

# MATRICES In Geometry

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## 1 VECTORS

Consider a triangle with vertices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

## 1.1 Sides

1.1.1. The direction vector of  $AB$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.1.1)$$

Find the direction vectors of  $AB, BC$  and  $CA$ .

**Solution:**

a) The Direction vector of  $AB$  is

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 - 1 \\ 6 - (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.2)$$

b) The Direction vector of  $BC$  is

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 - (-4) \\ -5 - 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.3)$$

c) The Direction vector of  $CA$  is

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (-3) \\ -1 - (-5) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.4)$$

1.1.2. The length of side  $BC$  is

$$c = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \triangleq \sqrt{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})} \quad (1.1.2.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^T \triangleq (1 \quad -1) \quad (1.1.2.2)$$

Similarly,

$$b = \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|, a = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (1.1.2.3)$$

Find  $a, b, c$ .

a) From (1.1.1.2),

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \quad (1.1.2.5)$$

$$= \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}} = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (7)^2} \quad (1.1.2.6)$$

$$= \sqrt{74} \quad (1.1.2.7)$$

b) Similarly, from (1.1.1.3),

$$a = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1.1.2.8)$$

$$= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (11)^2} = \sqrt{122} \quad (1.1.2.9)$$

and from (1.1.1.4),

c)

$$b = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1.1.2.10)$$

$$= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{32} \quad (1.1.2.11)$$

1.1.3. Points  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.1.3.1)$$

Are the given points in (1) collinear?

**Solution:** From (1),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \\ -1 & 6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{2}{5}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{48}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.3)$$

There are no zero rows. So,

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 3 \quad (1.1.3.4)$$

Hence, the points  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are not collinear. This is visible in Fig. 1.1.3.



Fig. 1.1.3:  $\triangle ABC$

1.1.4. The parametric form of the equation of  $AB$  is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{m} \quad k \neq 0, \quad (1.1.4.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (1.1.4.2)$$

is the direction vector of  $AB$ . Find the parametric equations of  $AB, BC$  and  $CA$ .

**Solution:** From (1.1.4.1) and (1.1.1.2), the parametric

equation for  $AB$  is given by

$$AB : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.3)$$

Similarly, from (1.1.1.3) and (1.1.1.4),

$$BC : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.4)$$

$$CA : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.5)$$

1.1.5. The normal form of the equation of  $AB$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} \quad (1.1.5.3)$$

Find the normal form of the equations of  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CA$ .

**Solution:**

a) From (1.1.1.3), the direction vector of side  $BC$  is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.5)$$

from (1.1.5.3). Hence, from (1.1.5.1), the normal equation of side  $BC$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow BC : \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -38 \quad (1.1.5.8)$$

b) Similarly, for  $AB$ , from (1.1.1.2),

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.10)$$

and

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (1.1.5.13)$$

c) For  $CA$ , from (1.1.1.4),

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.1.5.17)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.1.5.18)$$

1.1.6. The area of  $\triangle ABC$  is defined as

$$\frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| \quad (1.1.6.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \triangleq \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.2)$$

Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Solution:** From (1.1.1.2) and (1.1.1.4),

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -7 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.6.4)$$

$$= 5 \times 4 - 4 \times (-7) \quad (1.1.6.5)$$

$$= 48 \quad (1.1.6.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{48}{2} = 24 \quad (1.1.6.7)$$

which is the desired area.

1.1.7. Find the angles  $A, B, C$  if

$$\cos A \triangleq \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|} \quad (1.1.7.1)$$

**Solution:**

a) From (1.1.1.2), (1.1.1.4), (1.1.2.7) and (1.1.2.11)

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.2)$$

$$= -8 \quad (1.1.7.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos A = \frac{-8}{\sqrt{74} \sqrt{32}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{37}} \quad (1.1.7.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \cos^{-1} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{37}} \quad (1.1.7.5)$$

b) From (1.1.1.2), (1.1.1.3), (1.1.2.7) and (1.1.2.9)

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.6)$$

$$= 82 \quad (1.1.7.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos B = \frac{82}{\sqrt{74} \sqrt{122}} = \frac{41}{\sqrt{2257}} \quad (1.1.7.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \cos^{-1} \frac{41}{\sqrt{2257}} \quad (1.1.7.9)$$

c) From (1.1.1.3), (1.1.1.4), (1.1.2.9) and (1.1.2.11)

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.7.10)$$

$$= 40 \quad (1.1.7.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos C = \frac{40}{\sqrt{32} \sqrt{122}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{61}} \quad (1.1.7.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \cos^{-1} \frac{5}{\sqrt{61}} \quad (1.1.7.13)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/sides.py

## 1.2 Median

1.2.1. If  $\mathbf{D}$  divides  $BC$  in the ratio  $k : 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.2.1.1)$$

Find the mid points  $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$  of the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively.

