

1. Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle -2, 2 \rangle$ .
    - (a) Make a reasonably large and accurate sketch of these vectors, then guess (estimate) the angle (in degrees) between the vectors.
    - (b) Use the dot product to calculate the angle between the vectors to the nearest tenth of a degree. How good was your estimate?
  2. Find (to the nearest degree) the angle between vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, -2, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle -1, 4, 8 \rangle$ .
  3. If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are two non-zero vectors, what is the geometric relationship between the vectors if  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ ?
  4. The “direction angles” of a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  are the angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  that it makes with the vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ , respectively. The “direction cosines” of the vector are the cosines of these angles.
    - (a) Find expressions for the direction cosines of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ .
    - (b) How do these expressions relate to the components of the unit vector in the direction of vector  $\mathbf{a}$ ?
    - (c) Find the direction cosines of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, 6, 3 \rangle$ .
    - (d) Find the direction angles (to the nearest degree) of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, 6, 3 \rangle$ .
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