

MATH 231: Calculus of Several Variables
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Extra Problems for Review

12.1 Recommended problems: 4, 5, 12, 14, 25, 28, 30, 31, 34, 40.

12.2 Recommended problems: 2, 3, 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 26, 36, 39, 47, 51, 52.

12.3 Recommended problems: 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, 23, 26, 30, 39, 40, 50, 54, 56.

12.4 Recommended problems: 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 13, 22, 27, 30, 38, 44, 53.

12.5 Recommended problems: 3, 9, 12, 20, 21, 26, 29, 36, 39, 46, 49, 50, 62, 64, 68, 76.

12.6 Recommended problems: 3, 4, 5, 6, 21-28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 41, 42, 43.

Comparing this equation with the standard form, we see that it is the equation of a sphere with center $(-2, 3, -1)$ and radius $\sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$.

EXAMPLE 7 What region in \mathbb{R}^3 is represented by the following inequalities?

$$1 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4 \quad z \leq 0$$

SOLUTION The inequalities

$$1 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4$$

can be rewritten as

$$1 \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq 2$$

so they represent the points (x, y, z) whose distance from the origin is at least 1 and at most 2. But we are also given that $z \leq 0$, so the points lie on or below the xy -plane. Thus the given inequalities represent the region that lies between (or on) the spheres $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and beneath (or on) the xy -plane. It is sketched in Figure 13.

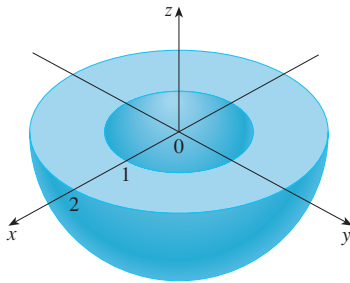


FIGURE 13

12.1 Exercises

- Suppose you start at the origin, move along the x -axis a distance of 4 units in the positive direction, and then move downward a distance of 3 units. What are the coordinates of your position?
- Sketch the points $(0, 5, 2)$, $(4, 0, -1)$, $(2, 4, 6)$, and $(1, -1, 2)$ on a single set of coordinate axes.
- Which of the points $A(-4, 0, -1)$, $B(3, 1, -5)$, and $C(2, 4, 6)$ is closest to the yz -plane? Which point lies in the xz -plane?
- What are the projections of the point $(2, 3, 5)$ on the xy -, yz -, and xz -planes? Draw a rectangular box with the origin and $(2, 3, 5)$ as opposite vertices and with its faces parallel to the coordinate planes. Label all vertices of the box. Find the length of the diagonal of the box.
- Describe and sketch the surface in \mathbb{R}^3 represented by the equation $x + y = 2$.
- (a) What does the equation $x = 4$ represent in \mathbb{R}^2 ? What does it represent in \mathbb{R}^3 ? Illustrate with sketches.
(b) What does the equation $y = 3$ represent in \mathbb{R}^3 ? What does $z = 5$ represent? What does the pair of equations $y = 3$, $z = 5$ represent? In other words, describe the set of points (x, y, z) such that $y = 3$ and $z = 5$. Illustrate with a sketch.
- Find the lengths of the sides of the triangle PQR . Is it a right triangle? Is it an isosceles triangle?
 - $P(3, -2, -3)$, $Q(7, 0, 1)$, $R(1, 2, 1)$
 - $P(2, -1, 0)$, $Q(4, 1, 1)$, $R(4, -5, 4)$
- Determine whether the points lie on straight line.
 - $A(2, 4, 2)$, $B(3, 7, -2)$, $C(1, 3, 3)$
 - $D(0, -5, 5)$, $E(1, -2, 4)$, $F(3, 4, 2)$
- Find the distance from $(4, -2, 6)$ to each of the following.
 - The xy -plane
 - The yz -plane
 - The xz -plane
 - The x -axis
 - The y -axis
 - The z -axis
- Find an equation of the sphere with center $(-3, 2, 5)$ and radius 4. What is the intersection of this sphere with the yz -plane?
- Find an equation of the sphere with center $(2, -6, 4)$ and radius 5. Describe its intersection with each of the coordinate planes.
- Find an equation of the sphere that passes through the point $(4, 3, -1)$ and has center $(3, 8, 1)$.
- Find an equation of the sphere that passes through the origin and whose center is $(1, 2, 3)$.
- 15–18 Show that the equation represents a sphere, and find its center and radius.
 - $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 8z = 15$
 - $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 8x - 6y + 2z + 17 = 0$
 - $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 = 8x - 24z + 1$
 - $3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 = 10 + 6y + 12z$

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19. (a) Prove that the midpoint of the line segment from $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right)$$

- (b) Find the lengths of the medians of the triangle with vertices $A(1, 2, 3)$, $B(-2, 0, 5)$, and $C(4, 1, 5)$.

