

Problem Set 6
(Vectors)

1. Let $\vec{u} = (2, 1)$ and $\vec{v} = (-1, 1)$. Find:

- $u = |\vec{u}|$
- $v = |\vec{v}|$
- $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$
- $2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}$
- $|\vec{u} + \vec{v}|$

2. McQuarrie, problem 13-4.

3. McQuarrie, problem 13-6.

4. McQuarrie, problem 13-11.

5. McQuarrie, problem 13-12. ($\vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ is the torque.)

6. McQuarrie, problem 13-14.

7. Extra Credit: Find three orthonormal vectors – that is, three vectors that are mutually perpendicular and have magnitude 1. Restrictions:

- Don't use vectors parallel to the x , y , or z axes.
- Don't use vectors that your classmates are using.

You may use Mathematica for this, although it is not necessary to do so. Mathematica hints:

$$\mathbf{u} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
$$\mathbf{v} = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

creates vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} . You can calculate the dot product $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ and the magnitude $|\vec{u}|$ using these commands:

`u . v`
`Norm[u]`

You may also want to investigate the `Cross[u, v]` command.