

Electricity & Magnetism I, Homework 1
Fall 2016, (Due Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016)

1. Find the angle between the body diagonals of a cube.
2. Prove that $[\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})] + [\mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A})] + [\mathbf{C} \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})] = 0$. Under what conditions does $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C}$?
3. The vectors from the origin to the points A, B, C, D are

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{B} &= 2\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{C} &= 3\mathbf{x} + 5\mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{D} &= -\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

Show that the lines AB and CD are parallel and find the ratio of their lengths.

4. If \mathbf{A} is a constant vector and \mathbf{r} is the position vector (the vector from the origin to point (x,y,z)), show that the following is the equation of a sphere:

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{r} = 0.$$

5. Problems 1.13, 1.20, 1.26