

1. Solve for k if we know that $\vec{a} = (3, -8, 2)$, $\vec{b} = (-4, 7, 1)$ and $\vec{c} = (29, -70, k)$ are coplanar /4

$$(29, -70, k) = x(3, -8, 2) + y(-4, 7, 1)$$

$$3x - 4y = 29$$

$$3x = 4y + 29$$

$$-8x + 7y = -70$$

$$x = \frac{4y + 29}{3}$$

$$2x + y = k$$

$$-11y = 22$$

$$y = -2$$

$$2x + y = k \quad -8\left(\frac{4y + 29}{3}\right) + 7y = -70$$

$$2(7) - 2 = k$$

$$14 - 2 = k$$

$$k = 12$$

$$\frac{-32y - 232 + 7y}{3} = -70$$

$$-32y - 232 + 7y = -210$$

$$3x + 4(-2) = 29$$

$$3x + 8 = 29$$

$$x = 7$$

$$k = 12$$

2. Give possible values for m and n such that the vectors $\vec{u} = (3, m, 5)$ and $\vec{v} = (-2, 4, n)$ are perpendicular. There are many different possible answers here. (No decimal approximations.)

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$$(3, m, 5) \cdot (-2, 4, n) = 0$$

$$-6 + 4m + 5n = 0$$

$$5n = -4m + 6$$

$$n = \frac{-4m + 6}{5}$$

$$n = \frac{-4(3) + 6}{5}$$

$$m = \frac{-5n + 6}{4}$$

$$-4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$-6 + 6 = 0$$

A possible pair of values making the vectors perpendicular are $m = \frac{3}{2}$ and $n = 0$
(There are many different possible answers; do not use decimal approximations.)

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

3. Determine the measure of the angle between the vectors $\vec{c} = (-4, 1, 2)$ and $\vec{d} = (1, 5, -2)$. Round your answer to the nearest tenth of a degree (i.e., one decimal place) if necessary. /3

$$(-4, 1, 2) \cdot (1, 5, -2) = (\sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 2^2})(\sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + (-2)^2}) \cos \theta$$

$$-4 + 5 - 4 = (\sqrt{21})(\sqrt{30}) \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{-3}{(\sqrt{21})(\sqrt{30})} = \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 96.86^\circ$$

$$-3 / 25.0998$$

4. The vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are mutually perpendicular (i.e., each of the vectors is perpendicular with each of the other vectors). If we know that $|\vec{a}| = 6$, $|\vec{b}| = 11$ and $|\vec{c}| = 4$, evaluate $(\vec{a} - \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{b} - \vec{a})$ /3

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

$$= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) - |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{c}|^2 - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})$$

$$= - (6)^2 - (4)^2$$

$$= -36 - 16$$

$$= -52$$

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{b} - \vec{a}) = -52$$