**Solution:** Since  $\mathbf{D}$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ ,

$$k = 1, \quad (1.2.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.3)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.1.5)$$

1.2.2. Find the equations of  $AD, BE$  and  $CF$ .

**Solution:**

a) The direction vector of  $AD$  is

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.2)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $AD$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \quad (1.2.2.4)$$

b) For  $BE$ ,

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.6)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $BE$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -6 \quad (1.2.2.8)$$

c) For median  $CF$ ,

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{15}{2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.10)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $CF$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.2.2.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = -10 \quad (1.2.2.12)$$

1.2.3. Find the intersection  $\mathbf{G}$  of  $BE$  and  $CF$ .

**Solution:** From (1.2.2.8) and (1.2.2.12), the equations of

$BE$  and  $CF$  are, respectively,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.2)$$

From (1.2.3.1) and (1.2.3.2) the augmented matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -6 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & -16 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1/8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.5)$$

using Gauss elimination. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.3.6)$$

1.2.4. Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.1)$$

**Solution:**

a) From (1.2.1.4) and (1.2.3.6),

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = 2(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.2.4.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\| = 2\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.2.4.4)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{BG}{GE} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.5)$$

b) From (1.2.1.5) and (1.2.3.6),

$$\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C} = 2(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.2.4.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C}\| = 2\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.2.4.8)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{CG}{GF} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.9)$$

c) From (1.2.1.3) and (1.2.3.6),

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.4.10)$$

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A} = 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.2.4.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A}\| = 2\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.2.4.12)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.13)$$

From (1.2.4.5), (1.2.4.9), (1.2.4.13)

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.2.4.14)$$

1.2.5. Show that  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are collinear.

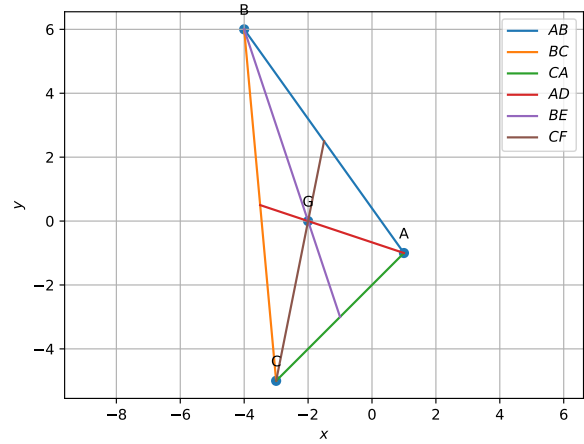


Fig. 1.2.5: Medians of  $\triangle ABC$  meet at  $\mathbf{G}$ .

**Solution:** Points  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{G}$  are defined to be collinear if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.2.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{7}{2} & -2 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{7}{2} & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{2}{3}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.5.3)$$

Thus, the matrix (1.2.5.1) has rank 2 and the points are collinear. Thus, the medians of a triangle meet at the point  $\mathbf{G}$ . See Fig. 1.2.5.

1.2.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.1)$$

$\mathbf{G}$  is known as the *centroid* of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \quad (1.2.6.2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1.2.7. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.2.7.1)$$

The quadrilateral  $AFDE$  is defined to be a parallelogram.

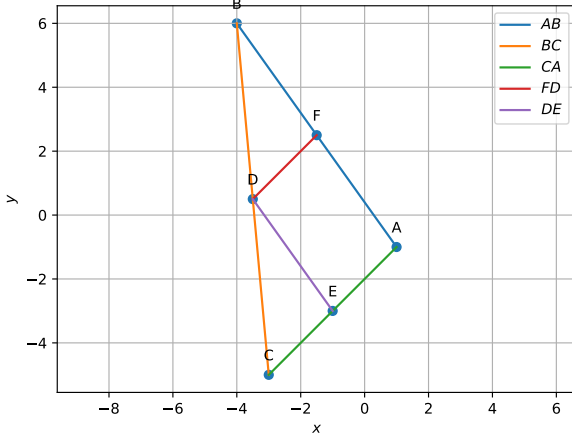


Fig. 1.2.7:  $AFDE$  forms a parallelogram in triangle  $ABC$

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.2)$$

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.7.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.2.7.4)$$

See Fig. 1.2.7,

All codes for this section are available in

codes/triangle/medians.py  
codes/triangle/pgm.py

### 1.3 Altitude

1.3.1.  $\mathbf{D}_1$  is a point on  $BC$  such that

$$AD_1 \perp BC \quad (1.3.1.1)$$

and  $AD_1$  is defined to be the altitude. Find the normal vector of  $AD_1$ .

