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TEST 1

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[9] 1. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (1) Find  $\|\vec{u}\|$  and  $\|\vec{v}\|$ .
- (2) Find the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .
- (3) Find a vector of length 5 in the opposite direction of  $\vec{u}$ .

$$(1) \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1+16+1} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 1 + 16} = \sqrt{\frac{69}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{69}}{2}$$

$$(2) \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{69}}{2} \cos \theta \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{138}}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{138}}\right)$$

(3) Let  $\vec{w} = \frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} = \frac{\vec{u}}{3\sqrt{2}}$ , then  $\vec{w}$  is the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{u}$ . Thus  $-5\vec{w} = -\frac{5}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is the vector.

[5] 2. Let  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  be vectors of length 3, 2 and 6 respectively. Suppose  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 3$ ,  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 5$  and  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 2$ . Find  $\|\vec{u} - \vec{v} - \vec{w}\|^2$ .

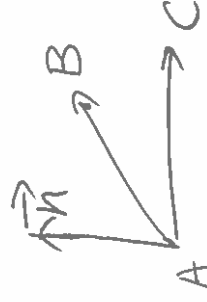
$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{u} - \vec{v} - \vec{w}\|^2 &= (\vec{u} - \vec{v} - \vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v} - \vec{w}) \\ &= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} \\ &= 3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2 - 2 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= 9 + 4 + 36 - 6 - 10 + 4 = 37. \end{aligned}$$

- [10] 3. (a) Find the equation of the plane which contains the points  $A(2, 1, 3)$ ,  $B(3, -1, 5)$  and  $C(0, 2, -4)$ .

(b) Find the area of the triangle ABC.

$$(a) \vec{AB} = (1, -2, 2), \vec{AC} = (-2, 1, -7)$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 12\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$



Then choose A as a base point, the equation of a plane:

$$\vec{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x-2 \\ y-1 \\ z-3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 12(x-2) + 3(y-1) - 3(z-3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12x + 3y - 3z = 18$$

$$(b) S_{\Delta ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{12^2 + 3^2 + (-3)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{144 + 9 + 9} = \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2} \left( = \frac{\sqrt{162}}{2} \right)$$

- [6] 4. Does the line  $l_1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  intersect the plane  $4x + y - 4z = 14$ ? If yes, find the point of intersection.

The direction vector of  $l_1$  is  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ , the normal vector of  $\Pi$  is  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 8 + 1 + 16 = 25 \neq 0$$

Thus, they will intersect.

From  $l_1$ ,  $x = -1 + 2t$ ,  $y = 1 + t$ ,  $z = 2 - 4t$ . Substituting them into the equation of the plane gives

$$4(-1 + 2t) + (1 + t) - 4(2 - 4t) = 14 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$\therefore x = -1 + 2 = 1$ ,  $y = 1 + 1 = 2$ ,  $z = 2 - 4 = -2$ . The point is  $(1, 2, -2)$ .

[12] 5. (a) Find the distance from  $P(-1, 2, 1)$  and the line  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Find the distance from  $P(1, -1, 1)$  to the plane  $2x - y + z = 2$ .

(a) Choose a point  $A(1, 2, 3)$  on the line.

$\vec{AP} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , the direction vector is  $\vec{v}$



$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{AP} = \frac{\vec{AP} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

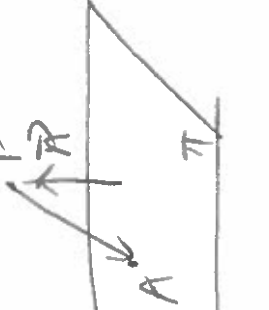
$$= \frac{-4}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AP} - \text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{AP} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ 4/3 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = \|\vec{AP} - \text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{AP}\| = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \sqrt{1+4+1} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

(b) Choose a point  $A(1, 0, 0)$  on the plane

$\vec{PA} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , the normal vector is  $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



$$\text{Proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{PA} = \frac{\vec{PA} \cdot \vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|^2} \cdot \vec{n} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{4+1+1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-2}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = \|\text{Proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{PA}\| = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{4+1+1} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

- [8] 6. Are vectors  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  linearly independent?

[50] Suppose  $\exists k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$  such that

$$k_1 \vec{u} + k_2 \vec{v} + k_3 \vec{w} + k_4 \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} k_2 + k_3 - k_4 = 0 \\ k_1 + k_2 + 2k_4 = 0 \\ k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $k_4 = t$ , then

$$\begin{cases} k_2 + k_3 = t \\ k_1 + k_2 = -2t \\ k_1 + k_3 = -t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = -t \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} k_1 = -2t \\ k_2 = 0 \\ k_3 = t \\ k_4 = t \end{cases}$$

In conclusion, the solution for the above equations are  $k_2 = 0$  and  $k_3 = k_4 = -\frac{k_1}{2}$ . In particular, one can let  $k_1 = 2$ , and we get  $2\vec{u} - \vec{w} - \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , and hence vectors  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{w}$  and  $\vec{x}$  are linearly dependent.