

1.11 Given that

$$\mathbf{P} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = 4\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{R} = -\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$$

find: (c) $\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$, (d) $(\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{Q}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R})$, (f) $\cos \theta_{PR}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c)} \quad \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.22a) \\ &= \hat{a}_x [3(-2) - 2(-1)] + \hat{a}_y [2(2) - 4(-2)] + \hat{a}_z [4(-1) - 3(2)] \\ &= -4\hat{a}_x + 12\hat{a}_y - 10\hat{a}_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}}) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{R}} &= (-4\hat{a}_x + 12\hat{a}_y - 10\hat{a}_z) \cdot (-\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y + 2\hat{a}_z) \\ &= -4(-1) + 12(1) - 10(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{(\bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}}) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{R}} = -4}$$

$$\text{d)} \quad \text{use (1.23b), } \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \bar{\mathbf{Q}} = -\bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}} = +4\hat{a}_x - 12\hat{a}_y + 10\hat{a}_z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{R}} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{a}_x [3(2) - 2(1)] + \hat{a}_y [2(-1) - 4(2)] + \hat{a}_z [4(1) - 3(-1)] \\ &= 4\hat{a}_x - 10\hat{a}_y + 7\hat{a}_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \bar{\mathbf{Q}}) \cdot (\bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{R}}) &= (4\hat{a}_x - 12\hat{a}_y + 10\hat{a}_z) \cdot (4\hat{a}_x - 10\hat{a}_y + 7\hat{a}_z) \\ &= 4(4) + (-12)(-10) + 10(7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{(\bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \bar{\mathbf{Q}}) \cdot (\bar{\mathbf{Q}} \times \bar{\mathbf{R}}) = 206}$$

$$f) \cos \theta_{PR}$$

$$\vec{P} \cdot \vec{R} = |\vec{P}| |\vec{R}| \cos \theta_{PR}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta_{PR} &= \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{R}}{|\vec{P}| |\vec{R}|} = \frac{(2\hat{a}_x - \hat{a}_y - 2\hat{a}_z) \cdot (-\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_y + 2\hat{a}_z)}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2}} \\ &= \frac{2(-1) + (-1)(1) + (-2)(2)}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{6}} = \frac{-2 - 1 - 4}{3\sqrt{6}} = \frac{-7}{3\sqrt{6}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\cos \theta_{PR} = -0.95258}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{PR} = 162.28^\circ$$