

62. (Third problem in **Cluster 1**)

- (a) Looking at the  $xy$  plane in Fig. 3-44, it is clear that the angle to  $\vec{A}$  (which is the vector lying *in* the plane, not the one rising out of it, which we called  $\vec{G}$  in the previous problem) measured counterclockwise from the  $-y$  axis is  $90^\circ + 130^\circ = 220^\circ$ . Had we measured this *clockwise* we would obtain (in absolute value)  $360^\circ - 220^\circ = 140^\circ$ .
- (b) We found in part (b) of the previous problem that  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$  points along the  $z$  axis, so it is perpendicular to the  $-y$  direction.
- (c) Let  $\vec{u} = -\hat{j}$  represent the  $-y$  direction, and  $\vec{w} = 3\hat{k}$  is the vector being added to  $\vec{B}$  in this problem. The vector being examined in this problem (we'll call it  $\vec{Q}$ ) is, using Eq. 3-30 (or a vector-capable calculator),

$$\vec{Q} = \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{w}) = 9.19\hat{i} + 7.71\hat{j} + 23.7\hat{k}$$

and is clearly in the first octant (since all components are positive); using Pythagorean theorem, its magnitude is  $Q = 26.52$ . From Eq. 3-23, we immediately find  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{Q} = -7.71$ . Since  $\vec{u}$  has unit magnitude, Eq. 3-20 leads to

$$\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{Q}}{Q} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-7.71}{26.52} \right)$$

which yields a choice of angles  $107^\circ$  or  $-107^\circ$ . Since we have already observed that  $\vec{Q}$  is in the first octant, the the angle measured counterclockwise (as observed by someone high up on the  $+z$  axis) from the  $-y$  axis to  $\vec{Q}$  is  $107^\circ$ .