
PHYS 1210 Group Work Sheet

Vectors in 3D

With your group, discuss how to answer these questions and write your group answer in the space provided.

1. Define vectors $\vec{A} = (10\hat{i} + 30\hat{j})$ N and $\vec{B} = (0.50\hat{i} + 0.1\hat{j})$ m. What is the cross product of vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} ?
2. A projectile's position after launch at time $t = 0$ is given by the formula
$$\vec{r} = \left(15 \frac{m}{s} t\right) \hat{i} + \left(15 \frac{m}{s} t - 5 \frac{m}{s^2} t^2\right) \hat{j}.$$
 - a. Its velocity is $\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt$ and its acceleration is $\vec{a} = d\vec{v}/dt$. Find the projectile's velocity \vec{v} and acceleration \vec{a} as functions of time by taking the derivatives. Treat \hat{i} and \hat{j} as constants, because that's what they are.
 - b. Sketch plots of the horizontal components of position, velocity, and acceleration vs. time.
 - c. Sketch plots of the vertical components of position, velocity, and acceleration vs. time.



d. Find the formula for speed as a function of time, $v = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$.

e. Find the formula for magnitude of acceleration as a function of time.

f. Find the formula for rate of change of speed as a function of time, dv/dt .

3. Find the dot products between the unit basis vectors \hat{i} , \hat{j} , and \hat{k} .

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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