20. Find an equation of a sphere if one of its diameters has endpoints $(2, 1, 4)$ and $(4, 3, 10)$.
21. Find equations of the spheres with center $(2, -3, 6)$ that touch (a) the xy -plane, (b) the yz -plane, (c) the xz -plane.
22. Find an equation of the largest sphere with center $(5, 4, 9)$ that is contained in the first octant.

23–34 Describe in words the region of \mathbb{R}^3 represented by the equations or inequalities.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 23. $x = 5$ | 24. $y = -2$ |
| 25. $y < 8$ | 26. $x \geq -3$ |
| 27. $0 \leq z \leq 6$ | 28. $z^2 = 1$ |
| 29. $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = -1$ | 30. $y^2 + z^2 = 16$ |
| 31. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 3$ | 32. $x = z$ |
| 33. $x^2 + z^2 \leq 9$ | 34. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 > 2z$ |

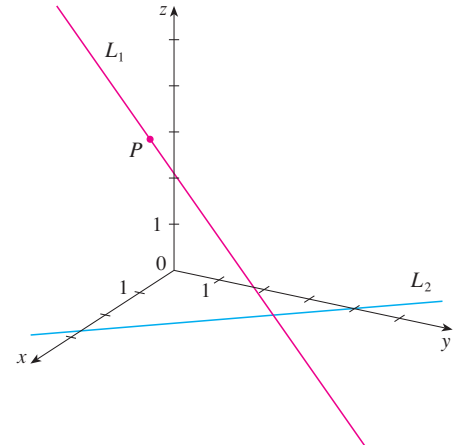
35–38 Write inequalities to describe the region.

35. The region between the yz -plane and the vertical plane $x = 5$
36. The solid cylinder that lies on or below the plane $z = 8$ and on or above the disk in the xy -plane with center the origin and radius 2
37. The region consisting of all points between (but not on) the spheres of radius r and R centered at the origin, where $r < R$
38. The solid upper hemisphere of the sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin

39. The figure shows a line L_1 in space and a second line L_2 , which is the projection of L_1 on the xy -plane. (In other words,

the points on L_2 are directly beneath, or above, the points on L_1 .)

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point P on the line L_1 .
- (b) Locate on the diagram the points A, B , and C , where the line L_1 intersects the xy -plane, the yz -plane, and the xz -plane, respectively.



40. Consider the points P such that the distance from P to $A(-1, 5, 3)$ is twice the distance from P to $B(6, 2, -2)$. Show that the set of all such points is a sphere, and find its center and radius.
41. Find an equation of the set of all points equidistant from the points $A(-1, 5, 3)$ and $B(6, 2, -2)$. Describe the set.
42. Find the volume of the solid that lies inside both of the spheres
- $$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$$
- and
- $$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$$
43. Find the distance between the spheres $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4x + 4y + 4z - 11$.
44. Describe and sketch a solid with the following properties. When illuminated by rays parallel to the z -axis, its shadow is a circular disk. If the rays are parallel to the y -axis, its shadow is a square. If the rays are parallel to the x -axis, its shadow is an isosceles triangle.

12.2 Vectors

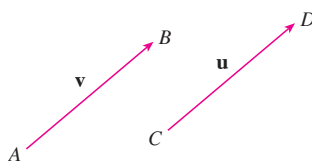


FIGURE 1
Equivalent vectors

The term **vector** is used by scientists to indicate a quantity (such as displacement or velocity or force) that has both magnitude and direction. A vector is often represented by an arrow or a directed line segment. The length of the arrow represents the magnitude of the vector and the arrow points in the direction of the vector. We denote a vector by printing a letter in boldface (\mathbf{v}) or by putting an arrow above the letter (\vec{v}).

For instance, suppose a particle moves along a line segment from point A to point B . The corresponding **displacement vector** \mathbf{v} , shown in Figure 1, has **initial point** A (the tail) and **terminal point** B (the tip) and we indicate this by writing $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{AB}$. Notice that the vec-

Equating components, we get

$$-|\mathbf{T}_1| \cos 50^\circ + |\mathbf{T}_2| \cos 32^\circ = 0$$

$$|\mathbf{T}_1| \sin 50^\circ + |\mathbf{T}_2| \sin 32^\circ = 100$$

Solving the first of these equations for $|\mathbf{T}_2|$ and substituting into the second, we get

$$|\mathbf{T}_1| \sin 50^\circ + \frac{|\mathbf{T}_1| \cos 50^\circ}{\cos 32^\circ} \sin 32^\circ = 100$$

So the magnitudes of the tensions are

$$|\mathbf{T}_1| = \frac{100}{\sin 50^\circ + \tan 32^\circ \cos 50^\circ} \approx 85.64 \text{ lb}$$

and

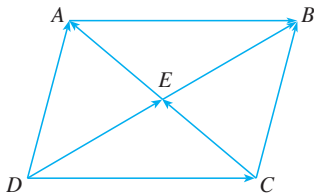
$$|\mathbf{T}_2| = \frac{|\mathbf{T}_1| \cos 50^\circ}{\cos 32^\circ} \approx 64.91 \text{ lb}$$

