

projection of  $\mathbf{rA\_}$  on  $\mathbf{rB\_} = \mathbf{rA\_} \cdot \mathbf{rB\_} / |\mathbf{rB\_}|$   
 pr of  $\mathbf{rA\_}$  on  $\mathbf{rB\_} = 128.033$  (m)

(d) The scalar triple product,  $\mathbf{rC} \cdot (\mathbf{rB} \times \mathbf{rA})$ , is calculated in MATLAB with:

```
dot(rCn_,cross(rBn_,rAn_))
```

or

```
CAB=[rCn(1),rCn(2),rCn(3);
      rBn(1),rBn(2),rBn(3);
      rAn(1),rAn(2),rAn(3)];
```

and the numerical result is  $\mathbf{rC} \cdot (\mathbf{rB} \times \mathbf{rA}) = -2.12\text{e}+06$ .

Next the vectors are plotted using MATLAB. The numerical vectors are introduced with `quiver3(x,y,z,u,v,w)` that represents the vectors as arrows with components  $u, v, w$  at the points  $x, y, z$ :

```
quiver3(0,0,0, rAn_(1),rAn_(2),rAn_(3),1,...
        'Color','r','LineWidth',1.5)
quiver3(0,0,0, rBn_(1),rBn_(2),rBn_(3),1,...
        'Color','k','LineWidth',1.5)
quiver3(0,0,0, rCn_(1),rCn_(2),rCn_(3),1,...
        'Color','k','LineWidth',1)
quiver3(0,0,0, Rn_(1),Rn_(2),Rn_(3),1,...
        'Color','b','LineWidth',2)
```

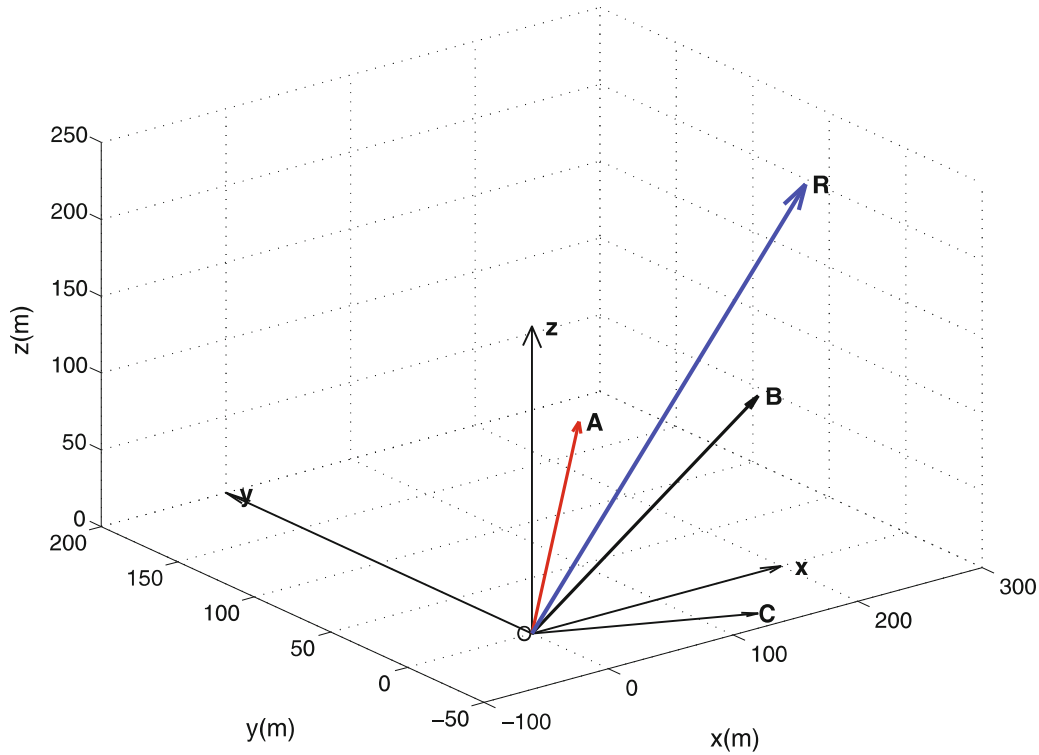
The cartesian axes are plotted with:

```
quiver3(0,0,0,sf,0,0,1,'Color','k','LineWidth',1)
quiver3(0,0,0,0,sf,0,1,'Color','k','LineWidth',1)
quiver3(0,0,0,0,0,sf,1,'Color','k','LineWidth',1)
```

The MATLAB plots are shown in Fig. 1.13.

