



Analytical Geometry and Linear Algebra 1

Cross product
Dot product

Questions from the class



No questions for today

Lab 1, Task 3: answers



Basis in \mathbb{R}^2

A **set** of vectors is a *basis* of \mathbb{R}^2 if it spans \mathbb{R}^2 and this set is **linearly independent**.

Check for each case if the following set of vectors is a basis or not.
Explain your answer.

1. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ —

2. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

3. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ —

4. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

5. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ —

6. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ —



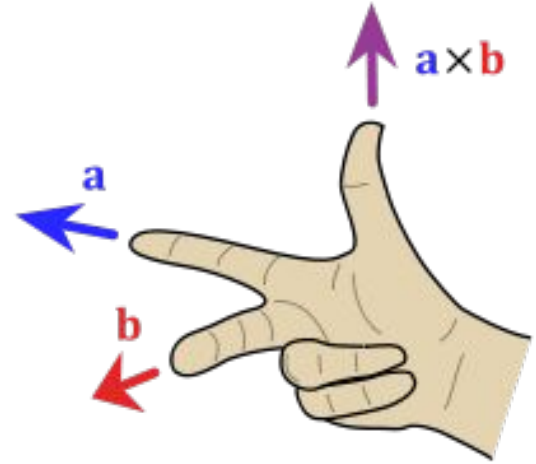
Lab objectives, 1st part

1. What does cross product mean?
2. How to calculate it?
3. What the properties of cross product, how to use it?

Cross product: Definition

$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is defined as a vector \mathbf{c} that is perpendicular (orthogonal) to both \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , with:

- *direction* given by the right-hand rule
- *magnitude equal to the area* of the parallelogram that the vectors span





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Cross product: where it can be used?

1. Physics: angular velocity, torque
2. Find a vector, which are perpendicular to the plane
3. Find a square of parallelogram



How to calculate it?

2 Approaches for full vector:

1. Classical one
2. Using skew-symmetric matrix

1 Approach for only magnitude:

1. Geometrical representation



Classical one

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(X) = a * d - b * c$$

Skew-symmetric matrix



$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix} \quad c = a \times b \Rightarrow c = \hat{a}b$$

vectors \Rightarrow matrices

$a \times \Rightarrow \hat{a}$: a skew-symmetric matrix

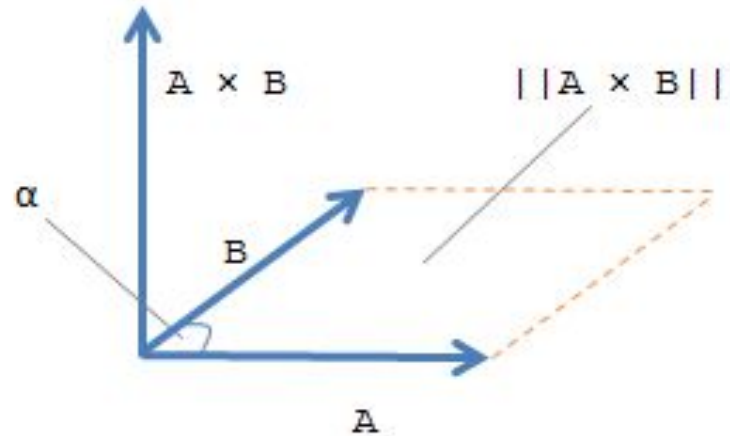
$$c = \hat{a}b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{c = \hat{a}b}$$

Geometrical representation

$$\|A \times B\| = \|A\| \|B\| \sin \alpha$$

$\|A \times B\|$ - area

$\|A\|$ - length of the vector



Case study



Calculate cross product between **a** and **b**

$$\mathbf{a} = [-2; -2; 10]$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [-4; 1; 10]$$

