



MAT 216

Problem Sheet - 1:

Solve the following Problems:

1. Find two equations for c & d where the linear combination $cv + dw$ equals b and

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, w = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Using component form notation for vectors:

- (i) Sketch the vector $\vec{v} = (2, -1)$ starting at $P = (3, 2)$ and find its magnitude.
- (ii) Find the component form of the vector \vec{w} whose initial point is $R = (-3, -2)$ and terminal point is $S = (-1, 2)$.
- (iii) Sketch the vector $\vec{u} = (2, -1, 3)$ starting at the point $Q = (1, 1, 1)$ and find its magnitude.

3. Let $v_1 = (0, 1, -1)$, $v_2 = (-1, 0, 1)$, $v_3 = (1, -1, 0)$, $v_4 = (3, 2, -5)$, $v_5 = (1, 1, 1)$ be the vectors.

- (i) Show that v_3 is a linear combination of v_1 & v_2 .
- (ii) Verify that v_4 is a linear combination of v_1 & v_3 .
- (iii) Verify that v_4 is a linear combination of v_1 & v_2 .

4. Let $u = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$, $v = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $w = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the following:

- (i) $5u - 2v$,
- (ii) $-2u + 4v - 3w$.

5. Let $v_1 = (1, 1, 1)$, $v_2 = (1, 2, 3)$, $v_3 = (2, -1, 1)$, $v_4 = (1, -2, 5)$ be the vectors.
- (iv) Show that v_4 is a linear combination of v_1 , v_2 & v_3 .
6. Let $u = (5, 4, 1)$, $v = (3, -4, 1)$, $w = (1, -2, 3)$, Which pair of vectors are perpendicular.
7. Find the vector u identified with the directed line segment \overrightarrow{PQ} for the points:
- (i) $P(1, -2, 4)$ & $Q(6, 1, -5)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 ,
- (ii) $P(2, 3, -6, 5)$ & $Q(7, 1, 4, -8)$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .