

Solutions of selected Problems on chapter 3 Phy. 101

- ① \vec{A} and \vec{B} are two vectors as shown in the figure
 Let $A = 4$ and $B = 3$. Find the magnitude of
 the vector $C = A - B$.



- a) 1 b) 3 c) 4 **d) 5** e) 7 f) other

Solution:

$$\vec{A} = 4\hat{j} \quad \vec{B} = -3\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - (-3\hat{i}) = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

$$|C| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2} = 5 \quad \#$$

- ② Vector \vec{A} has magnitude 10 and makes an angle 37° with respect to positive x -axis. Vector \vec{B} is $(-4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j})$. The angle between the vectors is.

- a) 0° b) 90° **c) 180°** d) 37° e) 53° f) 164°

$$\vec{A} = A \cos \theta \hat{i} + A \sin \theta \hat{j} = 10(0.8)\hat{i} + 10(0.6)\hat{j}$$

$$= 8\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = -4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{AB} = \cos^{-1} \frac{-50}{50} = \cos^{-1} -1 = 180^\circ \quad \#$$

- ③ Vector $\vec{A} = 5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$ $\vec{B} = 5\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$

The magnitude of vector \vec{C} which result from those two vectors and is perpendicular to both of them is.

- a) zero **b) 50** c) 7 d) 25 e) 35 f) Other

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}) \times (5\hat{i} + 5\hat{j})$$

$$= 25\hat{k} + (-25)(-\hat{k})$$

$$= 50\hat{k} \quad |C| = 50 \quad \#$$

$$\text{or } C = AB \sin \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{50} \cdot \sqrt{50} (1) = 50 \quad \#$$

- ④ If $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ and $\vec{B} = -4\hat{i} + 5\hat{k}$. find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{C} = 2\vec{A} - \vec{B}$.

Solution $\vec{C} = 2\vec{A} - \vec{B}$
 $= (4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}) - (-4\hat{i} + 5\hat{k})$
 $= 8\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$

$$C = \sqrt{(8)^2 + (6)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{125} = 11.18 \text{ units}$$

- ⑤ If \vec{A} is a vector of 25 units magnitude, making an angle of 30° with the negative x -axis, and $\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$, find the direction of the resultant vector $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$.

Solution let determine the x, y components of \vec{A} if \vec{A} as shown

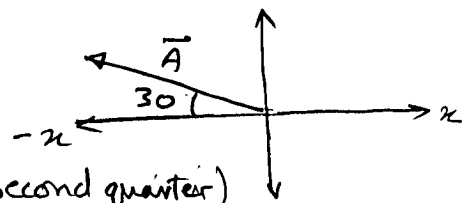
$$\vec{A} = -25 \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 25 \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}$$

$$= -21.65 \hat{i} + 12.5 \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{A} + \vec{B} = -15.65 \hat{i} + 9.5 \hat{j} \quad (\text{in the second quadrant})$$

$$\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{9.5}{-15.65} = -31.26^\circ \quad \text{i.e. } \theta = 180^\circ - 31.26^\circ = \underline{148.74^\circ} \neq$$



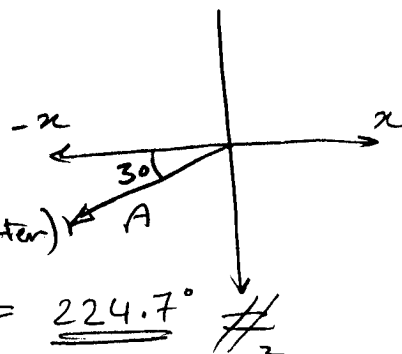
if \vec{A} makes an angle 30° with negative x -axis as shown

$$\therefore \vec{A} = -21.65 \hat{i} - 12.5 \hat{j}$$

and $\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = -15.65 \hat{i} - 15.5 \hat{j} \quad (\text{in the third quadrant})$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 44.7^\circ \therefore \theta = 180^\circ + 44.7^\circ = \underline{224.7^\circ} \neq$$



- ⑥ If a vector \vec{A} is added to another vector \vec{B} which has 5 units magnitude a third vector \vec{C} results that is perpendicular to \vec{A} and has a magnitude that is twice that of \vec{A} . Find the magnitude of \vec{A} .