**Solution:** The normal vector of  $AD_1$  is the direction vector  $BC$  and is obtained from (1.1.1.3) as

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.1.2)$$

1.3.2. Find the equation of  $AD_1$ .

**Solution:** The equation of  $AD_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.3.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -12 \quad (1.3.2.2)$$

1.3.3. Find the equations of the altitudes  $BE_1$  and  $CF_1$  to the sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  respectively.

**Solution:**

a) From (1.1.1.4), the normal vector of  $CF_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.1)$$

and the equation of  $CF_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.3.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.3.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 20, \quad (1.3.3.4)$$

b) Similarly, from (1.1.1.2), the normal vector of  $BE_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.5)$$

and the equation of  $BE_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.3.3.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.3.3.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2, \quad (1.3.3.8)$$

1.3.4. Find the intersection  $\mathbf{H}$  of  $BE_1$  and  $CF_1$ .

**Solution:** The intersection of (1.3.3.8) and (1.3.3.4), is obtained from the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.1)$$

which can be solved as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -7 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -12 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{-12}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{17}{6} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.3)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.3.4.4)$$

See Fig. 1.3.4.1

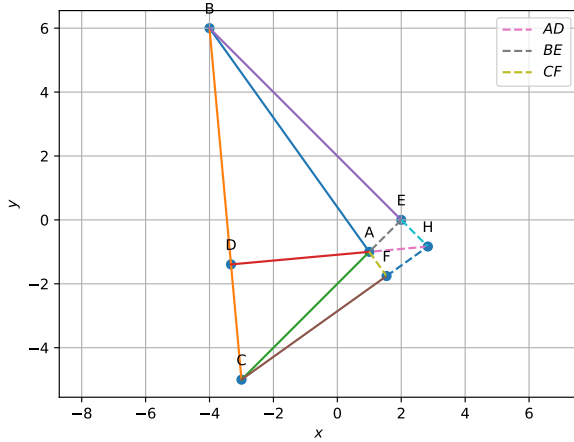


Fig. 1.3.4.1: Altitudes  $BE_1$  and  $CF_1$  intersect at  $\mathbf{H}$

1.3.5. Verify that

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.3.5.1)$$

**Solution:** From (1.3.4.4),

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H} = -\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.5.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.3.5.3)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/altitude.py

## 1.4 Perpendicular Bisector

1.4.1. The equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  is

$$\left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.4.1.1)$$

Substitute numerical values and find the equations of the perpendicular bisectors of  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CA$ .

**Solution:** From (1.1.1.2), (1.1.1.3), (1.1.1.4), (1.2.1.3), (1.2.1.4) and (1.2.1.5),

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.1.2)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.1.3)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.1.4)$$

$$(1.4.1.5)$$

yielding

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - \frac{-7}{2} \\ y - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 9 \quad (1.4.1.6)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - \frac{-3}{2} \\ y - \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} = -25 \quad (1.4.1.7)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - \frac{-1}{2} \\ y - \frac{-3}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 16 \quad (1.4.1.8)$$

Thus, the perpendicular bisectors are obtained from (1.4.1.1) as

$$BC: \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 9 \quad (1.4.1.9)$$

$$CA: \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -25 \quad (1.4.1.10)$$

$$AB: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -4 \quad (1.4.1.11)$$

1.4.2. Find the intersection  $\mathbf{O}$  of the perpendicular bisectors of  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

**Solution:**

The intersection of (1.4.1.10) and (1.4.1.11), can be obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 & -25 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 5R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 & -25 \\ 0 & 12 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.2.1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{12}{7}R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{60}{7} & 0 & \frac{-265}{7} \\ 0 & 12 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{12}R_2, R_1 \leftarrow \frac{7}{60}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-53}{12} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-53}{12} \\ \frac{5}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.2.3)$$

1.4.3. Verify that  $\mathbf{O}$  satisfies (1.4.1.1).  $\mathbf{O}$  is known as the circumcentre.

**Solution:** Substituting from (1.4.2.3) in (1.4.1.1), when





Fig. 1.4.5.1: Circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  with centre  $O$ .

substituted in the above equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \mathbf{O} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right)^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= \left( \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} -53 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^T \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1.4.3.1)$$

1.4.4. Verify that

$$OA = OB = OC \quad (1.4.4.1)$$

1.4.5. Draw the circle with centre at  $O$  and radius

$$R = OA \quad (1.4.5.1)$$

This is known as the *circumradius*.

