

Homework 1. Chapter 2.

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

Show work – except for ♣ fill-in-blanks (print .pdf from www.MotionGenesis.com ⇒ [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.

“I hear and I forget.

I see and I remember.

I and I understand.”

“By three methods we may learn wisdom:

1st by reflection, which is noblest;

2nd by imitation, which is easiest;

3rd 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

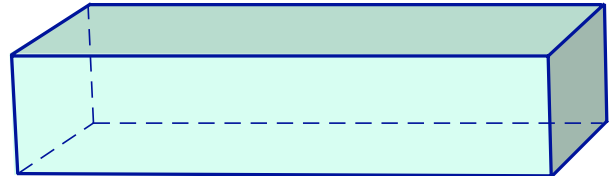
True/False

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

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

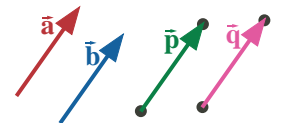
- \vec{a} Horizontally-right vector.
- \vec{b} Vertically-upward vector.
- \hat{c} Outwardly-directed **unit** vector.
- \hat{d} Inwardly-directed **unit** vector.



1.6 ♣ Equal vectors? Equal position vectors? (Section 2.5)

For the generic vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} shown right, $\vec{a} = \vec{b}$ **True/False**.

For the position vectors \vec{p} and \vec{q} shown right, $\vec{p} = \vec{q}$ **True/False**.



1.7 ♣ 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)

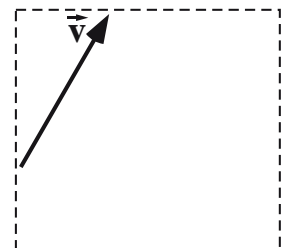
Historical note: Negative numbers (e.g., -3) were not widely accepted until 1800 A.D.



1.8 ♣ 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} .



1.9 ♣ 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$	
$-x\hat{u}$	$x \geq 0$	$ x\hat{u} \geq 0$	
$-x\hat{u}$	$x \leq 0$	$ x\hat{u} \geq 0$	

1.10 ♣ 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} .

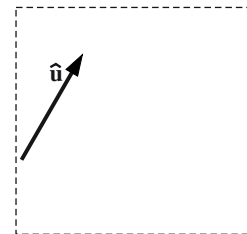
$s\hat{u}$ can have a different **magnitude** than \hat{u} .

If **true** $s =$, **draw** \vec{a} .

$s\hat{u}$ can have a different **direction** than \hat{u} .

If **true** $s =$, **draw** \vec{b} .

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



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

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

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

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

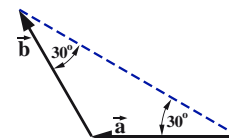
Draw $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$

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

1.12 ♣ 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: $\angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) =$ °



1.13 ♣ 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: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \triangleq$

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°	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> 0	(parallel)
When the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 90°	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> 0	(perpendicular)
When the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 180°	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> 0	(antiparallel)
For arbitrary vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} ,	$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$	

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

1.14 ♣ 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: $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \triangleq$ $(\theta) \hat{u}$

where \hat{u} is

and θ 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°	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{0}$	(parallel)
When the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 90°	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{0}$	(perpendicular)
When the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 180°	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{0}$	(antiparallel)
For arbitrary vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} ,	$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$	<input type="text"/> $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$	

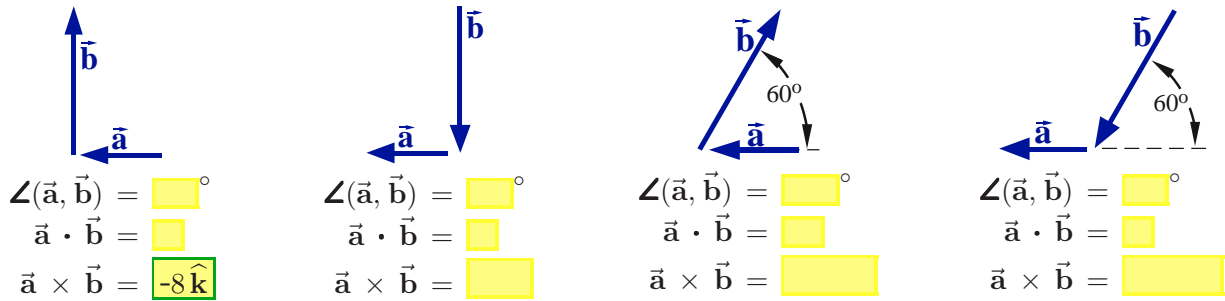
Sketch should include \vec{a} , \vec{b} , $|\vec{a}|$, $|\vec{b}|$, θ , \hat{u} .

