

1. Go to Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/> and read the pages on Colour Spaces (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colour_spaces), Optical Illusions (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_illusion) and M. C. Escher (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M._C._Escher)
2. Buy book (*Hearn, Baker and Carithers*) and read all of Chapters 1 and begin reading Chapter 2

Look over the vector review material (“Vector Review I” in Resource Matrix, <http://garryowen.csismz.ul.ie/~cs4815/resources/oth1.pdf>) and <http://www.coranac.com/tonc/text/matrix.htm>. Use this information to solve the following problems.

1. Show that the normal to the line $ax + by + c = 0$ is the vector $u = (a, b)^T$.
2. Use vector methods to find
 - the equation of the line through $p = (2, 3)$ and perpendicular to the line $x + 2y + 5 = 0$
 - the equation of the line through $p_1 = (2, 3)$ and $p_2 = (5, -1)$
 - use vector methods to find the distance of the point $p = (2, 3)$ from the line $3x + 4y - 12 = 0$
3. Resolve a vector \mathbf{a} into two components \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 that are, respectively, parallel and perpendicular to another vector \mathbf{b} . That is, find vectors \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 so that
 - $\mathbf{a}_1 = c\mathbf{b}$, where c is a scalar (number)
 - $\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$

It will be of particular interest to us to know what happens if \mathbf{b} happens to be one of the basis vectors of some co-ordinate system. So what is the formula for $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ when \mathbf{b} has length 1?