**Solution:** See Fig. 1.4.5.1.

1.4.6. Verify that

$$\angle BOC = 2\angle BAC. \quad (1.4.6.1)$$

**Solution:**

a) To find the value of  $\angle BOC$  :

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{12} \\ \frac{17}{12} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{12} \\ \frac{-65}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) = \frac{-4270}{144} \quad (1.4.6.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{4514}}{12}, \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{4514}}{12} \quad (1.4.6.4)$$

Thus,

$$\cos BOC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\|} = \frac{-4270}{4514} \quad (1.4.6.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BOC = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-4270}{4514} \right) \quad (1.4.6.6)$$

$$= 161.07536^\circ \text{ or } 198.92464^\circ \quad (1.4.6.7)$$

b) To find the value of  $\angle BAC$  :

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.6.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = -8 \quad (1.4.6.9)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{74}, \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = 4\sqrt{2} \quad (1.4.6.10)$$

Thus,

$$\cos BAC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{-8}{4\sqrt{148}} \quad (1.4.6.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-8}{4\sqrt{148}} \right) \quad (1.4.6.12)$$

$$= 99.46232^\circ \quad (1.4.6.13)$$

From (1.4.6.13) and (1.4.6.7),

$$2 \times \angle BAC = \angle BOC \quad (1.4.6.14)$$

1.4.7. Let

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.7.1)$$

where

$$\theta = \angle BOC \quad (1.4.7.2)$$

Verify that

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (1.4.7.3)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/perp-bisect.py

### 1.5 Angle Bisector

1.5.1. Let  $D_3, E_3, F_3$ , be points on  $AB, BC$  and  $CA$  respectively such that

$$BD_3 = BF_3 = m, CD_3 = CE_3 = n, AE_3 = AF_3 = p. \quad (1.5.1.1)$$

Obtain  $m, n, p$  in terms of  $a, b, c$  obtained in Problem 1.1.2.

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$a = m + n, \quad (1.5.1.2)$$

$$b = n + p, \quad (1.5.1.3)$$

$$c = m + p \quad (1.5.1.4)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.6)$$

Using row reduction,

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.5.1.7)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.5.1.8)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2 \\ R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2 \end{matrix}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.5.1.9)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \leftarrow 2R_2 - R_3 \\ R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.5.1.10)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.11)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{c + b - a}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{74} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{122}}{2} \\ m &= \frac{a + c - b}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{74} + \sqrt{122} - \sqrt{32}}{2} \\ n &= \frac{a + b - c}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{122} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{74}}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.5.1.12)$$

upon substituting from (1.1.2.7), (1.1.2.9) and (1.1.2.11).

1.5.2. Using section formula, find

$$D_3 = \frac{mC + nB}{m + n}, E_3 = \frac{nA + pC}{n + p}, F_3 = \frac{pB + mA}{p + m} \quad (1.5.2.1)$$

1.5.3. Find the circumcentre and circumradius of  $\triangle D_3E_3F_3$ .

These are the *incentre* and *inradius* of  $\triangle ABC$ .

1.5.4. Draw the circumcircle of  $\triangle D_3E_3F_3$ . This is known as the *incircle* of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 1.5.4.1

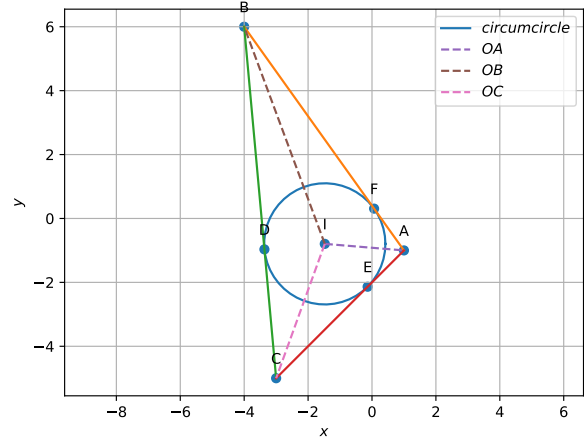


Fig. 1.5.4.1: Incircle of  $\triangle ABC$

1.5.5. Using (1.1.7.1) verify that

$$\angle BAI = \angle CAI. \quad (1.5.5.1)$$

$AI$  is the bisector of  $\angle A$ .

