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Homework 5

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**Problems**

Taken or adapted from Section 12.4 of the book *MATH 241/242/243 University of Delaware* by J. Stewart. Each exercise is worth 10 points for a total of 100 points.

1. Exercise # 12.4–1. Find the cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  of  $\vec{a} = \langle 6, 0, -2 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 0, 8, 0 \rangle$  and verify that it is orthogonal to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .
2. Exercise # 12.4–7. Find the cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  of  $\vec{a} = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle$  and verify that it is orthogonal to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .
3. Exercise # 12.4–8. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , find  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ . Sketch  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  as vectors starting at the origin.
4. Exercise # 12.4–17. If  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 0, 1, 3 \rangle$ , find  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ .
5. Exercise # 12.4–21. Show that  $\vec{0} \times \vec{a} = \vec{0} = \vec{a} \times \vec{0}$  for any vector  $\vec{a}$  in  $V_3$ .
6. Exercise # 12.4–35. Find the volume of the parallelepiped with adjacent edges  $PQ$ ,  $PR$ , and  $PS$ . The points are  $P(2, 0, -1)$ ,  $Q(4, 1, 0)$ ,  $R(3, -1, 1)$ , and  $S(2, -2, -2)$ .
7. Exercise # 12.4–40. Find the magnitude of the torque about  $P$  if a 36-lb force is applied as shown in Figure 1.
8. Exercise # 12.4–42. Let  $\vec{v} = 5\hat{j}$  and let  $\vec{u}$  be a vector with length 3 that starts at the origin and rotates in the  $xy$ -plane. Find the maximum and minimum values of the length of the vector  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ . In what direction does  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$  point?

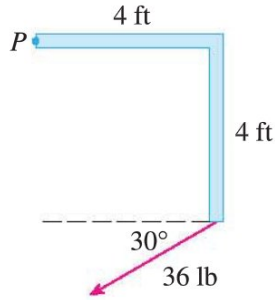


Figure 1: Torque problem

9. Exercise Review Chapter # 12-4. Calculate the given quantity if  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + j - 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{c} = \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ .

- $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}$
- $|\vec{b}|$
- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$
- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$
- $|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$
- $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$
- $\vec{c} \times \vec{c}$
- $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$
- $\text{comp}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$
- $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$
- The angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

10. Exercise # 12.4-53 (*Calculus: Early Transcendentals* 7th edition by J. Stewart.) Suppose that  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ .

- If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$ , does it follow that  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ ? If it does, explain. If it does not, give a counterexample.
- If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$ , does it follow that  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ ? If it does, explain. If it does not, give a counterexample.
- If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$ , does it follow that  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ ? If it does, explain. If it does not, give a counterexample.