

1-7. Consider a unit cube with one corner at the origin and three adjacent sides lying along the three axes of a rectangular coordinate system. Find the vectors describing the diagonals of the cube. What is the angle between any pair of diagonals?

1-8. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a vector from the origin to a point  $P$  fixed in space. Let  $\mathbf{r}$  be a vector from the origin to a variable point  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{r} = A^2$$

is the equation of a plane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{A}$  and passing through the point  $P$ .

1-9. For the two vectors

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{B} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

find

- (a)  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$  and  $|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}|$       (b) component of  $\mathbf{B}$  along  $\mathbf{A}$       (c) angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$   
 (d)  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$       (e)  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$

1-10. A particle moves in a plane elliptical orbit described by the position vector

$$\mathbf{r} = 2b \sin \omega t \mathbf{i} + b \cos \omega t \mathbf{j}$$

- (a) Find  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$ , and the particle speed.  
 (b) What is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  at time  $t = \pi/2\omega$ ?

1-11. Show that the triple scalar product  $(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C}$  can be written as

$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C} = \begin{vmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \\ C_1 & C_2 & C_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Show also that the product is unaffected by an interchange of the scalar and vector product operations or by a change in the order of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ , as long as they are in cyclic order; that is,

$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

We may therefore use the notation  $\mathbf{ABC}$  to denote the triple scalar product. Finally, give a geometric interpretation of  $\mathbf{ABC}$  by computing the volume of the parallelepiped defined by the three vectors  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ .

1-12. Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  be three constant vectors drawn from the origin to the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ . What is the distance from the origin to the plane defined by the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ? What is the area of the triangle  $ABC$ ?

1-13. If  $\mathbf{X}$  is an unknown vector satisfying the following relations involving the known vectors  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  and the scalar  $\phi$ ,

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{X} = \phi$$

Express  $\mathbf{X}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\phi$ , and the magnitude of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

1-14. Consider the following matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the following

- (a)  $|\mathbf{AB}|$       (b)  $\mathbf{AC}$       (c)  $\mathbf{ABC}$       (d)  $\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{B}'\mathbf{A}'$