1.5.6. Verify that  $BI, CI$  are also the angle bisectors of  $\triangle ABC$ . All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/ang-bisect.py

## 1.6 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

The equation of the incircle is given by

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (1.6.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{O}, f = \|\mathbf{O}\|^2 - r^2, \quad (1.6.2)$$

$\mathbf{O}$  being the incentre and  $r$  the inradius. Here  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.

1.6.1. Compute

$$\Sigma = (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})^T - g(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{V} \quad (1.6.1.1)$$

for  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{A}$ .

1.6.2. Find the roots of the equation

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \Sigma| = 0 \quad (1.6.2.1)$$

These are known as the eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$ .

1.6.3. Find  $\mathbf{p}$  such that

$$\Sigma \mathbf{p} = \lambda \mathbf{p} \quad (1.6.3.1)$$

using row reduction. These are known as the eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ .

1.6.4. Define

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.6.4.1)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{p}_1}{\|\mathbf{p}_1\|} & \frac{\mathbf{p}_2}{\|\mathbf{p}_2\|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.6.4.2)$$

1.6.5. Verify that

$$\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1}. \quad (1.6.5.1)$$

$\mathbf{P}$  is defined to be an orthogonal matrix.

1.6.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{P}^T \Sigma \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}, \quad (1.6.6.1)$$

This is known as the spectral (eigenvalue) decomposition of a symmetric matrix

1.6.7. The direction vectors of the tangents from a point  $\mathbf{h}$  to the circle in (1.6.1) are given by

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \\ \pm \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.6.7.1)$$

1.6.8. The points of contact of the pair of tangents to the circle in (1.6.1) from a point  $\mathbf{h}$  are given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m} \quad (1.6.8.1)$$

where

$$\mu = -\frac{\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \quad (1.6.8.2)$$

for  $\mathbf{m}$  in (1.6.7.1). Compute the points of contact. You should get the same points that you obtained in the previous section.

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/tangpair.py

## 2 MATRICES

The matrix of the vertices of the triangle is defined as

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

### 2.1 Vectors

2.1. Obtain the direction matrix of the sides of  $\triangle ABC$  defined as

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.3)$$

where the second matrix above is known as a *circulant* matrix. Note that the 2nd and 3rd row of the above matrix are circular shifts of the 1st row.

2.2. Obtain the normal matrix of the sides of  $\triangle ABC$

**Solution:** Considering the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.1.2.1)$$

the normal matrix is obtained as

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{M} \quad (2.1.2.2)$$

2.3. Obtain  $a, b, c$ .

**Solution:** The sides vector is obtained as

$$\mathbf{d} = \sqrt{\text{diag}(\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M})} \quad (2.1.3.1)$$

2.4. Obtain the constant terms in the equations of the sides of the triangle.

**Solution:** The constants for the lines can be expressed in vector form as

$$\mathbf{c} = \text{diag}\{(\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{P})\} \quad (2.1.4.1)$$

### 2.2 Median

2.2.1. Obtain the mid point matrix for the sides of the triangle

**Solution:**

$$(\mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{F}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.1.1)$$

2.2.2. Obtain the median direction matrix.

**Solution:** The median direction matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{F} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.2.1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2} & \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{A}}{2} & \mathbf{C} - \frac{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.2.2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.2.3)$$

2.2.3. Obtain the median normal matrix.

2.2.4. Obtain the median equation constants.

2.2.5. Obtain the centroid by finding the intersection of the medians.

### 2.3 Altitude

2.3.1. Find the normal matrix for the altitudes

**Solution:** The desired matrix is

$$\mathbf{M}_2 = (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (2.3.1.1)$$

$$= (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.3.1.2)$$

2.3.2. Find the constants vector for the altitudes.

**Solution:** The desired vector is

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \text{diag} \{(\mathbf{M}_2^\top \mathbf{P})\} \quad (2.3.2.1)$$

### 2.4 Perpendicular Bisector

2.4.1. Find the normal matrix for the perpendicular bisectors

**Solution:** The normal matrix is  $\mathbf{M}_2$

2.4.2. Find the constants vector for the perpendicular bisectors.

**Solution:** The desired vector is

$$\mathbf{c}_3 = \text{diag} \{ \mathbf{M}_2^\top (\mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{F}) \} \quad (2.4.2.1)$$

### 2.5 Angle Bisector

2.5.1. Find the points of contact.

**Solution:** The points of contact are given by

$$\left( \frac{m\mathbf{C}+n\mathbf{B}}{m+n} \quad \frac{n\mathbf{A}+p\mathbf{C}}{n+p} \quad \frac{p\mathbf{B}+m\mathbf{A}}{p+m} \right) = (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{n}{b} & \frac{m}{c} \\ \frac{n}{a} & 0 & \frac{p}{c} \\ \frac{m}{a} & \frac{p}{b} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.1.1)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/mat-alg.py

