

Answer on Question #46878 – Math – Vector Calculus

Find the vector product $a \times b$. If $a = 2i + 3j + 4k$ and $b = 5i - 2j + k$

Solution

$$11i + 18j - 19k$$

$$2j + 3k$$

$$5i - 6j + 7k$$

$$4i - 6j + 11k$$

By the definition of vector product

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 1 \cdot i + 4 \cdot 5 \cdot j + 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot k - 3 \cdot 5 \cdot k - 4 \cdot (-2) \cdot i - 1 \cdot 2 \cdot j = \\ &= 11i + 18j - 19k \end{aligned}$$

Answer: a