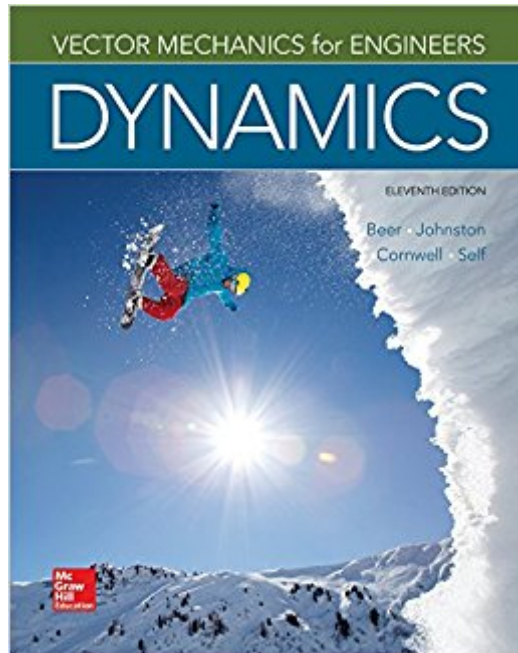




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A primary objective in a first course in mechanics is to help develop a student's ability first to analyze problems in a simple and logical manner, and then to apply basic principles to their solutions. A strong conceptual understanding of these basic mechanics principles is essential for successfully solving mechanics problems. This edition of Vector Mechanics for Engineers will help instructors achieve these goals. Continuing in the spirit of its successful previous editions, this edition provides conceptually accurate and thorough coverage together with a significant refreshment of the exercise sets and online delivery of homework problems to your students. This edition has undergone a complete rewrite to modernize and streamline the language through the text. Over 650 of the homework problems in the text are new or revised. One of the characteristics of the approach used in this book is that mechanics of particles is clearly separated from the mechanics of rigid bodies. This approach makes it possible to consider simple practical applications at an early stage and to postpone the introduction of the more difficult concepts. McGraw-Hill Education's Connect, is also available as an optional, add on item. Connect is the only integrated learning system that empowers students by continuously adapting to deliver precisely what they need, when they need it, how they need it, so that class time is more effective. Connect allows the professor to assign homework, quizzes, and tests easily and automatically grades and records the scores of the student's work. Problems are randomized to prevent sharing of answers and may also have a "multi-step solution" which helps move the students' learning along if they experience difficulty.

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Literally decades of undergrad engineers-to-be have studied vector mechanics from the various editions of this book. Why continues to baffle me. Besides being severely overpriced for a sophomore-level book, the authors seemly ignore the math notation formats taught in every modern university calculus and linear/matrix algebra class. If your class requires the textbook, you don't have much choice. Hold your nose any buy it. OTOH, if you're looking for a personal enrichment book on the subjects, continue looking unless you really dig tons of colored diagrams making it more like a high school physics textbook. All that said however, it is a good intro statics & dynamics textbook once you get past the authors' idiosyncrasies.

This is a heavy 2-1/8" thick book, but it will save you money if you have to take both statics and dynamics! Does not include access to McGraw Hill online material (activation code). I already have an account with MH Connect from other books I've owned, but it seems I can't get access to the engineering content without some kind of instructor invite first, then probably an activation code. So unless your instructor specified you will be using online content, don't sweat it, just get the book. It's pretty decent from what I've seen so far anyway.

This is one overpriced and incomplete text book in Dynamics I was FORCED to buy(rent) for a semester . It is infested with unrigorous and mind numbingly boring pages of pure tragedy. Good luck learning dynamics via hand waving--impulse-momentum diagrams. Good luck developing tolerance for confusing oxymoron ideas--Dynamic-Equilibrium...Yep, this thing has its own "Klingon" inspired language. And, If you are hoping for a sane alternative approach(es) for solving problems forget it--Lagrange is the name of the condition you will develop from getting stressed out by what is lacking from this text book. So, I can in confidence tell you I did not acquire a single useful information from this book . Mid term I switched to Applied Mechanics Dynamics (1959) by Housner G & Hudson D and Aced the life out of the class.

Horrendous book, it is completely overpriced and lacking in terms of clarity and organization. Instead of redesigned the vague and arcane question system, the only changes made from the 10th edition to the 11th appear to be shuffling the order of the questions. I pity anyone who is required to use this book.

School book, what can I say....

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This book was very poorly designed in my opinion. The authors could have done a better job organizing sections so that ALL the problems from a chapter were together, and not spread 10 pages apart.

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