## 3 LENGTH

3.1 Compute the magnitude of the following vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad (3.1.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \quad (3.1.3)$$

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.4)$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{a}} = \sqrt{3}, \quad (3.1.5)$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{b}} = \sqrt{62}, \quad (3.1.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{c}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c}} = 1 \quad (3.1.7)$$

3.2 Find the value of x for which  $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  is a unit vector.

**Solution:**

$$\because \mathbf{x} = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \implies x\sqrt{3} = 1 \quad (3.2.1)$$

$$\text{or, } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (3.2.2)$$

3.3 If  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$ , then is it true that  $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}| + |\mathbf{c}|$ ? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3.1)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3.2)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{11}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{14}, \|\mathbf{c}\| = 3. \quad (3.3.3)$$

Thus

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \neq \|\mathbf{b}\| + \|\mathbf{c}\| \quad (3.3.4)$$

3.4 If  $\vec{a}$  is a nonzero vector of magnitude 'a' and  $\lambda$  a nonzero scalar, then  $\lambda\vec{a}$  is a unit vector if

- $\lambda = 1$
- $\lambda = -1$
- $a = |\lambda|$
- $a = 1/|\lambda|$

## 4 DIRECTION

4.1 For given vectors,  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (4.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.3)$$

which is the desired the unit vector.

- 4.2 Find a vector in the direction of vector  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  which has magnitude 8 units.

**Solution:** Let the required vector be

$$c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.2.1)$$

From the given information,

$$\left\| c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 8 \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| = \frac{4\sqrt{30}}{15} \quad (4.2.3)$$

- 4.3 Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .
- 4.4 Find the unit vector in the direction of vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are the points (1, 2, 3) and (4, 5, 6), respectively.
- 4.5 Find a vector of magnitude 5 units, and parallel to the resultant of the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{10} \quad (4.5.2)$$

From problem 4.1, the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  is

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5.3)$$

The desired vector can then be expressed as

$$\pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5.4)$$

- 4.6 Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points  $\mathbf{A}$  (1, 2, -3) and  $\mathbf{B}$  (-1, -2, 1), directed from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Solution:** The unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.1)$$

and the direction cosines are the elements of the above vector.

- 4.7 Show that the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is equally inclined to the axes  $\text{OX}$ ,  $\text{OY}$  and  $\text{OZ}$ .

**Solution:** Since all entries of the given vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.1)$$

are equal, it is equally inclined to the axes.

- 4.8 If a line has the direction ratios -18, 12, -4, then what are its direction cosines?

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -18 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.8.1)$$

Then the unit direction vector of the line is

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{9}{11} \\ \frac{6}{11} \\ -\frac{2}{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.8.2)$$

- 4.9 Find the direction cosines of the sides of a triangle whose vertices are  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** Let the vertices be

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.1)$$

The direction vectors of the sides are,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_2, \quad (4.9.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -10 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_3, \quad (4.9.3)$$

The corresponding unit vectors are then obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{-3}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-4}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{-5}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.4)$$

- 4.10 Find the direction cosines of the vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** The unit vector in the direction of the given vector is

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10.1)$$

- 4.11 Find the direction cosines of a line which makes equal angles with the coordinate axes.

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha$  be the angle made by the line with the

axes. The unit direction vector can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \quad (4.11.1)$$

$$\text{or, } \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (4.11.2)$$

Thus the unit direction vector of the given line is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.11.3)$$

- 4.12 Write down a unit vector in XY-plane, making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of x-axis.

### 5 SCALAR PRODUCT

- 5.1 Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  with magnitudes  $\sqrt{3}$  and 2 respectively having  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{3}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = 2, \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{6} \quad (5.1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (5.1.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \theta = 45^\circ \quad (5.1.3)$$

- 5.2 Find the angle between the the vectors  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5.2.1)$$

From problem 5.1,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{14}} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (5.2.2)$$

- 5.3 Find  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$ , if  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$  and  $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$ .

**Solution:**

$$\because (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 8, \|\mathbf{a}\| = 8\|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (5.3.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (5.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|8\mathbf{b}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (5.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (5.3.4)$$

Thus,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = 8\|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (5.3.5)$$

- 5.4 Evaluate the product  $(3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b})$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (3\mathbf{a} - 5\mathbf{b})^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) &= 3\mathbf{a}^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) - 5\mathbf{b}^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) \\ &= 6\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - 35\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 11\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \end{aligned} \quad (5.4.1)$$

- 5.5 Find the magnitude of two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is

$60^\circ$  and their scalar product is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Solution:** Given

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|, \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (5.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (5.5.2)$$

by using the definition of the scalar product.