1.15 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

1.16 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.

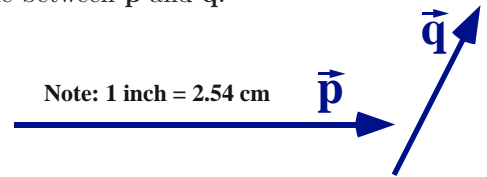


1.17 Visual estimation of vector dot/cross-products. Show work. (Sections 2.9, 2.10)

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 ²	$ \vec{p} \times \vec{q} \approx \square$ cm ²	



1.18 ♣ 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							
Units:	meters							

1.19 ♣ 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).

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

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

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

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

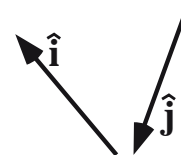
Show how the vector dot-product can be used to show that the magnitude of the vector $c\hat{a}_x$ (c is a positive or **negative** number and \hat{a}_x is a unit vector) can be written solely in terms of c (without \hat{a}_x).

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

1.21 †(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° , 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 $\sqrt{25} = 5$.



1.22 ♣ **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.**

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

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

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).

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

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

1.25 ♣ **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.**

1.26 ♣ **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).	$\text{ } \leq c \leq \text{ }$
$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).	$\text{ } \leq s \leq \text{ }$
Angle θ_c between \hat{a} and \hat{b} that can be uniquely determined solely from c . Use the principal range available from a simple calculator's inverse sine and inverse cosine.	$\text{ }^\circ \leq \theta_c \leq \text{ }^\circ$
Angle θ_s between \hat{a} and \hat{b} that can be uniquely determined solely from s . Use the principal range available from a simple calculator's inverse sine and inverse cosine.	$\text{ }^\circ \leq \theta_s \leq \text{ }^\circ$
Angle θ between \hat{a} and \hat{b} , i.e., $\theta = \angle(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$	$\text{ }^\circ \leq \theta \leq \text{ }^\circ$

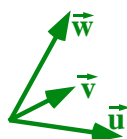
Note: The range of θ_s is smaller than the range for θ . Hence, s and θ_s are insufficient to correctly calculate θ .
What this means: Use the **dot-product** \cdot to calculate an angle θ from two given/known vectors \hat{a} and \hat{b} .

1.27 ♣ **Using vector identities to simplify expressions** (refer to Homework 1.15)

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 coplanar.



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

1.28 ♣ 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.**

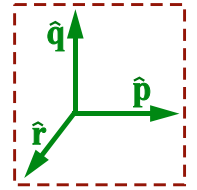
Explain:

1.29 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: $(2x-4)\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (2x-4) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 2$



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 .

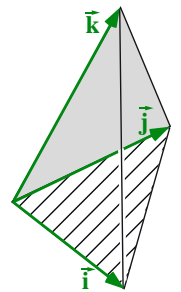
$$(2x-4)\hat{\mathbf{p}} + (3y-9)\hat{\mathbf{q}} + (4z-16)\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$$

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

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



1.30 ♣ 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 1.29. Related Hw 13.15.

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 $\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}$.

System type	Integer(s)
1D (line)	<u>0</u> 1 2 3 4 ⁺
2D (planar)	<u>0</u> 1 2 3 4 ⁺
3D (spatial)	<u>0</u> 1 2 3 4 ⁺

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

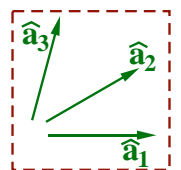
Consider the following vector equation written in terms of the scalars x, y, z and three unique non-orthogonal **coplanar** unit vectors $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_3$.

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

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.



1.32 ♣ Gibbs vectors (≈ 1900 AD) revolutionizes Euclidean geometry (300 BC).

