

We use the same notation as in question 1 of the discovery project.  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3$  and  $\mathbf{v}_4$  are the outward pointing normal vectors to the four faces of an arbitrary (not necessarily right angled) tetrahedron. The lengths of the  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are equal to the areas of the corresponding faces of the tetrahedron.

1. Use the result of Q1 to prove the following generalization of the law of cosines

$$|\mathbf{v}_4|^2 = |\mathbf{v}_1|^2 + |\mathbf{v}_2|^2 + |\mathbf{v}_3|^2 + 2|\mathbf{v}_1||\mathbf{v}_2| \cos \theta_{12} + 2|\mathbf{v}_2||\mathbf{v}_3| \cos \theta_{23} + 2|\mathbf{v}_3||\mathbf{v}_1| \cos \theta_{31}$$

where  $\theta_{ij}$  denotes the angle between the normal vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_j$ .

2. Say why this is a generalization of the law of cosines. Remember that the law of cosines for a triangle with sides of length  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  states that

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

where  $C$  is the angle between the sides of length  $a$  and  $b$ . In particular, explain the difference in signs in the trig terms.