Classic

$$\begin{aligned} (-2, -2, 10) \times (-4, 1, 10) &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 & -2 & 10 \\ -4 & 1 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 10 \\ 1 & 10 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 10 \\ -4 & 10 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -30\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k} \\ &= (-30, -20, -10) \end{aligned}$$

Skew-symmetric

$$[\vec{a} \times] \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -10 & -2 \\ 10 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ -20 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$



Cross product properties

1. $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = -(\bar{b} \times \bar{a});$
2. $\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} + \bar{c}) = \bar{a} \times \bar{b} + \bar{a} \times \bar{c};$
3. $(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) \times \bar{c} = \bar{a} \times \bar{c} + \bar{b} \times \bar{c};$
4. $\overline{\lambda a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{a} \times \overline{\lambda b} = \lambda \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b});$
5. $\bar{a} \times \bar{a} = \bar{0};$
6. $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \bar{0} \Leftrightarrow \bar{a} \parallel \bar{b}$

Task 1



Find cross product, if

$$\text{VAR1} \quad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{VAR3} \quad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{VAR2} \quad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{VAR4} \quad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Task 2

2. Simplify the expressions:

(a) $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b});$

(b) $(3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{c}) \times (2\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{c}).$

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a = sym('a',[3 1]);
b = sym('b',[3 1]);
simplify(cross(a+b,a-b))
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ans =

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2a_3b_2 - 2a_2b_3 \\ 2a_1b_3 - 2a_3b_1 \\ 2a_2b_1 - 2a_1b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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>> 2 * cross(b,a)
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ans =

$$\begin{aligned} &2*a_3*b_2 - 2*a_2*b_3 \\ &2*a_1*b_3 - 2*a_3*b_1 \\ &2*a_2*b_1 - 2*a_1*b_2 \end{aligned}$$

Task 3



A triangle is constructed on vectors $\mathbf{a}(2; 4; -1)$ and $\mathbf{b}(-2; 1; 1)$.

- (a) Find the area of this triangle.
- (b) Find the altitudes of this triangle.



Lab objectives, 2nd part

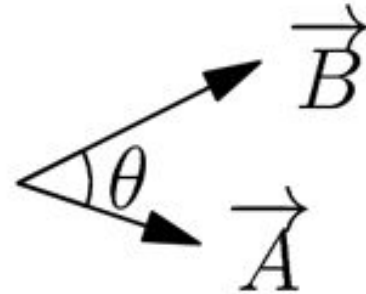
1. What does dot product mean?
2. How to calculate it?
3. How to use it?

