

SOLUTIONS

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NOTE:

1. Show all your work.
2. No calculators are permitted.
3. No scratch paper is allowed. Use the back of a page if necessary, but indicate you are doing so with a $\rightarrow$.
4. Put a BOX around your final answers where appropriate.
5. Only what is written in INK can be regraded.

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[8] 1. Complete the following sentences.

- (a) A vector that is perpendicular to a plane is said to be normal to the plane.
- (b) For two non-collinear vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$ the nonzero vector $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$.
- (c) Two vectors are orthogonal if their dot product is equal to 0.
- (d) A vector is said to be a unit vector if its length is equal to 1.
- (e) In order to solve a linear system, you first form the associated augmented matrix, and then use elementary row operations to reduce the matrix into row-reduced echelon form. This procedure is called Gauss-Jordan elimination.

[12] 2. Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2, 2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 1, 0)$ and P be the point $(1, 3, -2)$.

- (a) Write down a vector of length 4 that is parallel to $\mathbf{u}$.

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{u}$ is a unit vector in the direction of $\mathbf{u}$, so

$$\frac{4}{3}\mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{8}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right) \text{ is a vector of length 4 that is parallel to } \mathbf{u}$$

- (b) Write down the parametric form of the equation of the line that contains P and is parallel to $\mathbf{u}$.

Point-parallel form: $\underline{x}(t) = (1, 3, -2) + t(1, -2, 2), t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$= (1+t, 3-2t, -2+2t)$$

Parametric form: $\begin{cases} x = 1+t \\ y = 3-2t \\ z = -2+2t \end{cases}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

2. (continued) Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2, 2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 1, 0)$ and P be the point $(1, 3, -2)$.

(c) Find the point-normal form of the equation of the plane containing P that has $\mathbf{v}$ as a normal.

$$(-1, 1, 0) \cdot (\underline{x} - (1, 3, -2)) = 0$$

(d) Find the standard form of the equation of the plane that completely contains both $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$.

A normal to the plane will be $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \left(\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (-2, -2, -1)$$

As the plane contains the origin $(0, 0, 0)$, the point-normal form is

$$(-2, -2, -1) \cdot (\underline{x} - (0, 0, 0)) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (-2, -2, -1) \cdot (x, y, z) - (0, 0, 0) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2x - 2y - z = 0$$

$$(or \ 2x + 2y + z = 0)$$

- [10] 3. Find the point on the plane $x - 2y + 3z = 5$ closest to the point $(0, 3, 4)$.

A normal to the plane is $\underline{n} = (1, -2, 3)$, and the point-parallel line ℓ through $P(0, 3, 4)$ with direction vector $\underline{n}$ has the equation

$$\underline{x} = (0, 3, 4) + t(1, -2, 3), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\rightarrow (x, y, z) = (t, 3 - 2t, 4 + 3t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

As the point on the plane closest to $(0, 3, 4)$ must lie on this line, we find the correct value of t as below:

$$t - 2(3 - 2t) + 3(4 + 3t) = 5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t - 6 + 4t + 12 + 9t = 5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 14t = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t = -\frac{1}{14}$$

So the point on the plane closest to $(0, 3, 4)$ is

$$\left(-\frac{1}{14}, 3 - 2\left(-\frac{1}{14}\right), 4 + 3\left(-\frac{1}{14}\right)\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{14}, \frac{22}{7}, \frac{53}{14}\right).$$

[10] 4. Find all of the the solutions to the following linear system:

$$x + 2y - 3z = 4$$

$$x + 3y + z = 11$$

$$2x + 5y - 4z = 13$$

$$2x + 6y + 2z = 22$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & 13 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & 22 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 14 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 + (-1)R_1 \\ R_3 + (-2)R_1 \\ R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -11 & -10 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 + (-2)R_2 \\ R_3 + (-1)R_2 \\ R_4 + (-2)R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -11 & -10 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] (-\frac{1}{2})R_3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 + 11R_3 \\ R_2 + (-4)R_3 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$ The solution is $(x, y, z) = (1, 3, 1)$, i.e. $x=1, y=3, z=1$.

- [10] 5. For what values of k will the linear system have (i) no solutions, (ii) a unique solution, (iii) infinitely many solutions?

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - 3z &= 4 \\ 3x - y + 5z &= 2 \\ 4x + y + (k^2 - 14)z &= k + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving using augmented matrices:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & k^2-14 & k+2 \end{array} \right] \leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & -7 & k^2-2 & k-14 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{10}{7} \\ 0 & -7 & k^2-2 & k-14 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\leftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{10}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & k^2-16 & k-4 \end{array} \right]$$

So (i) there are no solutions if $\frac{k^2-16}{(k-4)(k+4)} = 0$ and $k-4 \neq 0$, that is, if $k = -4$.

(ii) there are infinitely many solutions if $k^2-16=0$ and $k-4=0$, that is, if $k=4$.

(iii) there is a unique solution if $k^2-16 \neq 0$, that is, if $k \neq -4, 4$.