- 5.6 Find  $|\vec{x}|$ , if for a unit vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}) = 12 \quad (5.6.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = 12 \quad (5.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{13} \quad (5.6.3)$$

- 5.7 If the vertices  $A, B, C$  of a triangle  $ABC$  are  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(-1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 2)$ , respectively, then find  $\angle ABC$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.7.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \cos^{-1} \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|} \quad (5.7.2)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \frac{10}{\sqrt{102}} \quad (5.7.3)$$

$$(5.7.4)$$

- 5.8 Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Let the desired vector be  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then,

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.8.1)$$

$$(5.8.2)$$

$$\because \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.8.3)$$

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5.8.4)$$

(5.8.2) can be expressed as

$$\left\{ (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.8.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.8.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.8.7)$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.8.8)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 = \frac{R_2}{4}]{R_2 = 3R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.8.9)$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_1 = \frac{R_1}{3}]{R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.8.10)$$

yielding

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \implies \mathbf{x} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.8.11)$$

Thus, the desired unit vector is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.8.12)$$

5.9 If a unit vector  $\vec{a}$  makes angles  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$ , then find  $\theta$  and hence, the components of  $\vec{a}$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.9.1)$$

$$\therefore \|\mathbf{a}\| = 1, \quad (5.9.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad (5.9.3)$$

$$\implies \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad (5.9.4)$$

$\therefore \theta$  is an acute angle. Hence

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.9.5)$$

5.10 If  $\theta$  is the angle between two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \geq 0$  only when

- a)  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$
- b)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
- c)  $0 < \theta < \pi$
- d)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \cos \theta \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (5.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \geq 0 \implies \cos \theta \geq 0 \quad (5.10.2)$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \quad (5.10.3)$$

5.11 Find the angle between x-axis and the line joining points (3,-1) and (4,-2).

**Solution:** The direction vector of the given line is

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.11.1)$$

Hence, the desired angle is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{e}_1}{\|\mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{e}_1\|} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (5.11.2)$$

$$\implies \theta = 135^\circ \quad (5.11.3)$$

5.12 The slope of a line is double of the slope of another line. If tangent of the angle between them is  $1/3$ , find the slopes of the lines.

**Solution:** The direction vectors of the lines can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2m \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.12.1)$$

If the angle between the lines be  $\theta$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3} \implies \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \quad (5.12.2)$$

Thus,

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \quad (5.12.3)$$

$$= \frac{2m^2 + 1}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1} \sqrt{4m^2 + 1}} \quad (5.12.4)$$

$$\implies \frac{9}{10} = \frac{4m^4 + 4m^2 + 1}{4m^4 + 5m^2 + 1} \quad (5.12.5)$$

$$\text{or, } 4m^4 - 5m^2 + 1 = 0 \quad (5.12.6)$$

yielding

$$m = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1 \quad (5.12.7)$$

5.13 Find angle between the lines,  $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$  and  $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$ .

**Solution:** From the given equations, the normal vectors can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.13.1)$$

The angle between the lines can then be expressed as

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (5.13.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \theta = 30^\circ \quad (5.13.3)$$

5.14 The scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with a unit vector along the sum of vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is equal to one. Find the value of  $\lambda$ .

5.15 Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them. Then  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  is a unit vector if

- a)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- b)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$
- c)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- d)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

5.16 If  $\theta$  is the angle between any two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$  when  $\theta$  is equal to

- a) 0
- b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- d)  $\pi$

5.17 A vector  $\mathbf{r}$  has a magnitude 14 and direction ratios 2, 3, -6. Find the direction cosines and components of  $\mathbf{r}$ , given that  $\mathbf{r}$  makes an acute angle with x-axis.