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

Distance: \cdot \times Section 2.9.2	Angle: \cdot \times Section 2.9.2
Area: \cdot \times Section 2.10.1	Volume: \cdot \times Section 2.11.1

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

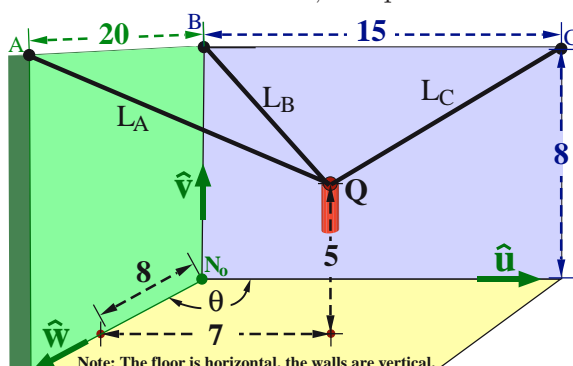
Create a valid expression by adding parentheses to each expression or ~~cross-out~~ the expression if it is inherently invalid.

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

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

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 θ between the vertical walls, express L_A , L_B , L_C solely in terms of numbers and θ . Next, complete the table by calculating L_B when $\theta = 120^\circ$.



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

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 Hw 2.4.

Note: Synthesis problems are difficult. Think, talk, draw, sleep, walk, get help, ... (if needed, read Section 3.3).

Vocabulary: This is **inverse kinematics**. The position of “end-effector” Q is known and you determine the cable lengths.

- Using a dot-product, show the angle β between lines $\overline{BN_o}$ and \overline{BQ} is $\beta \approx 68.33^\circ$.
Optional: Verify the calculation of β using the law of cosines.

Show work – except for ♣ fill-in-blanks (print .pdf from 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: $\vec{p} + \vec{q} = (a+x)\hat{i} + (\text{yellow box})\hat{j} + (\text{yellow box})\hat{k}$ $\vec{p} - \vec{q} = (a-x)\hat{i} + (\text{yellow box})\hat{j} + (\text{yellow box})\hat{k}$

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.

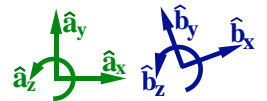
True/False In math (linear algebra), a column matrix is called a “vector”.

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).

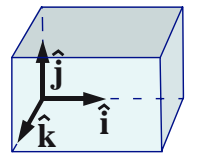


- Complete the following statement with one equal sign $=$ and one not-equal sign \neq .

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

2.4 ♣ Fast orthogonal dot-product formula. (Sections 2.9, 2.9.4)

Given: Vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} expressed in terms of right-handed orthogonal unit vectors \hat{i} , \hat{j} , \hat{k} , as: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \underbrace{(a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j} + a_z\hat{k})}_{\vec{a}} \cdot \underbrace{(b_x\hat{i} + b_y\hat{j} + b_z\hat{k})}_{\vec{b}}$



- Use the **distributive property** for dot products to write $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ 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).
- Simplify $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ to form the **fast orthogonal dot-product formula**.

Result: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_x b_x \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + a_x b_y \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} + \text{yellow box} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}$
 $+ a_y b_x \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} + a_y b_y \text{ yellow box} \cdot \text{yellow box} + \text{yellow box} \text{ yellow box} \cdot \text{yellow box}$
 $+ a_z b_x \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} + a_z b_y \text{ yellow box} \cdot \text{yellow box} + \text{yellow box} \text{ yellow box} \cdot \text{yellow box}$

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

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + \text{yellow box}$$

Use this **fast orthogonal dot-product formula** to calculate dot-products 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 with the fast orthogonal dot-product formula

$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = 2x + 3y + \text{yellow box} z$	$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = 29$	$ \vec{p} = \sqrt{29}$
$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow box}$	$\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q} = x^2 + \text{yellow box} + \text{yellow box}$	$ \vec{q} = \sqrt{\text{yellow box}}$
$\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow box}$	$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{yellow box}$	$ \vec{r} = \sqrt{110}$

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

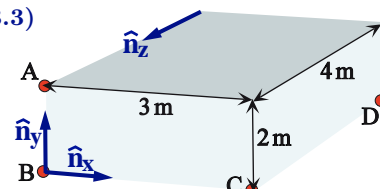
Draw two vectors \vec{v} and \vec{w} that are perpendicular. Hence, $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \square$.

