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TEST 3 (A)

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Question 1. (10 marks)(a) Find a vector that is orthogonal to both $\vec{u} = (3, 2, -1)$ and $\vec{v} = (1, -1, -1)$.(b) Find the area of the parallelogram defined by \vec{u} and \vec{v} .

$$(a) \quad \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \boxed{(-3, 2, -5)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Area} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 2^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 25}$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{38}}$$

Question 2. (10 marks)

(a) Explain briefly how the placement of the brackets in the scalar triple product $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$ matters.

(b) Find the volume of the parallelepiped defined by the vectors $\vec{u} = (2, -1, 3)$, $\vec{v} = (1, -2, -1)$ and $\vec{w} = (4, -2, 1)$

(a) $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$ is possible
to compute
it is the dot product of
TWO VECTORS

$(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) \times \vec{w}$ is impossible
to compute it is cross product
OF SCALAR & VECTOR

$$(b) \left| \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \right| = \text{volume}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = (-4, -5, 6)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left| \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \right| = \left| (2, -1, 3) \cdot (-4, -5, 6) \right|$$
$$= \left| -8 + 5 + 18 \right|$$
$$= \left| 15 \right| = \boxed{15}$$

Question 3. (10 marks)

Find an equation for the plane passing through the points $A(1,2,0)$, $B(-1,3,2)$ and $C(0,2,1)$.

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

$$\vec{AC} = (-1, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = (1, 0, 1)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

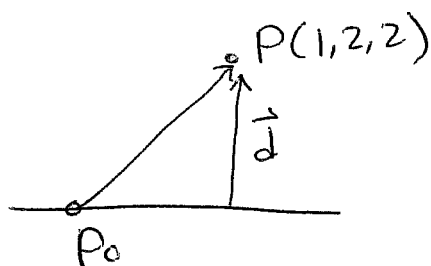
$$x + z + d = 0$$

$$A(1,2,0) \rightarrow 1 + 0 + d = 0$$
$$d = -1$$

$$\boxed{x + z - 1 = 0}$$

Question 4. (10 marks)

Find the distance between the line $(x, y, z) = (1 + t, -2 - 3t, 2t)$ and the point $P(1, 2, 2)$.



$P_0(1, -2, 0)$ is on the line

$$\vec{P_0P} = (0, 4, 2)$$

\vec{v} is the direction vector of the line

$$\vec{v} = (1, -3, 2)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{P_0P} = \left(\frac{\vec{P_0P} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \right) \vec{v}$$

$$= \frac{-8}{14} (1, -3, 2) = \left(-\frac{4}{7}, \frac{12}{7}, -\frac{8}{7} \right)$$

$$\vec{d} = \vec{P_0P} - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{P_0P}$$

$$= (0, 4, 2) - \left(-\frac{4}{7}, \frac{12}{7}, -\frac{8}{7} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{16}{7}, \frac{22}{7} \right) = \frac{2}{7} (2, 8, 11)$$

$$\|\vec{d}\| = \frac{2}{7} (\sqrt{2^2 + 8^2 + 11^2}) = \boxed{\frac{2}{7} \sqrt{189}}$$

Question 5. (10 marks)

Find parametric equations for the line that is perpendicular to the plane $x - y + 2z + 2 = 0$ and passes through the point $P(1, 2, 3)$

$\vec{n} = (1, -1, 2)$ this is the direction
VECTOR FOR THE line

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3) + (1, -1, 2)t$$

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

Question 6. (10 marks)

Find an equation for the plane that is perpendicular to the plane $4x - y - z + 2 = 0$ and contains the line $(x, y, z) = (2 - 2t, 3t, 1 - t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n}_1 &= (4, -1, -1) \\ \vec{d} &= (-2, 3, -1)\end{aligned}$$

NORMAL, PARALLEL to
PLANE we are looking
FOR
DIRECTION VECTOR OF
Line

$$\vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{d} = (4, 6, 10)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

point on the plane (FROM the line)
 $P(2, 0, 1)$

$$4x + 6y + 10z + d = 0$$

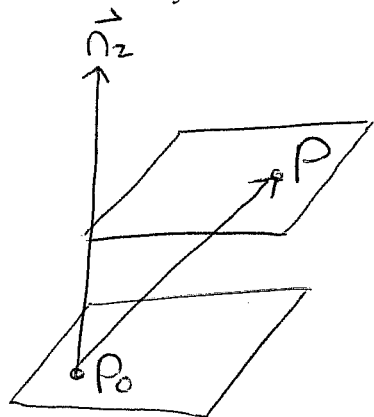
$$4(2) + 6(0) + 10(1) + d = 0$$

$$18 + d = 0 \quad d = -18$$

$$4x + 6y + 10z - 18 = 0$$

Question 7. (10 marks)

Find the distance between the two parallel planes $2x - y + z + 3 = 0$ and $4x - 2y + 2z - 3 = 0$.



P is on PLANE 1 $P(0, 3, 0)$

P_0 is on PLANE 2 $P_0(3/4, 0, 0)$

$$\vec{P_0P} = (-3/4, 3, 0)$$

$$\vec{n_2} = (4, -2, 2)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{n_2}} \vec{P_0P} = \left(\frac{\vec{P_0P} \cdot \vec{n_2}}{\vec{n_2} \cdot \vec{n_2}} \right) \vec{n_2}$$

$$= \frac{-3-6}{24} (4, -2, 2)$$

$$= -9/24 (4, -2, 2) = -9/12 (2, -1, 1) \\ = -3/4 (2, -1, 1)$$

$$\text{distance} = \left\| -3/4 (2, -1, 1) \right\| \\ = 3/4 \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} \\ = 3/4 \sqrt{6}$$

Question 8.

(a) (5 marks)

Show that the set of all 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix}$ with the standard matrix addition and scalar multiplication is **NOT** a vector space.

(b) (10 marks)

Let V be the set of all positive real numbers with operations

$$x + y = xy$$

$$kx = x^k$$

Prove that V satisfies axioms 4 and 5 for vector spaces (see back page for vector space axioms).

(a) AXIOM 1 FAILS

$$\text{If } U = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \text{ \& } V = \begin{bmatrix} c & 1 \\ 1 & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ are in } V$$

$$\text{Then } U + V = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & 2 \\ 2 & b+d \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not in } V$$

(b) AXIOM 4

$$\text{The } 0_V = 1$$

$$\text{Then } x + 0_V = x + 1 = x \cdot 1 = x$$

AXIOM 5

$$-x = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Then } x + (-x) = x \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = 1 = 0_V$$

BONUS (5 marks)

Let $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$. Prove that \vec{u} is orthogonal to $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$.

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = (u_2 v_3 - v_2 u_3, -(u_1 v_3 - v_1 u_3), u_1 v_2 - v_1 u_2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = u_1 u_2 v_3 - u_1 v_2 u_3 - u_2 u_1 v_3 + u_2 v_1 u_3 + u_3 u_1 v_2 - u_3 v_1 u_2$$

$$= 0$$

So \vec{u} & $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ are orthogonal.

Vector Space Axioms

1- If u and v are objects in V , then $u + v$ is in V .

$$2- u + v = v + u$$

$$3- u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

4- There is an object 0_v called a zero object for V such that $0_v + u = u$ for all u in V .

5- For each u in V , there is an object $-u$ in V called a negative of u such that $u + (-u) = 0_v$

6- If k is any scalar and u is any object in V , then ku is in V

$$7- k(u+v) = ku + kv$$

$$8- (k+m)u = ku + mu$$

$$9- k(mu) = (km)u$$

$$10- 1u = u$$