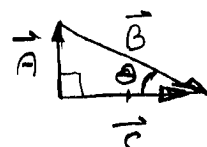
Solution: $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$ & $|\vec{C}| = 2|\vec{A}|$ & $|\vec{B}| = 5 \text{ units}$

if we draw a triangle to show \vec{A} and \vec{B} where $\vec{C} \perp$ to \vec{A} as follows:

we know that $\tan \theta = \frac{|\vec{A}|}{|\vec{C}|} = \frac{A}{2A} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = 26.56^\circ$$

But we know that $\sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{A}|}{|\vec{B}|} \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| = 5 \sin \theta$
 $= 2.236 \text{ units} \neq$



7) Given two vectors $\vec{A} = c\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$. Find the constant c such that $(\vec{A} - \vec{B})$ is perpendicular to \vec{B} .

Solution:

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} - \vec{B} = c\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{C} = (c-1)\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

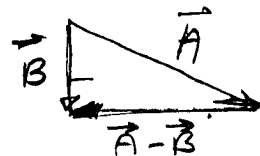
also $\vec{C} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ because $\vec{C} \perp \vec{B}$

$$\Rightarrow [(c-1)\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$c-1 - 8 - 2 = 0$$

$$(c-1) = +10$$

$$c = 11$$

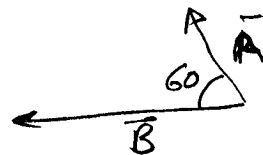


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8) If $\vec{A} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and another vector \vec{B} has 7 units magnitude. When the two vectors are drawn starting from the same point, the angle between them is 60° ; Find the scalar (dot) product between these vectors.

Solution:

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (5)^2} = 5.48 \text{ units}$$



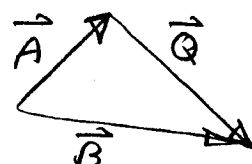
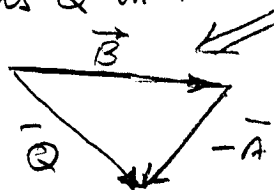
$$A \cdot B = AB \cos \theta$$

$$= (5.48)(7)(.5) = 19.17$$

9) In the figure, the vector Q is given by

- a) $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ b) $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$ c) $\vec{B} - \vec{A}$ d) $-\vec{B} - \vec{A}$ e) Other

we can take $-\vec{A}$ $\vec{-A}$
then take $\vec{B} + (-\vec{A})$ gives us \vec{Q} in its direction.



$$\vec{B} = \vec{A} + \vec{Q}$$

$$\vec{Q} = \vec{B} - \vec{A}$$

10) Find the angle (in degrees) between the vector $\vec{A} = -2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ and the positive x-axis

- a) 33.7 b) 41.8 c) 48.2 d) 56.3 **e) 236**

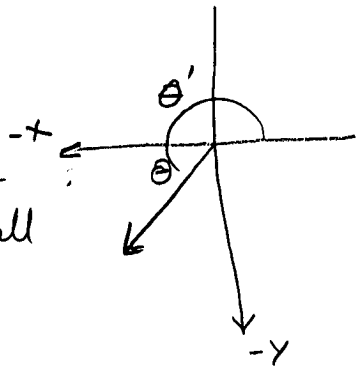
Solution:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-3}{-2} = 1.5$$

$$\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} 1.5 = 56.31^\circ$$

But this angle is between \vec{A} and the negative x-axis, so we have to find all

$$\theta' = 56.31 + 180 = 236^\circ \neq$$



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11) An airplane makes the displacements $\vec{A} = 40\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 70\hat{k}$ m and $\vec{B} = -10\hat{i} + 30\hat{j} + 50\hat{k}$ m consecutively. Find the magnitude of the resultant displacement $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$.

- a) 140 m b) 81 m c) 59 m **d) 130 m** e) 150 m

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} &= (40\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 70\hat{k}) + (-10\hat{i} + 30\hat{j} + 50\hat{k}) \\ &= 30\hat{i} + 40\hat{j} + 120\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(30)^2 + (40)^2 + (120)^2} = 130 \text{ m} \neq$$

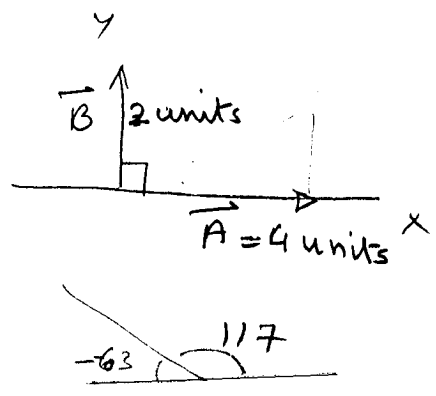
12) In the figure, find the angle between the x-axis and the vector $\vec{C} = 2\vec{B} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{A}$. Hint = You may use the unit vectors \hat{i} and \hat{j}

- a) $\theta = 243^\circ$ b) $\theta = 117^\circ$ c) $\theta = 154^\circ$ d) $\theta = 135^\circ$ e) $\theta = -63^\circ$
 f) $\theta = 63^\circ$

