

**Question 1.** If the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$ ,  $3\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ , and  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  is equal to 20.

a. (5 marks) Find all the values of the scalar triple product  $\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$ .

$$20 = |(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot [(2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}) \times (3\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})]|$$

$$\pm 20 = (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot [(2\mathbf{u}) \times (3\mathbf{v}) + (2\mathbf{u}) \times (-\mathbf{w}) + (3\mathbf{v}) \times (3\mathbf{v}) + (3\mathbf{v}) \times (-\mathbf{w})]$$

$$\pm 20 = (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot [6(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) - 2(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) - 3(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})]$$

$$\pm 20 = \mathbf{u} \cdot (6(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})) + \mathbf{u} \cdot (-2(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})) + \mathbf{u} \cdot (-3(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})) - \mathbf{v} \cdot (6(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})) - \mathbf{v} \cdot (-2(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})) - \mathbf{v} \cdot (-3(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}))$$

$$\pm 20 = 6(\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})) - 2\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) - 3(\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})) - 6\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) + 3\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$$

$$\pm 20 = -3\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$$

$$\pm 20 = -3 \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\pm 20 = -3(-1) R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{vmatrix} + 2(-1) R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

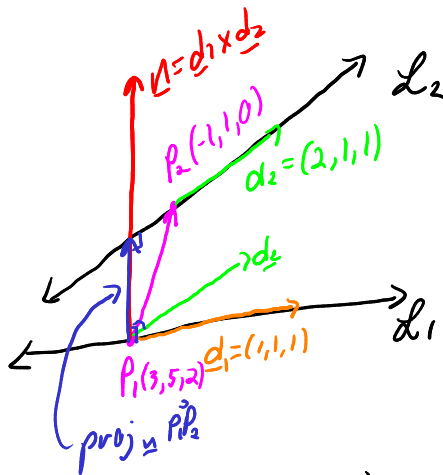
$$\pm 20 = 3(\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})) + 2(-1)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\pm 20 = 3(\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})) + 2(\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}))$$

$$\pm 20 = 5(\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}))$$

$$\pm 4 = \mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$$

**Question 2.** (5 marks) Show that the lines  $(L_1): \begin{cases} x = 3 + t \\ y = 5 + t \\ z = 2 + t \end{cases}$ , and  $(L_2): \begin{cases} x = -1 + 2s \\ y = 1 + s \\ z = s \end{cases}$ ,  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$  are skew lines, and find the distance between them.



$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{d}_1 \times \mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 1, -1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{P_1P_2} &= \vec{OP_2} - \vec{OP_1} \\ &= (-1, 1, 0) - (3, 5, 2) \\ &= (-4, -4, -2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}} \vec{P_1P_2} &= \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \vec{P_1P_2}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n} \\ &= \frac{(0, 1, -1) \cdot (-4, -4, -2)}{(0, 1, -1) \cdot (0, 1, -1)} (0, 1, -1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{-4 + 2}{1 + (-1)^2} (0, 1, -1) = -\frac{2}{2} (0, 1, -1) = -1(0, 1, -1) \quad \text{distance} = \|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}} \vec{P_1P_2}\| = \|-1(0, 1, -1)\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Let's show that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are skew lines.

$L_1 \nparallel L_2$  since  $\nexists k$  st.  $\mathbf{d}_1 = k\mathbf{d}_2$ .

Let's show that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  do not intersect

$$\begin{cases} 3+t = -1+2s \\ 5+t = 1+s \\ 2+t = s \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t-2s = -4 \\ t-s = -4 \\ t-s = -2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{matrix} -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{matrix} -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The above is inconsistent.  $\therefore$  no intersection between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$

$\therefore L_1$  and  $L_2$  are skew lines.

**Question 3.** (4 marks) Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22} \mid 2a - b + 3c - d = 0 \right\}$ . Determine whether  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_{22}$ .

$W$  is non-empty since  $0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$  because  $2(0) - 0 + 3(0) - 0 = 0$ .

① Closure under addition

$$\text{Let } M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \in W \Rightarrow 2a_1 - b_1 + 3c_1 - d_1 = 0$$

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W \Rightarrow 2a_2 - b_2 + 3c_2 - d_2 = 0$$

$$M_1 + M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & d_1 + d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } & 2(a_1 + a_2) - (b_1 + b_2) + 3(c_1 + c_2) - (d_1 + d_2) \\ &= \underbrace{2a_1 - b_1 + 3c_1 - d_1}_0 + \underbrace{2a_2 - b_2 + 3c_2 - d_2}_0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

② Closure under scalar multiplication

$$\text{Let } M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in W \Rightarrow 2a - b + 3c - d = 0$$

$$r \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$rM = \begin{bmatrix} ra & rb \\ rc & rd \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } & 2(ra) - (rb) + 3(rc) - (rd) \\ &= r(2a - b + 3c - d) \\ &= r(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore W$  is a subspace by subspace test since closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

**Question 4.** (3 marks) Show that the additive inverse of any vector in a vector space is unique. Show every step, justify every step, and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

Suppose that  $\underline{w}_1$  and  $\underline{w}_2$  are two distinct additive inverses of  $\underline{v}$ :

$$\text{By axiom (5) we have } \underline{v} + \underline{w}_1 = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{w}_2 = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{v} + \underline{w}_1 = \underline{v} + \underline{w}_2$$

$$\underline{w}_1 + (\underline{v} + \underline{w}_1) = \underline{w}_1 + (\underline{v} + \underline{w}_2)$$

$$(\underline{w}_1 + \underline{v}) + \underline{w}_1 = (\underline{w}_1 + \underline{v}) + \underline{w}_2 \text{ by axiom (3)}$$

$$\underline{0} + \underline{w}_1 = \underline{0} + \underline{w}_2 \text{ by axiom (5)}$$

$$\underline{w}_1 = \underline{w}_2 \text{ by axiom (4)}$$



$\therefore$  additive inverses are unique.

**Question 5.** (2 marks) Determine whether  $U = \{(r, 0, s) \mid r^2 + s^2 = 2 \text{ and } r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a vector space with the usual operations in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$U$  is not a vector space since  $\underline{u} = (1, 0, 1) \in U$  since  $1^2 + 1^2 = 2$

but  $\underline{u} + \underline{u} = (2, 0, 2) \notin U$  since  $2^2 + 2^2 \neq 2$

$\therefore$  not closed under addition.