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1. Determine a **unit** vector that is perpendicular to $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 4, 2, 3 \rangle$

$$1) \text{ Compute } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \hat{i}(-6-2) - \hat{j}(3-4) + \hat{k}(2+8)$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle -8, 1, 10 \rangle \quad \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|^2 = 64 + 1 + 100 = 165$$

2. Consider the line in symmetric form

Unit vector: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{165}} \langle -8, 1, 10 \rangle$

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{2} = z-3.$$

- Determine a vector parallel to this line.
- Determine two points that lie on this line.
- Determine the distance from this line to the origin.

a) $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle$ ← by inspection

b) $P = (1, -2, 3)$ (by inspection)

$P + v = (3, 0, 4)$

c) Distance: $\frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{OP}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\hat{i}(6+2) - \hat{j}(6-1) + \hat{k}(-6)$$

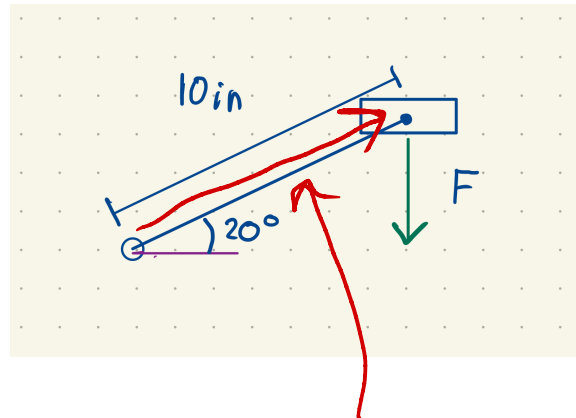
$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{OP}\| = \sqrt{64 + 25 + 36} = \sqrt{125}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{5}$$

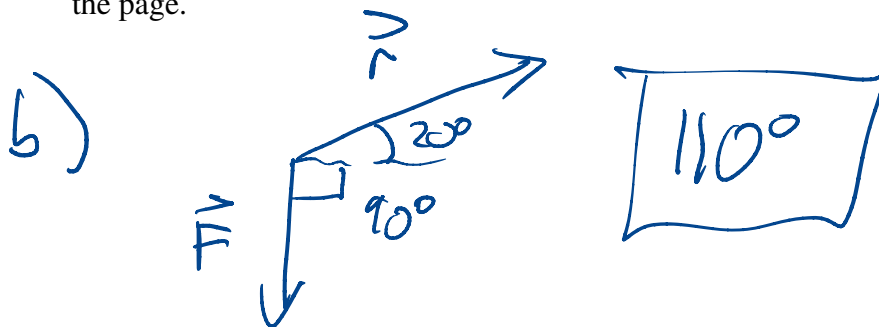
$$\text{dist: } \frac{\sqrt{125}}{\sqrt{5}} = 5$$

$$\langle 8, -5, -6 \rangle$$

3. A bike rider applies 200 pounds of force, straight down, onto a pedal that is 10 inches from the crankshaft. The arm between the pedal and the crankshaft is angled 20 degrees above horizontal as shown in the diagram below.



- Add to the diagram the displacement vector \mathbf{r} that you would use for computing the torque exerted on the crankshaft.
- Determine the angle between \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{F} .
- Determine magnitude of the torque vector, and determine if it points into or out of the page.



c)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{r} \times \vec{F}\| &= 10 \text{ in} \cdot 200 \text{ lb} \cdot \sin(110^\circ) \\ &= \frac{2000}{12} \sin(110^\circ) \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} \end{aligned}$$

By right handed rule, points into page
 $(\vec{r} \times \vec{F})$