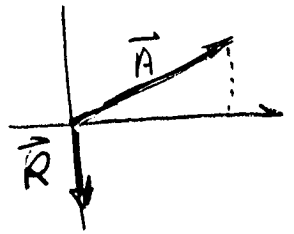
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{C} &= 2\vec{B} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{A} = -\frac{1}{2}\vec{A} + 2\vec{B} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(4)\hat{i} + 2(2)\hat{j} \\ &= -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{-2} \right) = -63^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta' = 180 - 63 = \underline{\underline{117^\circ}}$$



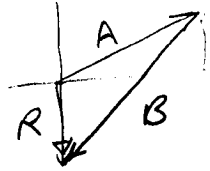
- (13) $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ and the resultant vector $\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = -3\hat{j}$ as shown. Find the vector \vec{B} .
- a) $4\hat{i}$ b) $3\hat{j}$ c) $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ d) $-4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}$
 e) $-3\hat{j}$ f) None of the others



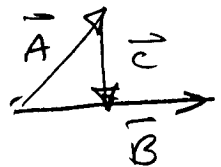
Solution:

We can draw B on the figure \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also } \vec{B} &= \vec{R} - \vec{A} \\ &= 0\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) \\ &= -4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$



(14) Express the vector \vec{C} in terms of \vec{A} and \vec{B} .
 The tip of \vec{C} is at the middle of \vec{B}



- a) $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$ b) $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{B}$
 c) $\vec{C} = \vec{A} - \vec{B}$ d) $\vec{C} = \vec{B} - \vec{A}$ (e) $\vec{C} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{B} - \vec{A}$
 f) None of the others

from figure we can write the following vector equation

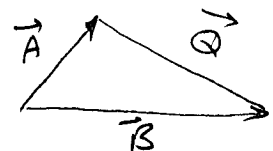
$$\vec{A} + \vec{C} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{B} \quad \text{because tip of } \vec{A} \text{ is connected to the tail of } \vec{C}$$

$$\therefore \vec{C} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{B} - \vec{A} \quad \#$$

- (15) In the figure, the vector Q is given by =
 (a) $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ (b) $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$ (c) $\vec{B} - \vec{A}$ (d) $-\vec{B} - \vec{A}$ (e) other

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \vec{A} + \vec{Q} \\ \therefore \vec{Q} &= \vec{B} - \vec{A} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$



(16) Find the unit vector \hat{a} in the direction of the vector $\vec{a} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$:

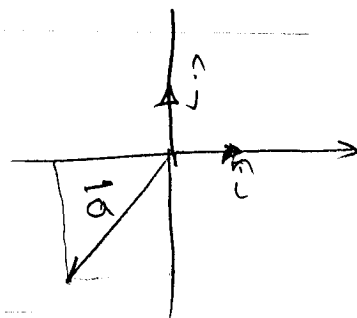
- (a) $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$ (c) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$ (d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$

Solution

See the figure

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}}{[(-1)^2 + (-2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\hat{i} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\hat{j}$$



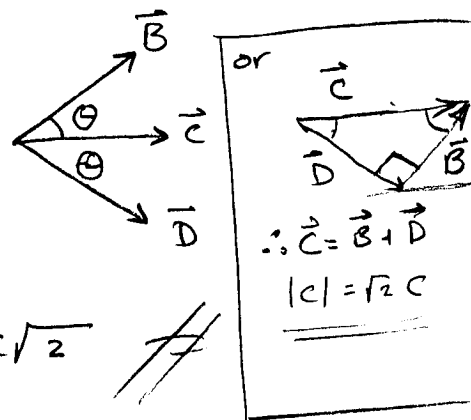
(17) Three vectors ($\vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$) all have the same magnitude. The angle θ between adjacent ($0, 360$) vectors is 45° as shown. Show that the magnitude of $\vec{B} + \vec{D}$ is equal to $C\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

\because The angle between \vec{B} and \vec{D} is 90°
and $\because |\vec{D}| = |\vec{B}| = |\vec{C}|$

$$\because \text{The magnitude of } \vec{B} + \vec{D} = \sqrt{|\vec{B}|^2 + |\vec{D}|^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{|\vec{C}|^2 + |\vec{C}|^2} = \sqrt{2\vec{C}^2} = C\sqrt{2}$$



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(18) Two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} have magnitude of $A=10$ and $B=15$. The angle between them is 65° . The Component of vector \vec{B} along the line perpendicular to vector \vec{A} , in the plane of the vectors is:

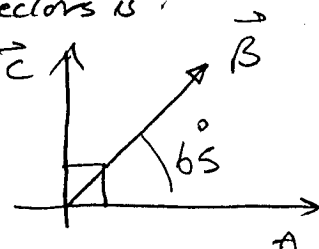
- (a) 0 (b) 4.2 (c) 6.3 (d) 9.1 (e) 14

Solution:

The component is:

$$15 \cos(90 - 65) = 15 \cos 25 = 13.59 \approx 14$$

$$\text{or } 15 \sin(65) = 13.59 \approx 14$$



(19) If $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ and $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 14\hat{k}$. Find the vector \vec{B} in unit vector notation if $B_y = 2B_x$ and $B_z = 0$.

