

if $a + b + c = 0$, $|a| = 3$, $|b| = 5$ and $|c| = 7$, then find the angle between a and b .

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \cos\gamma$$

$$7^2 = 3^2 + 5^2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos\gamma$$

$$49 = 9 + 25 - 30 \cdot \cos\gamma$$

$$49 - 34 = -30 \cdot \cos\gamma$$

$$15 = -30 \cdot \cos\gamma$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} = \cos\gamma$$

$$\gamma = \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{2\pi}{3} = 120^\circ$$

Answer:

$$\gamma = 120^\circ$$