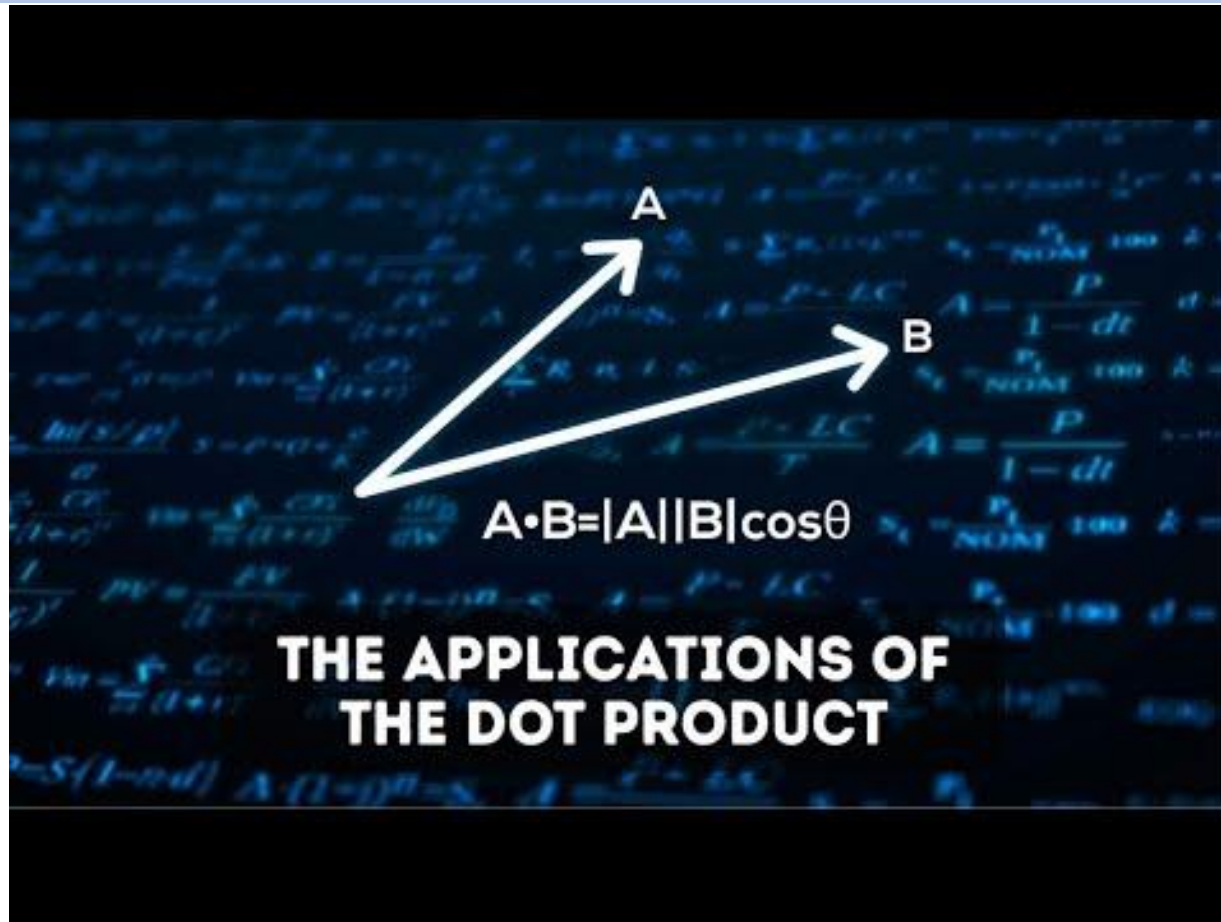
Dot product: Definition

Definition: $\vec{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \sum a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$

This is a scalar.

Geometrically $\vec{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} = |\vec{\mathbf{A}}| |\vec{\mathbf{B}}| \cos(\theta)$