Solution:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) \times (B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j}) = 2B_y\hat{k} + 3B_x\hat{k}$$

$$14\hat{k} = (2B_y\hat{k} + 3B_x\hat{k})$$

$$14\hat{k} = (2(2B_x) + 3B_x)\hat{k}$$

because $B_y = 2B_x$

$$\Rightarrow 7B_x = 14 \Rightarrow B_x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow B_y = 4$$

$$\therefore \vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

- (20) A vector \vec{A} is added to $\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$. The resultant vector is in the positive x direction and has a magnitude equal to A. What is the magnitude of \vec{A} ?

Solution:

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = A\hat{i}$$

$$A_x + 6 = A \Rightarrow A_x = A - 6$$

$$A_y - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow A_y = 8$$

$$A_x^2 + A_y^2 = A^2 \Rightarrow (A - 6)^2 + (8)^2 = A^2$$

$$A^2 + 36 - 12A + 64 = A^2 \Rightarrow A = \frac{36 + 64}{12} = 8.3 \#$$

- (21) Let $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$, $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$, $\vec{C} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$ find $\vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$.

Solution:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}) \times (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) = -12\hat{k} - 10\hat{k} = -22\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}) \cdot (-22\hat{k}) = 0 \#$$

- (22) If $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = -4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ find the angle (in degrees) between \vec{A} and \vec{B} .

Solution:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$$

$$-8 - 15 - 4 = (\sqrt{4 + 9 + 16}) (\sqrt{16 + 25 + 1}) \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-27}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{42}} = 140.7 \approx 141^\circ \#$$

- (23) Given $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{C} = \vec{A} - 3\vec{B}$. What is the angle between \vec{C} and the positive x-axis?

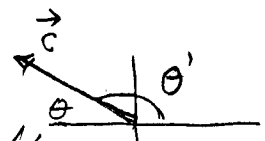
Solution:

$$3\vec{B} = 12\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}, \quad \vec{C} = (2 - 12)\hat{i} + (3 + 3)\hat{j}$$

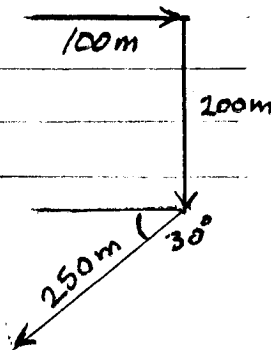
$$\Rightarrow \vec{C} = -10\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{+6}{-10} \Rightarrow \theta = 31^\circ$$

From the figure $\theta' = 180 - 31 = 149^\circ \#$



- 24) A person walks 100m towards east then 200m towards south then 250m 30° south of west as shown. What is the magnitude of the resultant displacement (in m). (Use components method).



Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R} &= \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} \\ &= 100\hat{i} - 200\hat{j} - (250 \cos 30)\hat{i} - (250 \sin 30)\hat{j} \\ \vec{R} &= 116.6\hat{i} - 325\hat{j} \\ R &= \sqrt{(116.6)^2 + (325)^2} = 345 \text{ m} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

- 25) If $A \cdot B = 8$, $A = 2$ and $B = 4$ find $|A \times B|$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= AB \cos \theta \\ 8 &= 2(4) \cos \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} 1 = 0 \\ \therefore |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| &= AB \sin \theta = 2(4)(0) = 0 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

- 26) Let $C = 6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. What is the angle (in degrees) between \vec{C} and z-axis?

Solution Vector C has three components

The only component in the z axis is $2\hat{k}$ which will help us to calculate the θ

- to understand this problem try to draw it
- as you see in fig 2 θ is not the angle we need but we need ϕ
- $\phi = 90 - \theta$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{\text{الضلع المقابل}}{\text{الوتر}} = \frac{2}{|C|}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 2^2}} = 16.6^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 90 - 16.6^\circ = 73.4^\circ \quad \#$$

OR simply

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{|C|} = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 2^2}} = 73.4^\circ \quad \#$$

