triangles  $B_0 B_2 B_3$  and  $B_0 B_4 B_5$ .
- Account for overlapped areas with **positive** and **negative** vector areas.

**Result:** [Just fill in the calculations for  $\vec{A}_2$ ,  $\vec{A}_4$ , and  $\vec{A}$  using eqn (3.4)].



$$\vec{r}_1 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_1} = 2.0 \hat{b}_x + 2.0 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_2} = 0.5 \hat{b}_x + 2.5 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_3 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_3} = 3.0 \hat{b}_x + 4.0 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_4 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_4} = -0.5 \hat{b}_x + 7.0 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_5 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_5} = -1.0 \hat{b}_x + 5.0 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_6 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_6} = -3.0 \hat{b}_x + 6.0 \hat{b}_y$$

$$\vec{r}_8 = B_0 \vec{r}^{B_8} = -2.0 \hat{b}_x + 0.0 \hat{b}_y$$

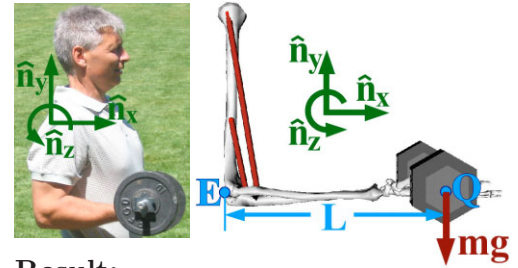
$\vec{A}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2) = 2 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) = \text{[ ]} .75 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_3 = \dots = 11.5 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_4 = \dots = \text{[ ]} .25 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_5 = \dots = 4.5 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_6 = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_6 \times \vec{r}_7) = 6 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \vec{A}_i = \text{[ ]}$
Area = $ \vec{A}  = 23.5$

2.14 Biomechanics: Gravity moment for curling  $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$  (Section 2.10)

The figures to the right show an athlete curling a dumbbell (modeled as a particle  $Q$  of mass  $m$ ). The forearm connects to the upper arm at the elbow (point  $E$ ). Orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{n}_x$ ,  $\hat{n}_y$ ,  $\hat{n}_z$  are directed with  $\hat{n}_y$  vertically upward and  $\hat{n}_x$  from  $E$  to  $Q$ .

Description	Symbol	Type
Earth's gravitational constant	$g$	$g \approx 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$
Mass of dumbbell $Q$	$m$	Positive constant
Distance between elbow $E$ and $Q$	$L$	Positive constant

The moment of gravity forces on  $Q$  about  $E$  is  $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$  where  $\vec{F} = -m g \hat{n}_y$ . Express  $\vec{M}$  in terms of  $m$ ,  $g$ ,  $L$ ,  $\hat{n}_z$ .



Result:

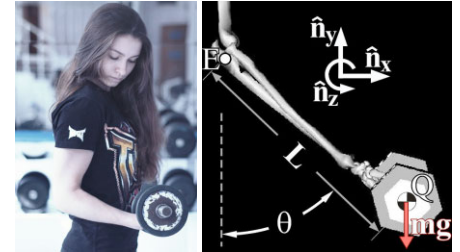
$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \text{[ ]}$$

Now consider the forearm making an angle  $\theta$  with downward vertical. Form  $\vec{M}$  and its magnitude  $|\vec{M}|$ . Determine the values of  $\theta$  ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 135^\circ$ ) that produce maximum and minimum  $|\vec{M}|$ . To simplify  $|\vec{M}|$ , note  $m$ ,  $g$ ,  $L$  are positive and for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 135^\circ$ ,  $\sin(\theta) \geq 0$ .

Result: (in terms of  $m$ ,  $g$ ,  $L$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\hat{n}_z$ ).

$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \text{[ ]} \quad |\vec{M}| = \text{[ ]}$$

Optional: Modeling the elbow as a revolute joint, draw a *free-body diagram (FBD)* of the system consisting of the forearm and dumbbell.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } |\vec{M}| &= \text{[ ]} \quad \text{at } \theta = \text{[ ]}^\circ \\ \text{Min } |\vec{M}| &= \text{[ ]} \quad \text{at } \theta = \text{[ ]}^\circ \end{aligned}$$

2.15 Biomechanics: Gravity force and moment for tennis  $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$  (Section 2.10)

Shown right is an athlete whose arm  $A$  swings a tennis racquet  $B$ . Point  $S$  (shoulder),  $A_{cm}$  ( $A$ 's center of mass), and  $B_{cm}$  ( $B$ 's center of mass) lie along a line parallel to a unit vector  $\hat{a}$ . The unit vector  $\hat{d}$  is vertically-downward  $\downarrow$ .

Description	Symbol	Type
Earth's gravitational constant	$g$	$g \approx 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$
Mass of $A$ , mass of $B$	$m_A$ , $m_B$	Positive constants
Distances between $S$ and $A_{cm}$ and $S$ and $B_{cm}$	$L_A$ , $L_B$	Positive constants
Angle between $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{d}$	$\theta$	$0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

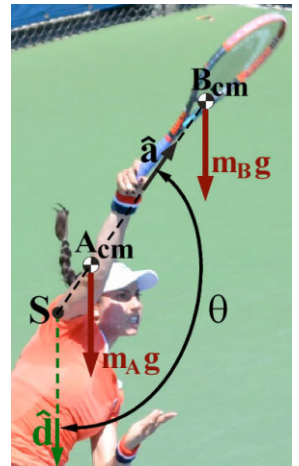
- Form  $\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}}$  (the net force on  $A$  and  $B$  due to Earth's gravity).
- Form  $|\vec{M}|$  (the magnitude of the moment of those gravity forces about  $S$ ).