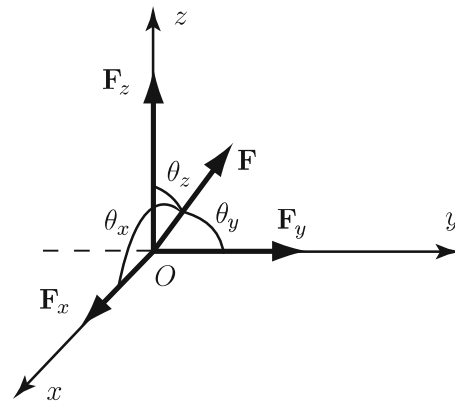
## 1.13 Problems

- 1.1 The force  $\mathbf{F}$  shown in the Fig. 1.14 has the vector components  $\mathbf{F}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_y$ , and  $\mathbf{F}_z$  with the magnitudes  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$  respectively. Find the direction angles  $\theta_x$ ,  $\theta_y$  and  $\theta_z$  made by the vectorial force  $\mathbf{F}$  with the positive  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes. For the numerical application use  $F_x = 140$  units,  $F_y = 170$  units, and  $F_z = 190$  units.
- 1.2 The forces  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$  are applied as shown in the Fig. 1.15. The force  $\mathbf{F}_2$  has the magnitude  $F_2$  and makes the angle  $\beta$  with the horizontal axis and the force  $\mathbf{F}_1$  has the magnitude  $F_1$ . The angle between the segment  $AB$  and the force  $F_1$  is  $\varphi$  and the angle between  $BA$  and the horizontal axis is denoted by  $\theta$ . Determine



**Fig. 1.13** Example 1.3: MATLAB graphical representation

**Fig. 1.14** Problem 1.1



the resultant  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$ . For the numerical application use  $F_1 = 30$  units,  $F_2 = 45$  units,  $\theta = 105^\circ$ ,  $\varphi = 110^\circ$ , and  $\beta = 30^\circ$ .

- 1.3 The following vectors are given:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{k}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}$ . Find  $(\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \times \mathbf{v}_3$  and  $(\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v}_3$ .
- 1.4 Find the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = 7\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$ . Find the expressions  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$ .
- 1.5 The following vectors are given  $\mathbf{v}_1 = 3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = -4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k}$ . Find the vector triple product of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

