

4-4.2-21

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LINEAR FORMS (PARAMETERS)

Question:

4.2.21 Find the direction and normal vectors of the line $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$.

Solution:

| Parameter | Description |
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| \vec{m} | Direction vector |
| \vec{n} | Normal vector |
| \vec{h} | Intercept vector |
| \vec{x} | Vector which represents points on the line |

TABLE .1
PARAMETERS USED

The direction vector can be found as follows:

The equation of the line is given by

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32 \quad (.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C \\ F \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ \frac{9}{5}C + 32 \end{pmatrix} = C \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{9}{5} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 32 \end{pmatrix} \quad (.2)$$

yielding

$$\vec{x} = \vec{h} + k\vec{m}$$

where \vec{h} is any point on the line and

$$\vec{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{9}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

The normal vector can be found as follows:

$$\vec{m}^T \vec{n} = 0 \quad (.3)$$

$$\vec{n}^T \vec{x} = \vec{n}^T \vec{h} + k\vec{n}^T \vec{m} \quad (.4)$$

$$\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{9}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (.5)$$

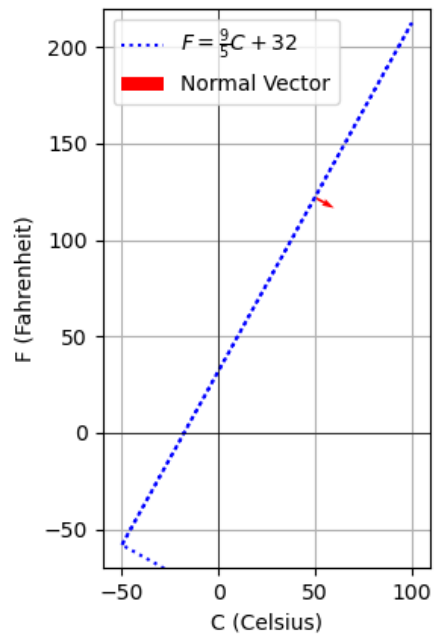


Fig. .1. Graphical representation of the vectors.