Substituting these values in [5] and [6], we obtain the tension vectors

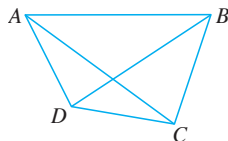
$$\mathbf{T}_1 \approx -55.05 \mathbf{i} + 65.60 \mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{T}_2 \approx 55.05 \mathbf{i} + 34.40 \mathbf{j}$$

12.2 Exercises

- Are the following quantities vectors or scalars? Explain.
 - The cost of a theater ticket
 - The current in a river
 - The initial flight path from Houston to Dallas
 - The population of the world
- What is the relationship between the point $(4, 7)$ and the vector $\langle 4, 7 \rangle$? Illustrate with a sketch.
- Name all the equal vectors in the parallelogram shown.



- Write each combination of vectors as a single vector.
 - $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC}$
 - $\vec{CD} + \vec{DB}$
 - $\vec{DB} - \vec{AB}$
 - $\vec{DC} + \vec{CA} + \vec{AB}$



- Copy the vectors in the figure and use them to draw the following vectors.

(a) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$	(b) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$
(c) $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$	(d) $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$
(e) $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$	(f) $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}$

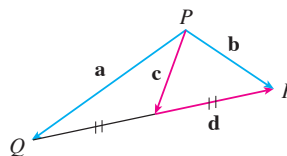


- Copy the vectors in the figure and use them to draw the following vectors.

(a) $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$	(b) $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$
(c) $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$	(d) $-3\mathbf{b}$
(e) $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$	(f) $2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$

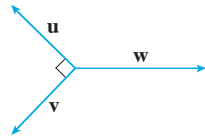


- In the figure, the tip of \mathbf{c} and the tail of \mathbf{d} are both the midpoint of QR . Express \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{d} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .



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8. If the vectors in the figure satisfy $|\mathbf{u}| = |\mathbf{v}| = 1$ and $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$, what is $|\mathbf{w}|$?



9–14 Find a vector \mathbf{a} with representation given by the directed line segment \overrightarrow{AB} . Draw \overrightarrow{AB} and the equivalent representation starting at the origin.

9. $A(-1, 1), B(3, 2)$ 10. $A(-4, -1), B(1, 2)$
 11. $A(-1, 3), B(2, 2)$ 12. $A(2, 1), B(0, 6)$
 13. $A(0, 3, 1), B(2, 3, -1)$ 14. $A(4, 0, -2), B(4, 2, 1)$

15–18 Find the sum of the given vectors and illustrate geometrically.

15. $\langle -1, 4 \rangle, \langle 6, -2 \rangle$ 16. $\langle 3, -1 \rangle, \langle -1, 5 \rangle$
 17. $\langle 3, 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 8, 0 \rangle$ 18. $\langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle, \langle 0, 0, 6 \rangle$

19–22 Find $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$, $2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$, $|\mathbf{a}|$, and $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$.

19. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 5, -12 \rangle, \mathbf{b} = \langle -3, -6 \rangle$
 20. $\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$
 21. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b} = -2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$
 22. $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$

23–25 Find a unit vector that has the same direction as the given vector.

23. $-3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ 24. $\langle -4, 2, 4 \rangle$
 25. $8\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$

26. Find a vector that has the same direction as $\langle -2, 4, 2 \rangle$ but has length 6.

27–28 What is the angle between the given vector and the positive direction of the x -axis?

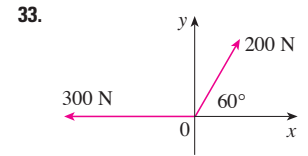
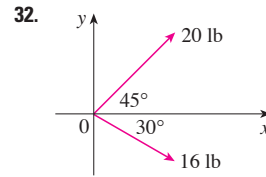
27. $\mathbf{i} + \sqrt{3}\mathbf{j}$ 28. $8\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$

29. If \mathbf{v} lies in the first quadrant and makes an angle $\pi/3$ with the positive x -axis and $|\mathbf{v}| = 4$, find \mathbf{v} in component form.

30. If a child pulls a sled through the snow on a level path with a force of 50 N exerted at an angle of 38° above the horizontal, find the horizontal and vertical components of the force.

31. A quarterback throws a football with angle of elevation 40° and speed 60 ft/s. Find the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity vector.

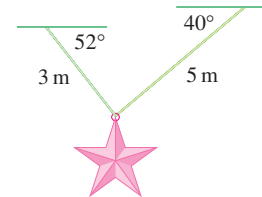
32–33 Find the magnitude of the resultant force and the angle it makes with the positive x -axis.



