## Problems Class 1

- If **a** = (1,2,3) and **b** = (3,0,-1) determine:
  - The magnitudes of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
  - The sum of **a** and **b**.
  - The vector given by  $2\mathbf{a} 3\mathbf{b}$ .
  - The scalar product of  $\boldsymbol{a}$  and  $\boldsymbol{b}.$
  - The vector product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- What is the angle between vectors **a** and **b**?



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• The driver of a low slung racing car (low centre of gravity, assume c. of g. at road level) wishes to stop the car in as short a distance as possible. Should she brake so that the wheels lock, or so that they just continue rotating? If  $\mu_k = 0.6$  and  $\mu_s = 0.7$  between the tyres and the road, what is the difference in stopping distance from 130mph in the two cases?

