Answer on Question #46934 – Math – Vector Calculus

Question:

Determine the value of y so that u=2i+yj+k and v = 4i -2j -2k are perpendicular. Find y

2 4 1 3

Solution:

If two vectors are perpendicular, then the dot product should be equal to zero:

$$u \cdot v = 2 \cdot 4 + y(-2) + 1(-2) = 0$$

$$6 - 2y = 0$$

$$6 = 2y$$

$$y = 3$$

Answer: 3