34. The magnitude of a velocity vector is called *speed*. Suppose that a wind is blowing from the direction $N45^\circ W$ at a speed of 50 km/h. (This means that the direction from which the wind blows is 45° west of the northerly direction.) A pilot is steering a plane in the direction $N60^\circ E$ at an airspeed (speed in still air) of 250 km/h. The *true course*, or *track*, of the plane is the direction of the resultant of the velocity vectors of the plane and the wind. The *ground speed* of the plane is the magnitude of the resultant. Find the true course and the ground speed of the plane.

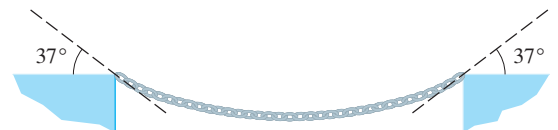
35. A woman walks due west on the deck of a ship at 3 mi/h. The ship is moving north at a speed of 22 mi/h. Find the speed and direction of the woman relative to the surface of the water.

36. Ropes 3 m and 5 m in length are fastened to a holiday decoration that is suspended over a town square. The decoration has a mass of 5 kg. The ropes, fastened at different heights, make angles of 52° and 40° with the horizontal. Find the tension in each wire and the magnitude of each tension.



37. A clothesline is tied between two poles, 8 m apart. The line is quite taut and has negligible sag. When a wet shirt with a mass of 0.8 kg is hung at the middle of the line, the midpoint is pulled down 8 cm. Find the tension in each half of the clothesline.

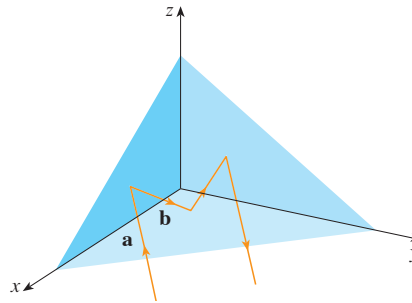
38. The tension \mathbf{T} at each end of the chain has magnitude 25 N (see the figure). What is the weight of the chain?



39. A boatman wants to cross a canal that is 3 km wide and wants to land at a point 2 km upstream from his starting point. The current in the canal flows at 3.5 km/h and the speed of his boat is 13 km/h.

- (a) In what direction should he steer?
 (b) How long will the trip take?

40. Three forces act on an object. Two of the forces are at an angle of 100° to each other and have magnitudes 25 N and 12 N. The third is perpendicular to the plane of these two forces and has magnitude 4 N. Calculate the magnitude of the force that would exactly counterbalance these three forces.
41. Find the unit vectors that are parallel to the tangent line to the parabola $y = x^2$ at the point $(2, 4)$.
42. (a) Find the unit vectors that are parallel to the tangent line to the curve $y = 2 \sin x$ at the point $(\pi/6, 1)$.
 (b) Find the unit vectors that are perpendicular to the tangent line.
 (c) Sketch the curve $y = 2 \sin x$ and the vectors in parts (a) and (b), all starting at $(\pi/6, 1)$.
43. If A , B , and C are the vertices of a triangle, find $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA}$.
44. Let C be the point on the line segment AB that is twice as far from B as it is from A . If $\mathbf{a} = \vec{OA}$, $\mathbf{b} = \vec{OB}$, and $\mathbf{c} = \vec{OC}$, show that $\mathbf{c} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{b}$.
45. (a) Draw the vectors $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{c} = \langle 7, 1 \rangle$.
 (b) Show, by means of a sketch, that there are scalars s and t such that $\mathbf{c} = s\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$.
 (c) Use the sketch to estimate the values of s and t .
 (d) Find the exact values of s and t .
46. Suppose that \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are nonzero vectors that are not parallel and \mathbf{c} is any vector in the plane determined by \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . Give a geometric argument to show that \mathbf{c} can be written as $\mathbf{c} = s\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$ for suitable scalars s and t . Then give an argument using components.
47. If $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$, describe the set of all points (x, y, z) such that $|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0| = 1$.
48. If $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y \rangle$, $\mathbf{r}_1 = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{r}_2 = \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$, describe the set of all points (x, y) such that $|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1| + |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_2| = k$, where $k > |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|$.
49. Figure 16 gives a geometric demonstration of Property 2 of vectors. Use components to give an algebraic proof of this fact for the case $n = 2$.
50. Prove Property 5 of vectors algebraically for the case $n = 3$. Then use similar triangles to give a geometric proof.
51. Use vectors to prove that the line joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and half its length.
52. Suppose the three coordinate planes are all mirrored and a light ray given by the vector $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ first strikes the xz -plane, as shown in the figure. Use the fact that the angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection to show that the direction of the reflected ray is given by $\mathbf{b} = \langle a_1, -a_2, a_3 \rangle$. Deduce that, after being reflected by all three mutually perpendicular mirrors, the resulting ray is parallel to the initial ray. (American space scientists used this principle, together with laser beams and an array of corner mirrors on the moon, to calculate very precisely the distance from the earth to the moon.)



