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Quiz #3-1, Open books, notes (32 points), due 11 pm, Wednesday, Sep. 23, 2020  
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1. Given a vector,  $\vec{A}$ , how do you calculate its unit vector? (1 point) Suppose  $\vec{B} = 2\hat{a}_x + 4\hat{a}_y + 4\hat{a}_z$ , what is its unit vector? (1 point)

Ans: The unit vector of  $\vec{A}$  is  $\hat{a}_u = \vec{A}/|\vec{A}|$ . For  $\vec{B} = 2\hat{a}_x + 4\hat{a}_y + 4\hat{a}_z$ ,

$$|\vec{B}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 4^2} = 6 \text{ and its unit vector is}$$

$$\hat{a}_u = \vec{B}/|\vec{B}| = (2\hat{a}_x + 4\hat{a}_y + 4\hat{a}_z)/6 = \frac{1}{3}\hat{a}_x + \frac{2}{3}\hat{a}_y + \frac{2}{3}\hat{a}_z$$

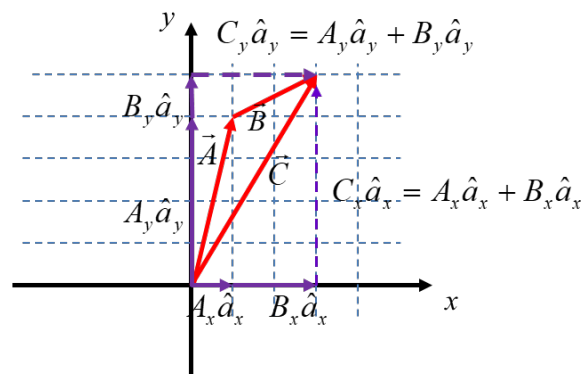
2. In the  $x$ - $y$  plane, assume  $\vec{A} = \hat{a}_x + 3\hat{a}_y$  and  $\vec{B} = 2\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y$ . Explain that the calculation  $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = (1+2)\hat{a}_x + (3+1)\hat{a}_y = 3\hat{a}_x + 4\hat{a}_y$  is consistent with the head-to-tail construction for  $\vec{C}$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. (5 points)

Ans: Suppose, in general,  $\vec{A} = A_x\hat{a}_x + A_y\hat{a}_y$ ,  $\vec{B} = B_x\hat{a}_x + B_y\hat{a}_y$ ,  $\vec{C} = C_x\hat{a}_x + C_y\hat{a}_y$ .

Refer to the following figure. The head-to-tail construction ensures

$C_x\hat{a}_x = A_x\hat{a}_x + B_x\hat{a}_x$  and  $C_y\hat{a}_y = A_y\hat{a}_y + B_y\hat{a}_y$ . Therefore

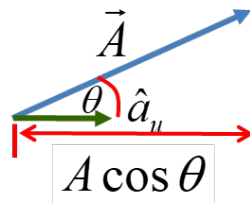
$\vec{C} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{a}_x + (A_y + B_y)\hat{a}_y$  is consistent with the head to tail construction from  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$ .



3. What is the physical meaning of the scalar product of a vector  $\vec{A}$  and an unit vector  $\hat{a}_u$  or  $\vec{A} \cdot \hat{a}_u$ ? Use graph illustration to explain it. (3 points)

Ans: Since  $\vec{A} \cdot \hat{a}_u = A \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vector  $\vec{A}$  and the unit

vector  $\hat{a}_u$ , it means the length of  $\vec{A}$  projected along the direction of  $\hat{a}_u$ , as shown below.



4. What is the area of the parallelogram expanded by the two vectors,  $\vec{l}_A = \hat{a}_x + 3\hat{a}_y$

(m) and  $\vec{l}_B = 2\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y$  (m) ? (3 points)

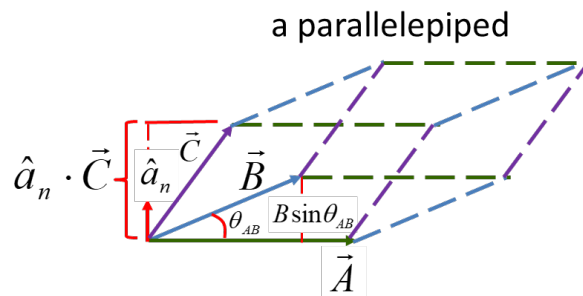
Ans: The area is equal to  $|\vec{l}_A \times \vec{l}_B| = |(\hat{a}_x + 3\hat{a}_y) \times (2\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y)| = |(1-6)\hat{a}_z| = 5 \text{ m}^2$ .

5. What is the physical meaning of  $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C}$  in space. Use graphic illustration to explain it. (5 points).

Ans: It is the volume of the parallelepiped expanded by the 3 vectors,  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ ,

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C} = [AB \sin \theta_{AB}] \times [\hat{a}_n \cdot \vec{C}]$$

because = base area  $\times$  height, as shown below.



6. In an orthogonal coordinate system with a differential length of

$d\vec{l} = d\vec{l}_{u_1} + d\vec{l}_{u_2} + d\vec{l}_{u_3}$ , what are the expressions for a differential surface (3 points) and

a differential volume in this coordinate system? (1 point)

Ans: A differential surface is expressed as

$$d\vec{s} = d\vec{s}_{u_1} + d\vec{s}_{u_2} + d\vec{s}_{u_3} = d\vec{l}_{u_2} \times d\vec{l}_{u_3} + d\vec{l}_{u_3} \times d\vec{l}_{u_1} + d\vec{l}_{u_1} \times d\vec{l}_{u_2}$$

A differential volume is expressed as

$$dv = d\vec{s}_{u_1, u_2, u_3} \cdot d\vec{l}_{u_1, u_2, u_3} = dl_{u_1} dl_{u_2} dl_{u_3}$$

7. What are the 3 differential length vectors in the cylindrical coordinate system? (3 points)

Ans:  $d\vec{l}_r = \hat{a}_r dr$ ,  $d\vec{l}_\phi = \hat{a}_\phi r d\phi$ ,  $d\vec{l}_z = \hat{a}_z dz$

8. What are the 3 differential area vectors in the spherical coordinate system? (3 points)

Ans:

$$d\vec{s}_R = d\vec{l}_\theta \times d\vec{l}_\phi = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{a}_R, \quad d\vec{s}_\theta = d\vec{l}_\phi \times d\vec{l}_R = R \sin \theta dR d\phi \hat{a}_\theta,$$

$$d\vec{s}_\phi = d\vec{l}_R \times d\vec{l}_\theta = R dR d\theta \hat{a}_\phi$$

9. Use vector calculus to calculate the surface area of a sphere with radius of  $a$ . (2 points)

Ans: The only relevant area is  $d\vec{s}_R = d\vec{l}_\theta \times d\vec{l}_\phi = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{a}_R$ . The total area for sphere with a radius  $a$  is therefore

$$a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = 4\pi a^2$$

10. Use vector calculus to calculate the volume of a sphere with radius  $a$ . (2 points)

Ans: The differential volume in the spherical coordinate system is

$dv = R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$ . The volume of the hemisphere is the following integration

$$\int_0^a \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3.$$