

37. From the figure, we note that $\vec{c} \perp \vec{b}$, which implies that the angle between \vec{c} and the $+x$ axis is 120° .

(a) Direct application of Eq. 3-5 yields the answers for this and the next few parts. $a_x = a \cos 0^\circ = a = 3.00 \text{ m}$.

(b) $a_y = a \sin 0^\circ = 0$.

(c) $b_x = b \cos 30^\circ = (4.00 \text{ m}) \cos 30^\circ = 3.46 \text{ m}$.

(d) $b_y = b \sin 30^\circ = (4.00 \text{ m}) \sin 30^\circ = 2.00 \text{ m}$.

(e) $c_x = c \cos 120^\circ = (10.0 \text{ m}) \cos 120^\circ = -5.00 \text{ m}$.

(f) $c_y = c \sin 30^\circ = (10.0 \text{ m}) \sin 120^\circ = 8.66 \text{ m}$.

(g) In terms of components (first x and then y), we must have

$$\begin{aligned} -5.00 \text{ m} &= p(3.00 \text{ m}) + q(3.46 \text{ m}) \\ 8.66 \text{ m} &= p(0) + q(2.00 \text{ m}) . \end{aligned}$$

Solving these equations, we find $p = -6.67$

(h) and $q = 4.33$ (note that it's easiest to solve for q first). The numbers p and q have no units.