12.3 The Dot Product

So far we have added two vectors and multiplied a vector by a scalar. The question arises: Is it possible to multiply two vectors so that their product is a useful quantity? One such product is the dot product, whose definition follows. Another is the cross product, which is discussed in the next section.

1 Definition If $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$, then the **dot product** of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is the number $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ given by

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$$

Thus, to find the dot product of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , we multiply corresponding components and add. The result is not a vector. It is a real number, that is, a scalar. For this reason, the dot product is sometimes called the **scalar product** (or **inner product**). Although Definition 1 is given for three-dimensional vectors, the dot product of two-dimensional vectors is defined in a similar fashion:

$$\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \cdot \langle b_1, b_2 \rangle = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2$$

12.3 Exercises

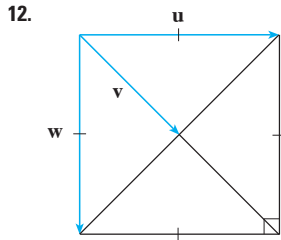
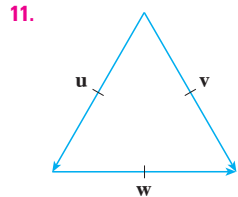
1. Which of the following expressions are meaningful? Which are meaningless? Explain.

- (a) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$
- (b) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$
- (c) $|\mathbf{a}|(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$
- (d) $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$
- (e) $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$
- (f) $|\mathbf{a}| \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$

2–10 Find $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$.

- 2. $\mathbf{a} = \langle -2, 3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0.7, 1.2 \rangle$
- 3. $\mathbf{a} = \langle -2, \frac{1}{3} \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle -5, 12 \rangle$
- 4. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 6, -2, 3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 5, -1 \rangle$
- 5. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 1, \frac{1}{4} \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 6, -3, -8 \rangle$
- 6. $\mathbf{a} = \langle p, -p, 2p \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2q, q, -q \rangle$
- 7. $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$
- 8. $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}$
- 9. $|\mathbf{a}| = 6$, $|\mathbf{b}| = 5$, the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is $2\pi/3$
- 10. $|\mathbf{a}| = 3$, $|\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{6}$, the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is 45°

11–12 If \mathbf{u} is a unit vector, find $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$.



- 13. (a) Show that $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 0$.
(b) Show that $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 1$.
- 14. A street vendor sells a hamburgers, b hot dogs, and c soft drinks on a given day. He charges \$2 for a hamburger, \$1.50 for a hot dog, and \$1 for a soft drink. If $\mathbf{A} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ and $\mathbf{P} = \langle 2, 1.5, 1 \rangle$, what is the meaning of the dot product $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{P}$?

15–20 Find the angle between the vectors. (First find an exact expression and then approximate to the nearest degree.)

- 15. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$
- 16. $\mathbf{a} = \langle -2, 5 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 5, 12 \rangle$
- 17. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, -1, 5 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle -2, 4, 3 \rangle$
- 18. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 0, 2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle$
- 19. $\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$
- 20. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}$

21–22 Find, correct to the nearest degree, the three angles of the triangle with the given vertices.

- 21. $P(2, 0)$, $Q(0, 3)$, $R(3, 4)$
- 22. $A(1, 0, -1)$, $B(3, -2, 0)$, $C(1, 3, 3)$

23–24 Determine whether the given vectors are orthogonal, parallel, or neither.

- 23. (a) $\mathbf{a} = \langle -5, 3, 7 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 6, -8, 2 \rangle$
(b) $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle -3, 2 \rangle$
(c) $\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$
(d) $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = -3\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$
- 24. (a) $\mathbf{u} = \langle -3, 9, 6 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, -12, -8 \rangle$
(b) $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$
(c) $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle -b, a, 0 \rangle$

25. Use vectors to decide whether the triangle with vertices $P(1, -3, -2)$, $Q(2, 0, -4)$, and $R(6, -2, -5)$ is right-angled.

26. Find the values of x such that the angle between the vectors $\langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$ and $\langle 1, x, 0 \rangle$ is 45° .

27. Find a unit vector that is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$.

28. Find two unit vectors that make an angle of 60° with $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$.

29–30 Find the acute angle between the lines.

- 29. $2x - y = 3$, $3x + y = 7$
- 30. $x + 2y = 7$, $5x - y = 2$

31–32 Find the acute angles between the curves at their points of intersection. (The angle between two curves is the angle between their tangent lines at the point of intersection.)

- 31. $y = x^2$, $y = x^3$
- 32. $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$

33–37 Find the direction cosines and direction angles of the vector. (Give the direction angles correct to the nearest degree.)

- 33. $\langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$
- 34. $\langle 6, 3, -2 \rangle$
- 35. $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$
- 36. $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$
- 37. $\langle c, c, c \rangle$, where $c > 0$

38. If a vector has direction angles $\alpha = \pi/4$ and $\beta = \pi/3$, find the third direction angle γ .

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39–44 Find the scalar and vector projections of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} .

