

Challenge set #1

1. If \hat{a} and \hat{b} are unit vectors that make an angle of 60° with each other, calculate
 - a) $|3\hat{a} - 5\hat{b}|$
 - b) $|8\hat{a} + 3\hat{b}|$
2. What conditions must be satisfied by the non-zero vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} for the following to be true?
 - a) $|\vec{u} + \vec{v}| = |\vec{u} - \vec{v}|$
 - b) $|\vec{u} + \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| + |\vec{v}|$
 - c) $|\vec{u} + \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| - |\vec{v}|$
 - d) $|\vec{u} - \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| + |\vec{v}|$
3. ABCDEF is a regular hexagon with sides of unit length. Find the magnitude and direction of $\vec{AB} + \vec{AC} + \vec{AD} + \vec{AE} + \vec{AF}$
4. If $|\vec{x}| = 11$, $|\vec{y}| = 23$ and $|\vec{x} - \vec{y}| = 30$, find $|\vec{x} + \vec{y}|$
5. If three vertices of a parallelogram are $(-5, 3)$, $(5, 2)$ and $(7, -8)$, determine all possible coordinates of the fourth vertex.
6. Show that the three points $A(1, 1, -2)$, $B(10, 1, -8)$ and $C(-2, 1, 0)$ are collinear.
7. A triangle has vertices $A(-1, 3, 4)$, $B(3, -1, 1)$ and $C(5, 1, 1)$. Show that this is a right triangle.
8. The resultant of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} is the vector $\vec{r} = 5[E53^\circ S]$. If $\vec{a} = \sqrt{29}[E21.8^\circ N]$, determine \vec{b} .
9. The diagonals of parallelogram ABCD meet at the point E. Show that $\vec{EA} + \vec{EB} + \vec{EC} + \vec{ED} = \vec{0}$
10. Recall that the three medians of a triangle ABC intersect in a point G and that G divides each median in a 2:1 ratio. Show that $\vec{GA} + \vec{GB} + \vec{GC} = \vec{0}$.