

**Assignment 1.** Chapter 1.

**Due date: June 3**

Section 1.1. 4 – 10

Section 1.2. 2, 3, 5

Section 1.3. 1 – 5, 7, 9 – 12, 15, 17 – 19

Section 1.4. 2, 3, 6 – 10, 13, 15, 19, 21

**Problems to be turned in for grading.**

1. Find all scalars  $k$  such that  $\|(k, 5)\| = 13$ .
2. Find all scalars  $k$  such that  $\|(1, k + 1, -5, -1)\| = 6$ .
3. A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is a *unit vector* if  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} = (-5, 1, 2)$ . Find a unit vector that has the same direction as  $\mathbf{x}$ . Find a unit vector that has direction opposite to the direction of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
4. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (2, -1, 6)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (-2, -3, 1)$  and  $r = 3$ . Compute:
  - (a)  $(r \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{y})$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{x} \cdot (r \mathbf{y})$
  - (c)  $r(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y})$
  - (d) How do your results in (a), (b) and (c) compare? State a general result.
5. Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector and  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ . What can you say about  $\mathbf{x}$ ?
6. Draw the vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . Then compute  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  and the angle between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ .
  - (a)  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (4, 1)$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (-3, 2)$
  - (c)  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (-3, 1)$
7. The dot product of two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is a number  $\alpha$ . Based on your graphs and your numerical results in Problem 6, make a conjecture about the measure of the angle  $\theta$  between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  when  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ .
8.
  - (a) Find all the numbers  $r$  such that the angle between  $\mathbf{x} = (r, 1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (1, r, 1)$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .
  - (b) Find all the numbers  $r$  such that the vectors  $\mathbf{x} = (r, 11, -3)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (2r, r, -5)$  are perpendicular.
9. Determine whether the given sets of points are the vertices of a right triangle.
  - (a)  $A : (0, 0)$ ,  $B : (2, 1)$ ,  $C : (-2, 4)$
  - (b)  $A : (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $B : (2, -1, 3)$ ,  $C : (-2, 1, -2)$
  - (c)  $A : (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $B : (5, 4, 1)$ ,  $C : (1, -2, 3)$
10. Show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}$ .