

ECE 417/598: Review Homework 4

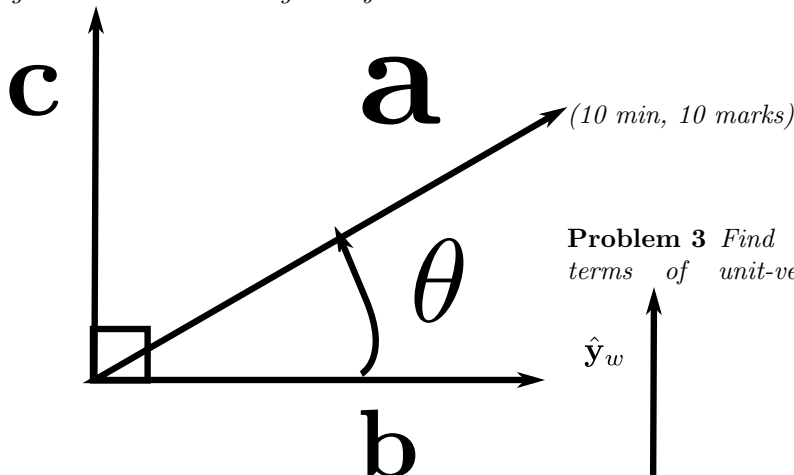
Max marks: 30 marks (more problems coming)

Due on March 9th, 2021, midnight, 11:59 PM.

All notes so far are [linked here](#).

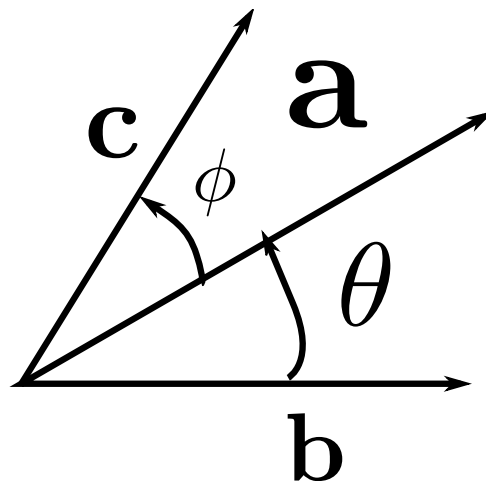
1 Trigonometry and triangle laws of vector addition

Problem 1 The magnitude of vector $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given to be $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \alpha$. Using the following figure, write \mathbf{a} in terms of α , θ , vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. All three vectors lie in the same plane. \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are perpendicular to each other. The angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is given by θ .

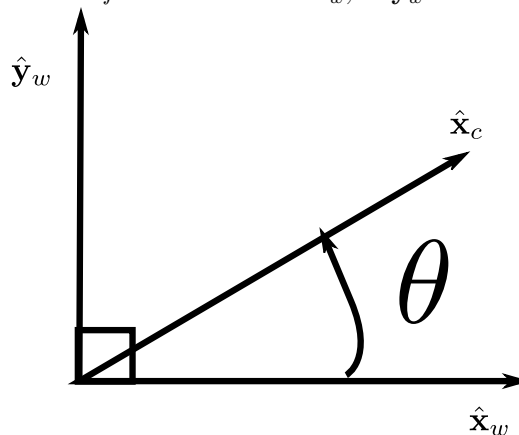


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Problem 2 The magnitude of vector $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given to be $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \alpha$. Using the following figure, write \mathbf{a} in terms of α , θ , ϕ , vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. All three vectors lie in the same plane. The angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is given by θ . The angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{c} is given by ϕ . Assume $\theta + \phi \neq 0$. When $\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$, is the solution is same as Problem 1? (Hint: You can convert this to Problem 1, by drawing a unit-vector perpendicular to \mathbf{b} . Call it $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$. First write $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$ in terms of \mathbf{c} and others knowns and then write \mathbf{a} in terms of $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$ and other knowns. You might want to use [trigonometric identities](#). The simplest form is not required.).

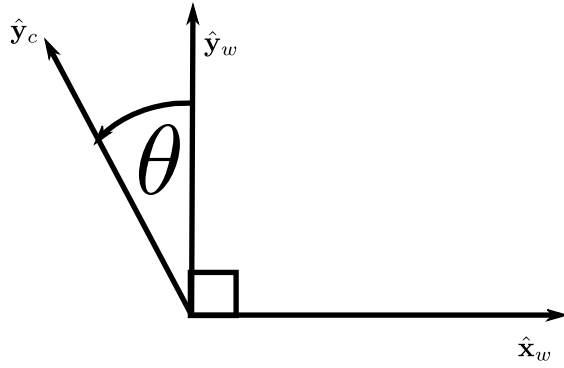


Problem 3 Find unit-vector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_c$ in terms of unit-vectors $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_w$, $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_w$ and θ .

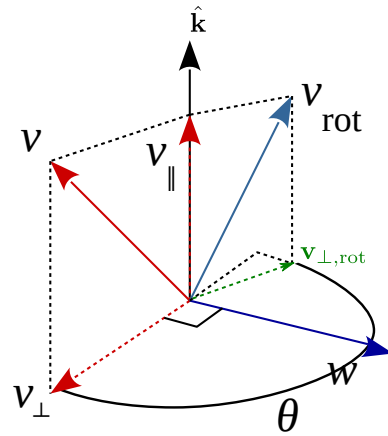


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Problem 4 Find unit-vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_c$ in terms of unit-vectors $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_w$, $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_w$ and θ .

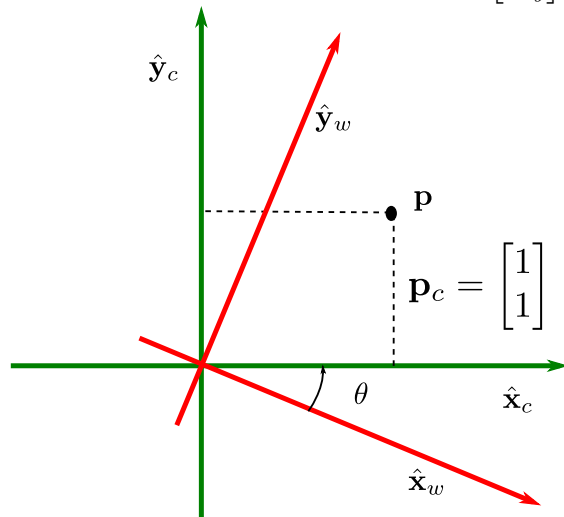


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Problem 5 Let the coordinates of a vector \mathbf{p} in terms of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_c$ and $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_c$ be $\mathbf{p}_c = \begin{bmatrix} p_{cx} \\ p_{cy} \end{bmatrix}$, so that: $\mathbf{p} = p_{cx}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_c + p_{cy}\hat{\mathbf{y}}_c$. Using the results from Prob 3 and Prob 4, write \mathbf{p} in terms of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_w$ and $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_w$. Thus derive the formula for rotation matrix $R(\theta)$ that converts coordinates from \mathbf{p}_c to $\mathbf{p}_w = \begin{bmatrix} p_{wx} \\ p_{wy} \end{bmatrix}$.

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Problem 6 We know that $\|\mathbf{v}_{\perp, \text{rot}}\| = \|\mathbf{v}_{\perp}\|$. Write $\mathbf{v}_{\perp, \text{rot}}$ in terms of \mathbf{v}_{\perp} , \mathbf{w} and θ . \mathbf{v}_{\perp} and \mathbf{w} are known to be orthogonal to each other.