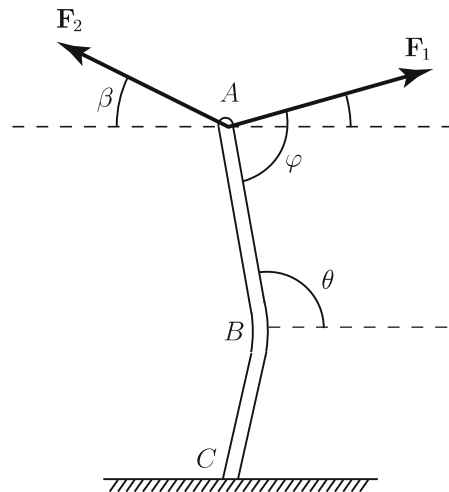


Fig. 1.15 Problem 1.2

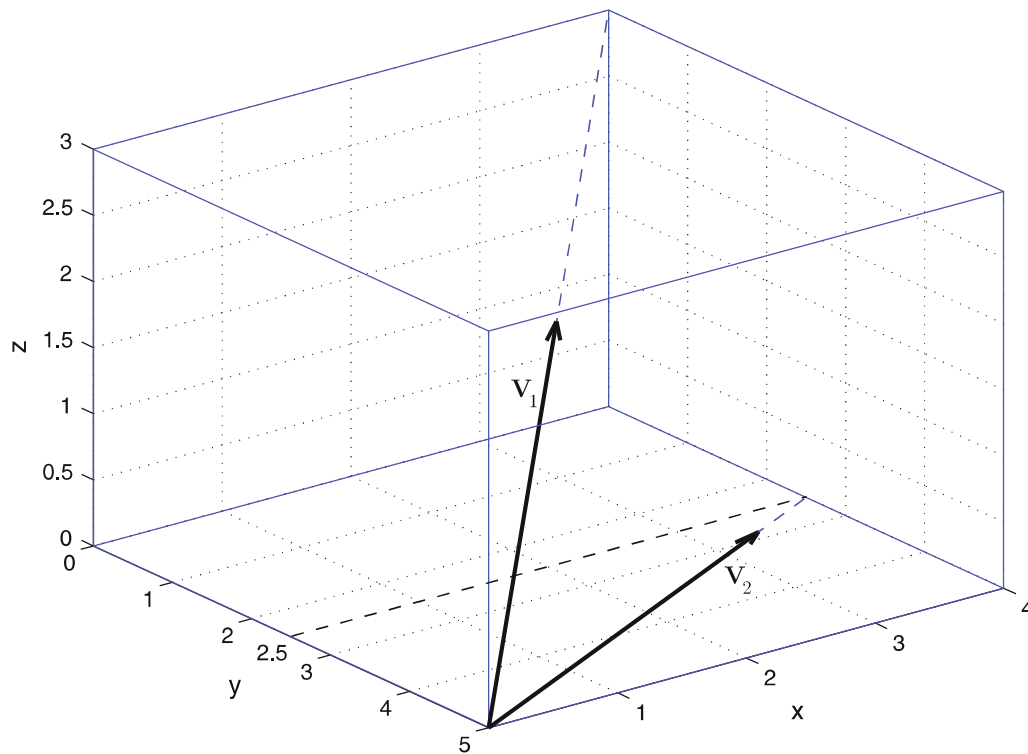
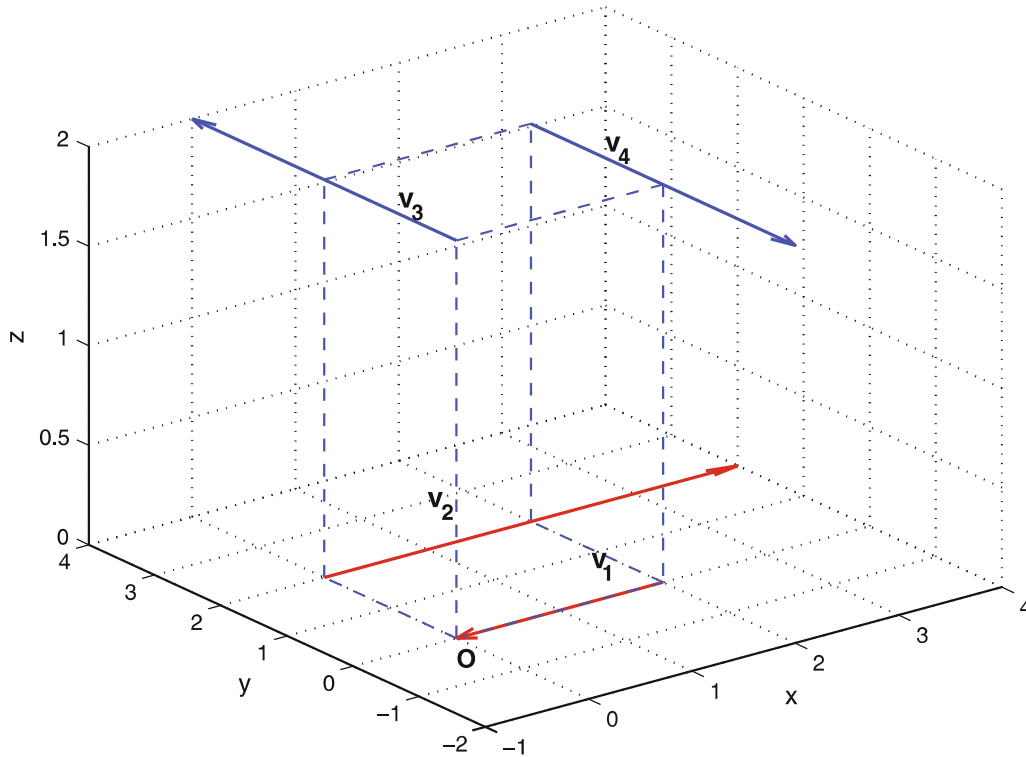


Fig. 1.16 Problem 1.6

- 1.6 Figure 1.16 represents the vectors  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  acting on a prism. The magnitudes of the vectors are  $V_1 = V_2 = 4$  units. (a) Find the resultant and the direction cosines of the resultant. (b) Determine the angle between the vectors  $V_1$  and  $V_3$ . (c) Find the projection of the vector  $V_1$  on the resultant vector.



**Fig. 1.17** Problem 1.7

- 1.7 Figure 1.17 represents the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = -V\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = 2V\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2V\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = -2V\mathbf{j}$ , where  $V = 2$  units. Determine: (a) the resultant  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_4$ ; (b) the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ ; (c) the projection of the vector  $\mathbf{v}_4$  on the resultant vector; (d)  $\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ;  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$ ; and  $\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_4$ .
- 1.8 The magnitude of the vectors, shown in Fig. 1.18, are  $F_1 = 2$  units,  $F_2 = 2.5$  units,  $F_3 = 3$  units, and  $F_4 = 3.5$  units. (a) Find the resultant  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 + \mathbf{F}_4$ . (b) Determine the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_3$ . (c) Find the projection of the vector  $\mathbf{F}_2$  on the vector  $\mathbf{F}_4$ . (d) Calculate  $\mathbf{F}_2 \cdot \mathbf{F}_4$ ;  $\mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{F}_3 \times \mathbf{F}_1)$ ;  $(\mathbf{F}_2 \times \mathbf{F}_3) \cdot \mathbf{F}_1$ ; and  $[\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2, \mathbf{F}_3]$ .

## 1.14 Programs

### 1.14.1 Program 1.1

```
% example 1.1
clear all
% clears all the objects in the MATLAB workspace and
% resets the default MuPAD symbolic engine
```