

Assessment 2
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Math 163

Name: key

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

Ambrose Bierce
1842 - 1914 (American fiction writer)

No work = no credit
No CAS Calculators

Warm-ups (1 pt each): $-3^2 = -9$ $i \cdot i = 1$ $k \times i = j$

1.) (1 pt) A first saw the quote by Bierce (above) on a bumper sticker. In what sense do you think the lottery helps/hurts people? Answer using complete English sentences.

The expected value of the lotto is (generally) well under the cost of a ticket, save your hard earned cash!

2.) (8 pts) Consider $\vec{a} = \langle -8, 0, 2 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle 1, 3, -3 \rangle$, find the following.

a.) $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -8 + 0 - 6 = -14$

b.) The angle between vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} . Give your answer to one decimal place.

$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-14}{\sqrt{68} \sqrt{14}} \right)$

c.) $|\vec{a}|^2 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$
 $= 68$

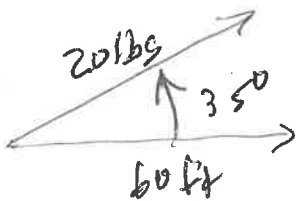
$= 112.9^\circ$
OR

$= 2.0 \text{ rad.}$

d.) $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a}$

$= \frac{-14}{68} \langle -8, 0, 2 \rangle$

3.) (4 pts) A sled is pulled along a level path through snow by a rope. A 20-lb force acting at an angle of 35 degrees above the horizontal moves the sled 60 feet. Find the work done by the force (in foot-pounds). Give your answer to one decimal place.



$w = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{D} = |\vec{F}| |\vec{D}| \cos \theta$
 $= 20(60) \cos 35^\circ$
 $\approx 983.0 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lbs.}$

4.) (4 pts) What is the relationship between perpendicular vectors and:

a.) The dot product

the dot product of \perp vecs is 0,

b.) The cross product

(a) the cross product creates \perp vectors.

(b) $u \times u$ of \perp vecs has max

5.) (4 pts) Consider $\vec{a} = -8\vec{i} + 2\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$, find the following.

magnitude

a.) $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -8 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$

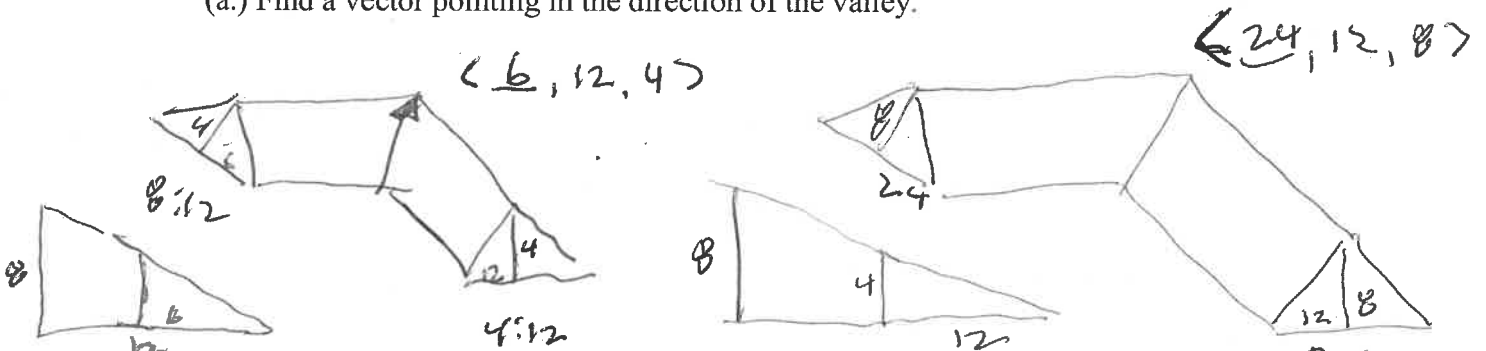
$= \langle -6, -22, -24 \rangle$

b.) Find the area of the parallelogram that has the two adjacent sides \vec{a} and \vec{b} . Give the exact answer.

area = $|\langle -6, -22, -24 \rangle| = \sqrt{6^2 + 22^2 + 24^2} = \sqrt{1096}$

6.) (4 pts) Two roof planes meet at a 90-degree angle. The first plane has a 4:12 pitch. The second plane has an 8:12 pitch.

(a.) Find a vector pointing in the direction of the valley.



(b.) Find the angle between the valley and a line going straight up the first roof plane.

Angle between $\langle 0, 12, 4 \rangle$ and $\langle 6, 12, 4 \rangle$

$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{160}{\sqrt{160} \cdot \sqrt{196}} \right) = 25.4^\circ$