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1. Consider the vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle -2, 4, 1 \rangle$. Find its length.

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 4^2 + 1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{21}\end{aligned}$$

2. For the same vector \mathbf{v} , find a vector \mathbf{u} pointing in the same direction but that has length 10.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} &= 10 \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{21}} \langle -2, 4, 1 \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{-20}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{40}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{10}{\sqrt{21}} \right\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the angle between the vectors $\mathbf{v} = \langle -2, 4, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{w} = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$. Your answer will use an inverse trig function. That's ok! It might help to notice that the vector \mathbf{v} is the same as in the previous two problems.

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{21}, \quad \|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = -2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 = 2$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{2}}\right) = \boxed{\arccos\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{21}}\right)}$$

4. A large lamp is suspended from the ceiling from two cables and is therefore subjected to three forces: gravitational force \mathbf{F}_g and two tension forces \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 in the cables. The lamp has a mass of 102kg and therefore $\mathbf{F}_g = \langle 0, 0, -1000 \rangle$ N. One of the cables provides a tension force $\mathbf{F}_1 = \langle 0, -400, 700 \rangle$ N. The lamp is in static equilibrium. What is the value of \mathbf{F}_2 ?

$$\vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_2 = -(\vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_1 &= \langle 0, 0, -1000 \rangle + \langle 0, -400, 700 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, -400, -300 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \langle 0, 400, 300 \rangle$$