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, 3.3)

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.



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

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

• Calculate the unit vector \hat{u} directed from A to C and the unit vector \hat{v} directed from A to D.

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

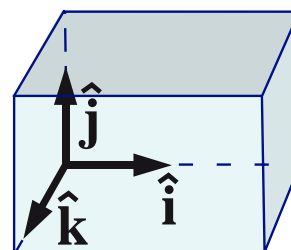
• Calculate $\angle BAC$ (angle between lines \overline{AB} and \overline{AC}) and $\angle CAD$ (angle between lines \overline{AC} and \overline{AD}).

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
$3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$	$\frac{\square - \square}{\sqrt{\square}}$
$3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$	$\frac{\square - \square + \square}{\sqrt{\square}}$
$c\hat{i}$	$\frac{c}{\square} \hat{i}$ or $\text{sign}(c)\hat{i}$
c is a real non-zero number	\square

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 $\cos(\theta)$.

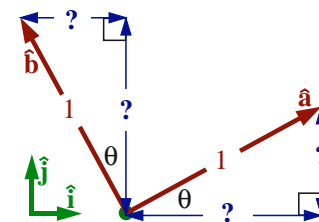
• Use vector addition to express \hat{a} and \hat{b} in terms of $\sin(\theta), \cos(\theta), \hat{i}, \hat{j}$.

Result: $\hat{a} = \square \hat{i} + \square \hat{j}$

Reminder:

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$\hat{b} = \square \hat{i} + \cos(\theta) \hat{j}$

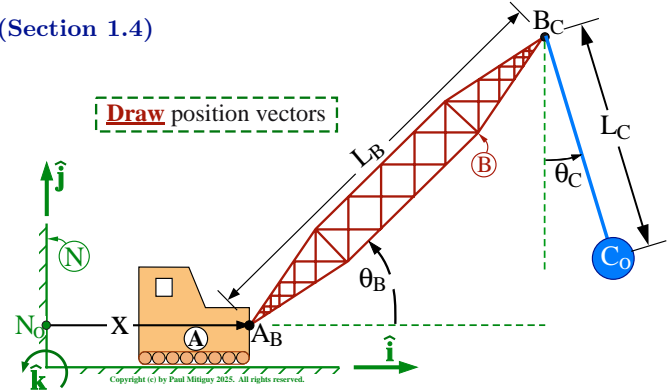


2.9 ♣ Vector components for a crane-boom. (Section 1.4)

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. 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 $N_o \vec{r}^{A_B} =$ $\hat{i} +$ \hat{j}

Position from A_B to B_C $A_B \vec{r}^{B_C} =$ $\hat{i} +$ \hat{j}

Position from B_C to C_o $B_C \vec{r}^{C_o} =$ $\hat{i} +$ \hat{j}

Position from N_o to B_C $N_o \vec{r}^{B_C} =$ $\hat{i} +$ \hat{j}

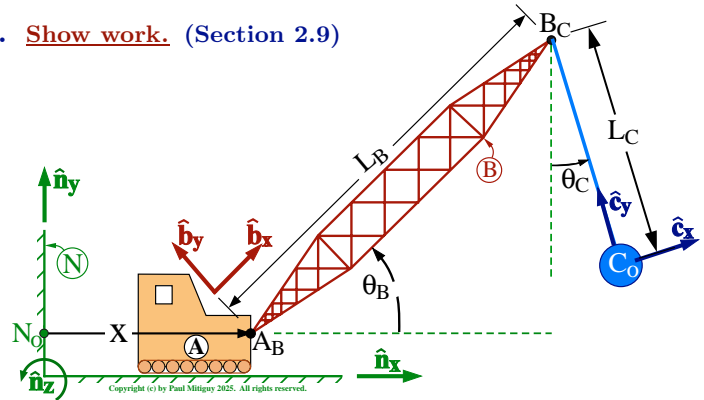
Position from N_o to C_o $N_o \vec{r}^{C_o} =$ $\hat{i} + [L_B \sin(\theta_B) - L_C \cos(\theta_C)] \hat{j}$

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 \vec{r} (the position vector from N_o to B_C) in terms of $x, L_B, \hat{n}_x, \hat{b}_x$.

