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VECTOR ASSIGNMENT

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1 PROBLEM 1

1. Let the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be such that $||\mathbf{a}|| = 3$, $||\mathbf{b}|| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$, then $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is a unit vector, if the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is

- 1) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- 2) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- 3) $\frac{\pi}{3}$
- 4) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

SOLUTION:

Correct option is 2, $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is a unit vector, if the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is $\frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \tag{1.0.1}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta \tag{1.0.2}$$

$$= (3)(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3})(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \tag{1.0.3}$$

$$= 1$$
 (1.0.4)