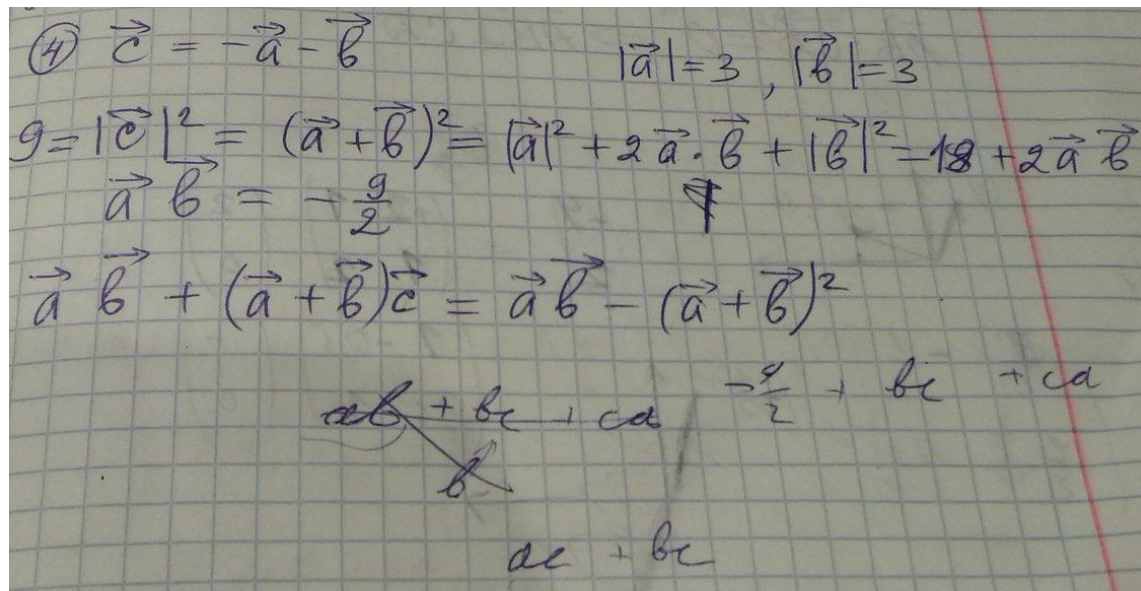
Task 4 and 5



1. Find $|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 2\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - 7|\mathbf{b}|^2$ given that $|\mathbf{a}| = 4$, $|\mathbf{b}| = 1$, $\angle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = 150^\circ$.
2. Find the angle¹ between $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Task 6

All three vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} have length of 3 and $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$. Find $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}$



④ $\vec{c} = -\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ $|\vec{a}|=3, |\vec{b}|=3$

$$9 = |\vec{c}|^2 = (\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = 18 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -\frac{9}{2}$$
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - (\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2$$
$$\cancel{ab} + bc + ca = -\frac{9}{2} + bc + ca$$
$$ac + bc$$

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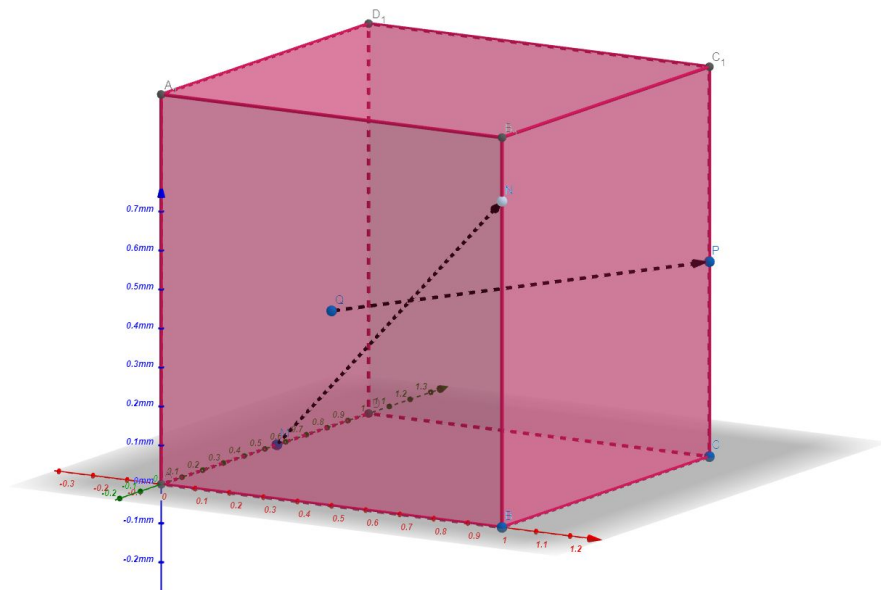
super low-fidelity prototype

Task 7 (1)