39. $\mathbf{a} = \langle -5, 12 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$

40. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 4 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$

41. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 6, -2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

42. $\mathbf{a} = \langle -2, 3, -6 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 5, -1, 4 \rangle$

43. $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}$

44. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

45. Show that the vector $\text{orth}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{a} . (It is called an **orthogonal projection** of \mathbf{b} .)

46. For the vectors in Exercise 40, find $\text{orth}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$ and illustrate by drawing the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$, and $\text{orth}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$.

47. If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 0, -1 \rangle$, find a vector \mathbf{b} such that $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = 2$.

48. Suppose that \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are nonzero vectors.
 (a) Under what circumstances is $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \text{comp}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a}$?
 (b) Under what circumstances is $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a}$?

49. Find the work done by a force $\mathbf{F} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k}$ that moves an object from the point $(0, 10, 8)$ to the point $(6, 12, 20)$ along a straight line. The distance is measured in meters and the force in newtons.

50. A tow truck drags a stalled car along a road. The chain makes an angle of 30° with the road and the tension in the chain is 1500 N. How much work is done by the truck in pulling the car 1 km?

51. A sled is pulled along a level path through snow by a rope. A 30-lb force acting at an angle of 40° above the horizontal moves the sled 80 ft. Find the work done by the force.

52. A boat sails south with the help of a wind blowing in the direction $S36^\circ E$ with magnitude 400 lb. Find the work done by the wind as the boat moves 120 ft.

53. Use a scalar projection to show that the distance from a point $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ to the line $ax + by + c = 0$ is

$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

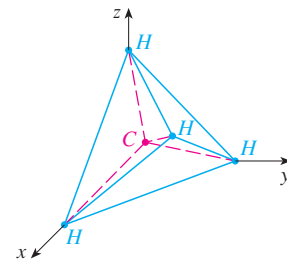
Use this formula to find the distance from the point $(-2, 3)$ to the line $3x - 4y + 5 = 0$.

54. If $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$, show that the vector equation $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) = 0$ represents a sphere, and find its center and radius.

55. Find the angle between a diagonal of a cube and one of its edges.

56. Find the angle between a diagonal of a cube and a diagonal of one of its faces.

57. A molecule of methane, CH_4 , is structured with the four hydrogen atoms at the vertices of a regular tetrahedron and the carbon atom at the centroid. The *bond angle* is the angle formed by the H—C—H combination; it is the angle between the lines that join the carbon atom to two of the hydrogen atoms. Show that the bond angle is about 109.5° . [Hint: Take the vertices of the tetrahedron to be the points $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$, and $(1, 1, 1)$, as shown in the figure. Then the centroid is $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$.]



58. If $\mathbf{c} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| + |\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{a}|$, where \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} are all nonzero vectors, show that \mathbf{c} bisects the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

59. Prove Properties 2, 4, and 5 of the dot product (Theorem 2).

60. Suppose that all sides of a quadrilateral are equal in length and opposite sides are parallel. Use vector methods to show that the diagonals are perpendicular.

61. Use Theorem 3 to prove the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:

$$|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| \leq |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|$$

62. The Triangle Inequality for vectors is

$$|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| \leq |\mathbf{a}| + |\mathbf{b}|$$

- (a) Give a geometric interpretation of the Triangle Inequality.
 (b) Use the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality from Exercise 61 to prove the Triangle Inequality. [Hint: Use the fact that $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|^2 = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ and use Property 3 of the dot product.]

63. The Parallelogram Law states that

$$|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^2 = 2|\mathbf{a}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{b}|^2$$

- (a) Give a geometric interpretation of the Parallelogram Law.
 (b) Prove the Parallelogram Law. (See the hint in Exercise 62.)

64. Show that if $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ are orthogonal, then the vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} must have the same length.

where θ is the angle between the position and force vectors. Observe that the only component of \mathbf{F} that can cause a rotation is the one perpendicular to \mathbf{r} , that is, $|\mathbf{F}| \sin \theta$. The magnitude of the torque is equal to the area of the parallelogram determined by \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{F} .

EXAMPLE 6 A bolt is tightened by applying a 40-N force to a 0.25-m wrench as shown in Figure 5. Find the magnitude of the torque about the center of the bolt.

SOLUTION The magnitude of the torque vector is

$$\begin{aligned} |\boldsymbol{\tau}| &= |\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}| = |\mathbf{r}| |\mathbf{F}| \sin 75^\circ = (0.25)(40) \sin 75^\circ \\ &= 10 \sin 75^\circ \approx 9.66 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

If the bolt is right-threaded, then the torque vector itself is

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = |\boldsymbol{\tau}| \mathbf{n} \approx 9.66 \mathbf{n}$$

where \mathbf{n} is a unit vector directed down into the page.

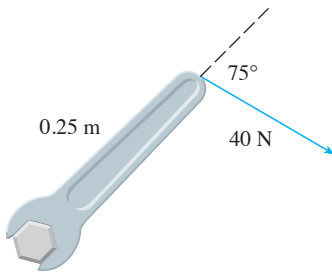


FIGURE 5

12.4 Exercises

1–7 Find the cross product $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and verify that it is orthogonal to both \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

1. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 6, 0, -2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0, 8, 0 \rangle$
2. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$
3. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}$
4. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$
5. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}$
6. $\mathbf{a} = t\mathbf{i} + \cos t\mathbf{j} + \sin t\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - \sin t\mathbf{j} + \cos t\mathbf{k}$
7. $\mathbf{a} = \langle t, 1, 1/t \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle t^2, t^2, 1 \rangle$

8. If $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$. Sketch \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ as vectors starting at the origin.

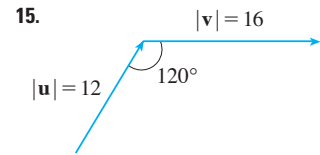
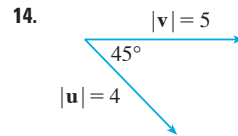
9–12 Find the vector, not with determinants, but by using properties of cross products.

9. $(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}) \times \mathbf{k}$
10. $\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$
11. $(\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{i})$
12. $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \times (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$

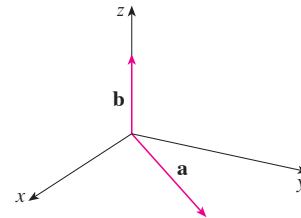
13. State whether each expression is meaningful. If not, explain why. If so, state whether it is a vector or a scalar.

- (a) $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$
- (b) $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$
- (c) $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$
- (d) $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$
- (e) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d})$
- (f) $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d})$

14–15 Find $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$ and determine whether $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is directed into the page or out of the page.



16. The figure shows a vector \mathbf{a} in the xy -plane and a vector \mathbf{b} in the direction of \mathbf{k} . Their lengths are $|\mathbf{a}| = 3$ and $|\mathbf{b}| = 2$.
- (a) Find $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$.
 - (b) Use the right-hand rule to decide whether the components of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ are positive, negative, or 0.



17. If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 4, 2, 1 \rangle$, find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$.
18. If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{c} = \langle 0, 1, 3 \rangle$, show that $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \neq (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c}$.
19. Find two unit vectors orthogonal to both $\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$ and $\langle -1, 1, 0 \rangle$.

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20. Find two unit vectors orthogonal to both $\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$.
21. Show that $\mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{0}$ for any vector \mathbf{a} in V_3 .
22. Show that $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ for all vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} in V_3 .
23. Prove Property 1 of Theorem 11.
24. Prove Property 2 of Theorem 11.
25. Prove Property 3 of Theorem 11.
26. Prove Property 4 of Theorem 11.
27. Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices $A(-2, 1)$, $B(0, 4)$, $C(4, 2)$, and $D(2, -1)$.
28. Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices $K(1, 2, 3)$, $L(1, 3, 6)$, $M(3, 8, 6)$, and $N(3, 7, 3)$.
- 29–32 (a) Find a nonzero vector orthogonal to the plane through the points P , Q , and R , and (b) find the area of triangle PQR .
29. $P(1, 0, 1)$, $Q(-2, 1, 3)$, $R(4, 2, 5)$
30. $P(0, 0, -3)$, $Q(4, 2, 0)$, $R(3, 3, 1)$
31. $P(0, -2, 0)$, $Q(4, 1, -2)$, $R(5, 3, 1)$
32. $P(-1, 3, 1)$, $Q(0, 5, 2)$, $R(4, 3, -1)$

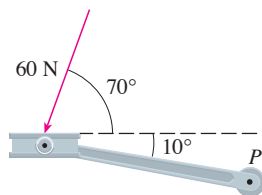
33–34 Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} .

33. $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{b} = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{c} = \langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle$
34. $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

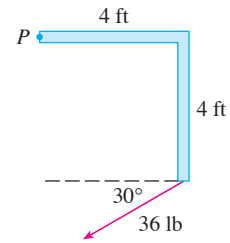
35–36 Find the volume of the parallelepiped with adjacent edges PQ , PR , and PS .

35. $P(-2, 1, 0)$, $Q(2, 3, 2)$, $R(1, 4, -1)$, $S(3, 6, 1)$
36. $P(3, 0, 1)$, $Q(-1, 2, 5)$, $R(5, 1, -1)$, $S(0, 4, 2)$

37. Use the scalar triple product to verify that the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$, and $\mathbf{w} = 5\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ are coplanar.
38. Use the scalar triple product to determine whether the points $A(1, 3, 2)$, $B(3, -1, 6)$, $C(5, 2, 0)$, and $D(3, 6, -4)$ lie in the same plane.
39. A bicycle pedal is pushed by a foot with a 60-N force as shown. The shaft of the pedal is 18 cm long. Find the magnitude of the torque about P .