Note:  $\vec{M} = {}^S\vec{r}^{A_{cm}} \times m_A g \hat{d} + {}^S\vec{r}^{B_{cm}} \times m_B g \hat{d}$ .

Result:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} = (\text{[ ]}) \hat{d}$$

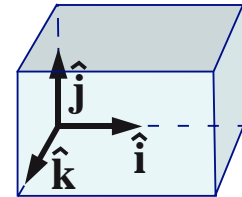
$$|\vec{M}| = \text{[ ]}$$



Optional: Modeling the athlete grip of the racquet as a weld, draw a *free-body diagram (FBD)* of the racquet. Next, choose a model for the shoulder joint and draw a *FBD* of the system consisting of the arm and racquet.

### 2.16 Scalar triple product with bases (Section 2.11).

The figure shows right-handed orthogonal unit vectors  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{k}$ .



Given

$$\vec{u} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{w} = 5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

Calculate

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = \square$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \square z - \square x - 6y$$

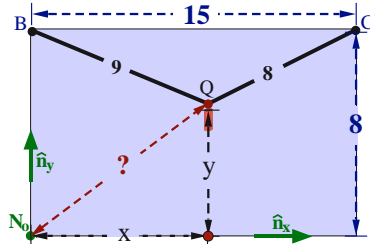
$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \square z - 45x - \square y$$

Note: Although the order of operations in  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$  is unambiguous, parentheses may clarify your work.

$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  and it is OK to switch  $\cdot$  and  $\times$  in scalar triple products. **True/False.**

### 2.17 Locating a microphone (2D). **Show work.** (Section 1.4)

A microphone  $Q$  is attached to two pegs  $B$  and  $C$  by two cables. Knowing the peg locations, cable lengths, and points  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $Q$ ,  $N_o$  all lie in the same plane, determine the distance between  $Q$  and  $N_o$ . Do the problem with Euclidean geometry (e.g., law of cosines), then try vectors (see Hw 1.33).

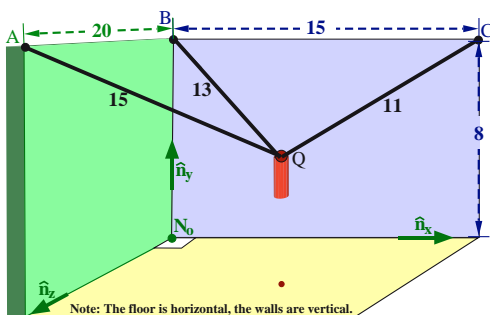


Distance between $B$ to $C$		15 m
Distance between $N_o$ to $B$	$h$	8 m
Length of cable joining $B$ and $Q$	$L_B$	9 m
Length of cable joining $C$ and $Q$	$L_C$	8 m
Distance between $N_o$ and $Q$		<b>9.01 m</b>

Note: Although there are two mathematical answers to this problem, one is above the ceiling by  $\approx 12$  m and requires the cables to be in compression.

### 2.18 † Locating a microphone (3D).

A microphone  $Q$  is attached to three pegs  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  by three cables. Knowing the peg locations and cable lengths, determine the distance between  $Q$  and point  $N_o$ . **Show work.** (If needed, hint below).<sup>2</sup>



Distance between $A$ to $B$		20 m
Distance between $B$ to $C$		15 m
Distance between $N_o$ to $B$	$h$	8 m
Length of cable joining $A$ and $Q$	$L_A$	15 m
Length of cable joining $B$ and $Q$	$L_B$	13 m
Length of cable joining $C$ and $Q$	$L_C$	11 m
Distance between $N_o$ and $Q$		<b>13.3 m</b>
If $Q$ is above ceiling, distance $\approx 17$ m		

Note: This is part of the process of a camera targeting a football/baseball in a stadium or laser targeting cancer or ...

Vocabulary: In this *forward kinematics* analysis, the cable lengths are known and you determine the position of “end-effector”  $Q$ .

<sup>2</sup>Hint: See Homework 1.33 or Section 3.4. Introduce unknowns  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  so  $Q$ 's position from  $N_o$  is  $x\hat{n}_x + y\hat{n}_y + z\hat{n}_z$ . Although nonlinear algebraic equations are usually solved with a computer, these can also be solved “by-hand”.

Solution at [www.MotionGenesis.com](http://www.MotionGenesis.com)  $\Rightarrow$  [Get Started](#)  $\Rightarrow$  2D/3D geometry. Alternatively, go to [www.WolframAlpha.com](http://www.WolframAlpha.com) and type Solve  $x^2 + (-20+z)^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 225$ ,  $x^2 + z^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 169$ ,  $z^2 + (-15+x)^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 121$