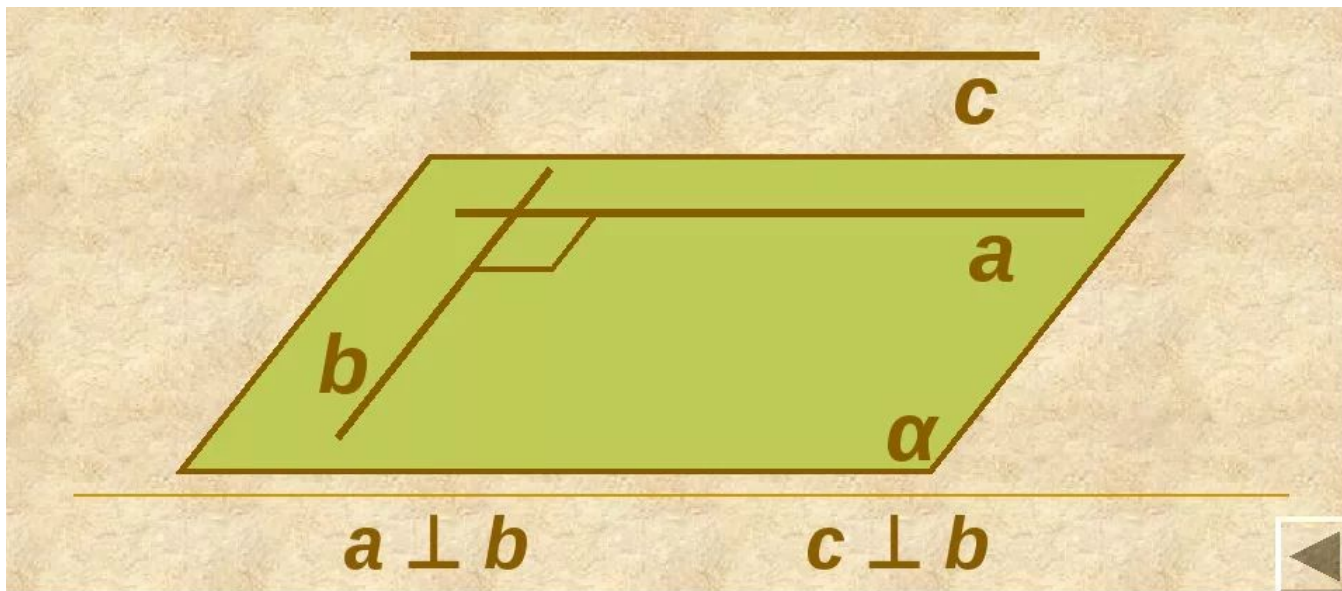


5. The edges of cube $ABCD A_1 B_1 C_1 D_1$ have length of 1. P is a midpoint of CC_1 , and Q is a center of face $AA_1 B_1 B$. Points M and N belong to lines AD and $A_1 B_1$ respectively, and at that MN intersects with PQ and is perpendicular to it. Find MN .

Task 7 Geogebra (2)



Task 7 (3)



It is needed to make 2 equations: 1 for perpendicularity, 2nd - intersection

Task 8



7. There are two vectors on some basis $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 - x \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - 2x \\ x^2 - 2x + 1 \end{bmatrix}$. It is needed to find x , when:
- (a) vectors are collinear;
 - (b) they have the same direction.

Task 8



Condition of vectors collinearity

Two vectors are collinear, if any of these conditions done:

Condition of vectors collinearity 1. Two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are collinear if there exists a number n such that

$$\vec{a} = n \cdot \vec{b}$$

Condition of vectors collinearity 2. Two **vectors are collinear** if relations of their coordinates are equal.

N.B. Condition 2 is not valid if one of the components of the vector is zero.

Condition of vectors collinearity 3. Two **vectors are collinear** if their cross product is equal to the zero vector.

N.B. Condition 3 applies only to three-dimensional (spatial) problems.

Task 9



8. There are two vectors $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. \mathbf{c} length equal to 1. The vector is perpendicular to \mathbf{a} . The angle between \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} is $\arccos(\sqrt{\frac{2}{27}})$. Find the coordinates of \mathbf{c} . How many solutions the task have?



Best extra extra materials

- 1) RUS - [Матпрофи](#)
- 2) ENG - [OnlineMSchool](#) - not only explanation, but also online calculators
- 3) ENG Videos - [3Blue1Brown](#)
- 4) ENG Lectures - [Gilbert Strang](#) - AGLA2 based on the course

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🏠 Room 105 (Underground robotics lab)