40. Find the magnitude of the torque about P if a 36-lb force is applied as shown.



41. A wrench 30 cm long lies along the positive y -axis and grips a bolt at the origin. A force is applied in the direction $\langle 0, 3, -4 \rangle$ at the end of the wrench. Find the magnitude of the force needed to supply $100 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ of torque to the bolt.
42. Let $\mathbf{v} = 5\mathbf{j}$ and let \mathbf{u} be a vector with length 3 that starts at the origin and rotates in the xy -plane. Find the maximum and minimum values of the length of the vector $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$. In what direction does $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ point?
43. If $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{3}$ and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$, find the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

44. (a) Find all vectors \mathbf{v} such that

$$\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \times \mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 1, -5 \rangle$$

- (b) Explain why there is no vector \mathbf{v} such that

$$\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \times \mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 1, 5 \rangle$$

45. (a) Let P be a point not on the line L that passes through the points Q and R . Show that the distance d from the point P to the line L is

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|}$$

where $\mathbf{a} = \vec{QR}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \vec{QP}$.

- (b) Use the formula in part (a) to find the distance from the point $P(1, 1, 1)$ to the line through $Q(0, 6, 8)$ and $R(-1, 4, 7)$.

46. (a) Let P be a point not on the plane that passes through the points Q , R , and S . Show that the distance d from P to the plane is

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})|}{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}$$

where $\mathbf{a} = \vec{QR}$, $\mathbf{b} = \vec{QS}$, and $\mathbf{c} = \vec{QP}$.

- (b) Use the formula in part (a) to find the distance from the point $P(2, 1, 4)$ to the plane through the points $Q(1, 0, 0)$, $R(0, 2, 0)$, and $S(0, 0, 3)$.

47. Show that $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2$.

48. If $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$, show that

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$$

49. Prove that $(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$.

50. Prove Property 6 of Theorem 11, that is,

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$$

51. Use Exercise 50 to prove that

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{b} \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{c} \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0}$$

52. Prove that

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d} \end{vmatrix}$$

53. Suppose that $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}$.

- If $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$, does it follow that $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$?
- If $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$, does it follow that $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$?
- If $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$, does it follow that $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$?

54. If $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, and \mathbf{v}_3 are noncoplanar vectors, let

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3)} \quad \mathbf{k}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 \times \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3)}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3)}$$

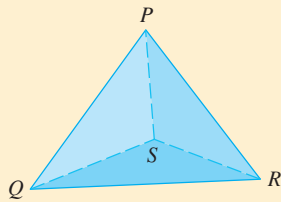
(These vectors occur in the study of crystallography. Vectors of the form $n_1\mathbf{v}_1 + n_2\mathbf{v}_2 + n_3\mathbf{v}_3$, where each n_i is an integer, form a *lattice* for a crystal. Vectors written similarly in terms of $\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2$, and \mathbf{k}_3 form the *reciprocal lattice*.)

- Show that \mathbf{k}_i is perpendicular to \mathbf{v}_j if $i \neq j$.
- Show that $\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

- Show that $\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k}_2 \times \mathbf{k}_3) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3)}$.

DISCOVERY PROJECT

THE GEOMETRY OF A TETRAHEDRON



A tetrahedron is a solid with four vertices, P, Q, R , and S , and four triangular faces, as shown in the figure.

- Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$, and \mathbf{v}_4 be vectors with lengths equal to the areas of the faces opposite the vertices P, Q, R , and S , respectively, and directions perpendicular to the respective faces and pointing outward. Show that

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_4 = \mathbf{0}$$

- The volume V of a tetrahedron is one-third the distance from a vertex to the opposite face, times the area of that face.
 - Find a formula for the volume of a tetrahedron in terms of the coordinates of its vertices P, Q, R , and S .
 - Find the volume of the tetrahedron whose vertices are $P(1, 1, 1), Q(1, 2, 3), R(1, 1, 2)$, and $S(3, -1, 2)$.
- Suppose the tetrahedron in the figure has a trirectangular vertex S . (This means that the three angles at S are all right angles.) Let A, B , and C be the areas of the three faces that meet at S , and let D be the area of the opposite face PQR . Using the result of Problem 1, or otherwise, show that

$$D^2 = A^2 + B^2 + C^2$$

(This is a three-dimensional version of the Pythagorean Theorem.)

12.5 Equations of Lines and Planes

A line in the xy -plane is determined when a point on the line and the direction of the line (its slope or angle of inclination) are given. The equation of the line can then be written using the point-slope form.

Likewise, a line L in three-dimensional space is determined when we know a point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ on L and the direction of L . In three dimensions the direction of a line is conveniently described by a vector, so we let \mathbf{v} be a vector parallel to L . Let $P(x, y, z)$ be an arbitrary point on L and let \mathbf{r}_0 and \mathbf{r} be the position vectors of P_0 and P (that is, they have