Result: $\vec{r} =$ $\hat{n}_x +$ \hat{b}_x



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

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

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

• Homework 2.9 showed \vec{r} can be expressed as $\vec{r} = [x + L_B \cos(\theta_B)] \hat{n}_x + L_B \sin(\theta_B) \hat{n}_y$.

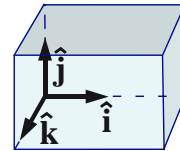
Use this expression to verify your previous result for $|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}$.

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

¹Hint: The distributive property for vector dot-multiplication is $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{d}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}$. Use the distributive property to express $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}$ 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 $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{input}^2 + \text{input}^2 + 2xL_B(\hat{n}_x \cdot \hat{b}_x) = \text{input}^2 + \text{input}^2 + 2xL_B \cos(\text{input})$. (2.2)

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:

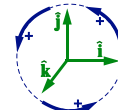
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \times \vec{w} = & ax \hat{i} \times \hat{i} + ay \hat{i} \times \hat{j} + \text{ } \hat{i} \times \hat{k} \\ & + bx \hat{j} \times \hat{i} + by \text{ } \times \text{ } + \text{ } \times \text{ } \\ & + cx \hat{k} \times \hat{i} + cy \text{ } \times \text{ } + \text{ } \times \text{ } \end{aligned}$$

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

• 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.

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



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

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

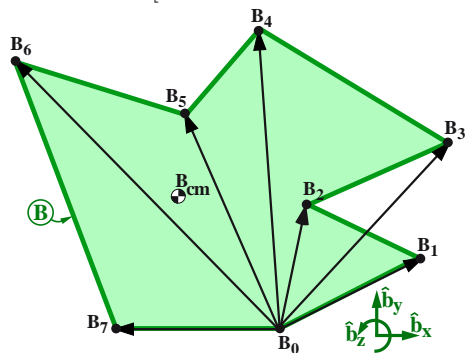
2.13 ♣ Cross products: Commercial area calculation algorithm (surveying). (Sections 2.10.1, 3.2)

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 (3.3)].



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_1 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_1} = 2.0 \hat{b}_x + 2.0 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_2 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_2} = 0.5 \hat{b}_x + 2.5 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_3 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_3} = 3.0 \hat{b}_x + 4.0 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_4 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_4} = -0.5 \hat{b}_x + 7.0 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_5 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_5} = -1.0 \hat{b}_x + 5.0 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_6 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_6} = -3.0 \hat{b}_x + 6.0 \hat{b}_y \\ \vec{r}_8 &= B_0 \vec{r}^{B_8} = -2.0 \hat{b}_x + 0.0 \hat{b}_y \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{A}_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2) = 2 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) = \text{ } .75 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_3 = \dots = 11.5 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_4 = \dots = \text{ } .25 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_5 = \dots = 4.5 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A}_6 = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{r}_6 \times \vec{r}_7) = 6 \hat{b}_z$
$\vec{A} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \vec{A}_i = \text{ }$
Area = $ \vec{A} = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{b}_z = 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}_x from E to Q and \hat{n}_y vertically upward.

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

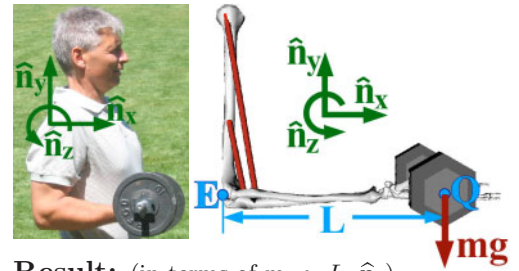
Determine the moment of gravity forces on Q about E as $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ where $\vec{r} = L \hat{n}_x$ and $\vec{F} = -mg \hat{n}_y$.

Now consider the forearm making an angle θ with downward vertical. Form \vec{M} and its magnitude $|\vec{M}|$. Determine the values of θ ($0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$) that produce maximum and minimum $|\vec{M}|$. To simplify $|\vec{M}|$, note m, g, L are positive and for $0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$, $\sin(\theta) \geq 0$.

