

# 1.2.29

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## Question:

The angles between two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  with magnitude  $\sqrt{3}$  and 4, respectively, and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$  is

### ANGLE BETWEEN TWO VECTORS

Given:

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{3}, \quad |\mathbf{b}| = 4, \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

**Formula for angle between two vectors:**

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$$

**Substitute values:**

$$2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3} \cdot 4 \cdot \cos \theta = 4\sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \boxed{60^\circ}$$

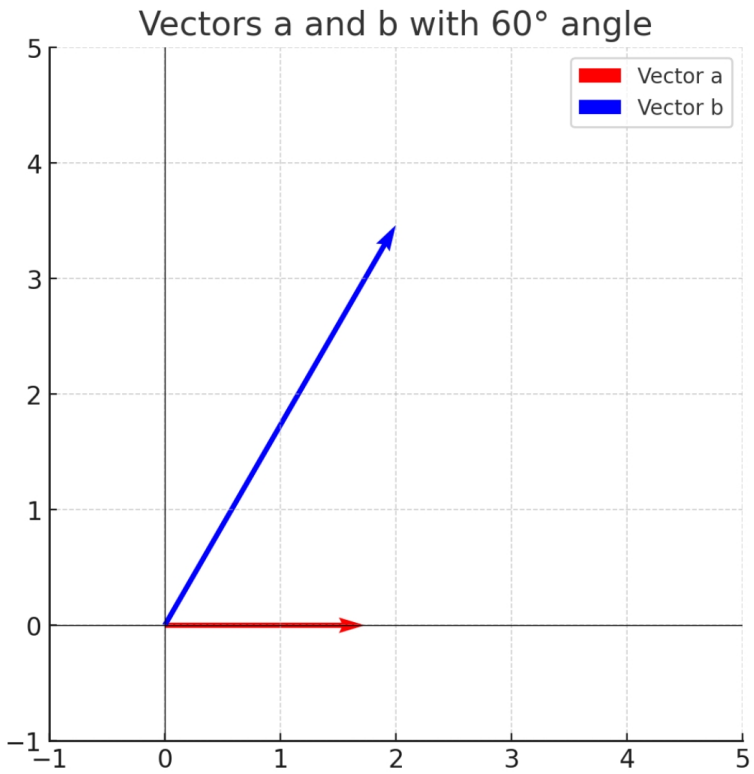


Fig. 0.1: plot  $\mathbf{R}$  obtained as  $\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{V}$