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

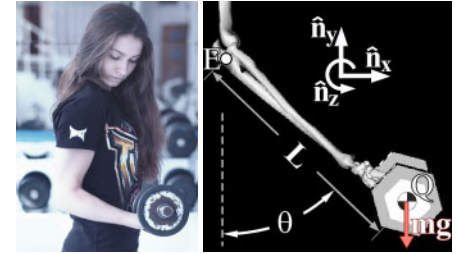
$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \quad \quad \quad |\vec{M}| = \quad \quad \quad$$

Optional: Modeling the elbow as a revolute joint, draw a **free-body diagram (FBD)** of the system consisting of the forearm and dumbbell. Max $|\vec{M}| = \quad$ at $\theta = \quad^\circ$
Min $|\vec{M}| = \quad$ at $\theta = \quad^\circ$ or \quad°



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

$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \quad \quad \quad$$



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}	θ	$0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

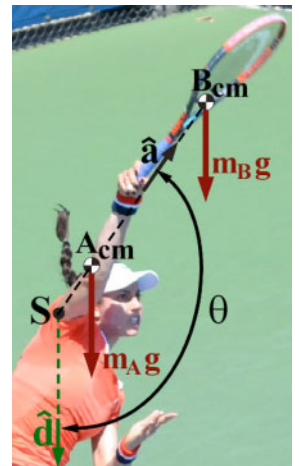
- Form $\vec{F}_{gravity}$ (the net force on A and B due to Earth's gravity).
- Form $|\vec{M}|$ (the magnitude of the moment of those gravity forces about S).

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: $\vec{F}_{gravity} = (\quad) \hat{d}$

$$|\vec{M}| = \quad \quad \quad$$

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

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

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

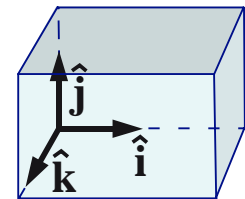
$$\vec{w} = 5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

Calculate

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = \text{[]}$$

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

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

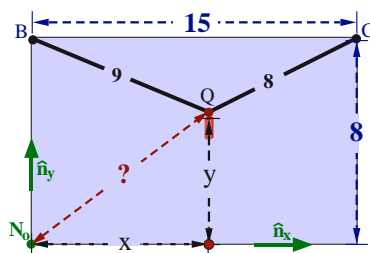


Note: There is a unique order of operations in $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$, but parentheses clarify your work.

- $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$ 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 1.34).

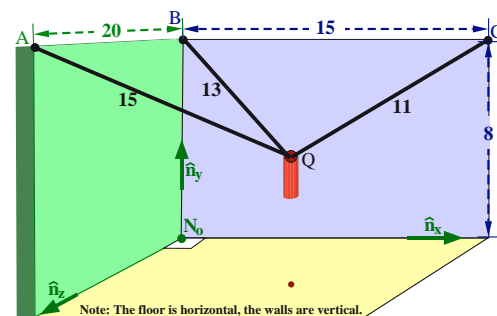


Distance between B to C		15 m
Distance between N_o to B	h	8 m
Length of cable joining B and Q	L_B	9 m
Length of cable joining C and Q	L_C	8 m
Distance between N_o and Q		9.01 m

Although there are two mathematical answers to this problem, one is above the ceiling by ≈ 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, C by three cables. Knowing the peg locations, cable lengths, and the walls are orthogonal, determine the distance between Q and point N_o . Show work. (If needed, hint below).²



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		13.3 m

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

Vocabulary: In this **forward kinematics** analysis, the knowns cable lengths determine the position of “end-effector” Q.

2.19 Optional: Draw the free-body diagram (FBD) for each object below.

Particle Q Hw 2.18	Top block Hw 12.13	Bottom pulley Hw 12.15	Rolling spool B Hw 13.14	Bureau B Hw 13.10	Entire system Hw 11.19

²Hint: See Hw 1.34 or Section 3.3. 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 equations are usually solved with a computer, these can be solved “by-hand”. Or, go to www.WolframAlpha.com and type

$$\text{Solve } x^2 + (-20+z)^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 225, \quad x^2 + z^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 169, \quad z^2 + (-15+x)^2 + (-8+y)^2 = 121$$