5.18 Find the angle between the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

5.19 If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are the three vectors such that  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = 0$  and  $|\mathbf{a}| = 2, |\mathbf{b}| = 3, |\mathbf{c}| = 5$ , the value of  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}$  is

- a) 0
- b) 1

- c) -19  
d) 38
- 5.20 If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = 0$ , then the value of  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}$  is  
a) 1  
b) 3  
c)  $\frac{-3}{2}$   
d) None of these
- 5.21 The angles between two vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  with magnitude  $\sqrt{3}, 4$  respectively, and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$  is  
a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$   
c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$   
d)  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$
- 5.22 The vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  bisects the angle between the non-collinear vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  if \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.23 The vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$  are the adjacent sides of a parallelogram. The acute angle between its diagonals is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.24 If  $\mathbf{a}$  is any non-zero vector, then  $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{i})\hat{i} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{j})\hat{j} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{k})\hat{k}$  equals \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.25 If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are adjacent sides of a rhombus, then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ .
- 5.26 Find the angle between the lines

$$\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad (5.26.1)$$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad (5.26.2)$$

- 5.27 Find the angle between the lines whose direction cosines are given by the equations  $l + m + n = 0, l^2 + m^2 - n^2 = 0$ .
- 5.28 If a variable line in two adjacent positions has directions cosines  $l, m, n$  and  $l + \delta l, m + \delta m, n + \delta n$ , show that the small angle  $\delta\theta$  between the two positions is given by

$$\delta\theta^2 = \delta l^2 + \delta m^2 + \delta n^2 \quad (5.28.1)$$

- 5.29 The sine of the angle between the straight line  $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{5}$  and the plane  $2x - 2y + z = 5$  is  
a)  $\frac{10}{6\sqrt{5}}$   
b)  $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}$   
c)  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$   
d)  $\frac{10}{10}$
- 5.30 The plane  $2x - 3y + 6z - 11 = 0$  makes an angle  $\sin^{-1}(\alpha)$  with x-axis. The value of  $\alpha$  is equal to  
a)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
b)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$   
c)  $\frac{2}{7}$   
d)  $\frac{3}{7}$
- 5.31 The angle between the line  $\vec{r} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 5 = 0$  is  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{91}}\right)$ .

- 5.32 The angle between the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) = 4$  is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{\sqrt{58}}\right)$ .
- 5.33 Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them. Then  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  is a unit vector if  
a)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$   
b)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$   
c)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
d)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$
- 5.34 The value of  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$  is  
a) 0  
b) -1  
c) 1  
d) 3
- 5.35 If  $\theta$  is the angle between any two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$  when  $\theta$  is equal to  
a) 0  
b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$   
c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$   
d)  $\pi$

## 6 ORTHOGONALITY

- 6.1 Name the type of quadrilateral formed, if any, by the following points, and give reasons for your answer  
a)  $A(-1, -2), B(1, 0), C(-1, 2), D(-3, 0)$   
b)  $A(-3, 5), B(-3, 1), C(0, 3), D(-1, -4)$   
c)  $A(4, 5), B(7, 6), C(4, 3), D(1, 2)$

**Solution:** See Table 6.1, Fig. 6.1.1, Fig. 6.1.2. and Fig. 6.1.3. In b), forming the collinearity matrix

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{2}{3}R_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.1.1)$$

which is a rank 1 matrix. Hence,  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are collinear.

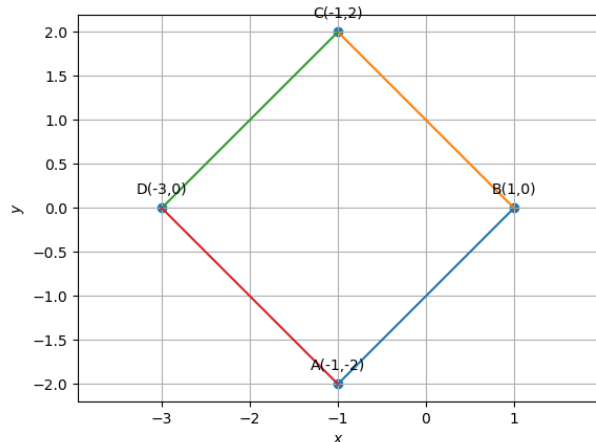


Fig. 6.1.1



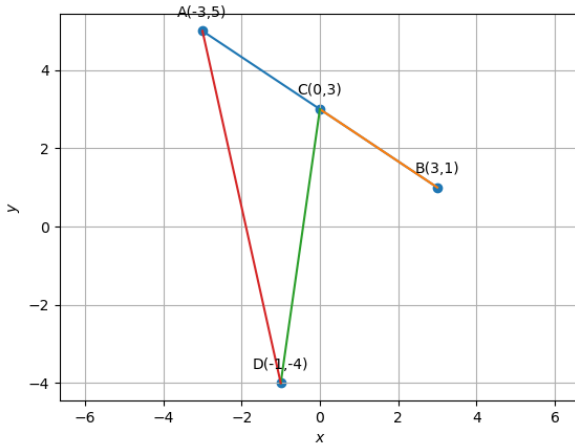


Fig. 6.1.2

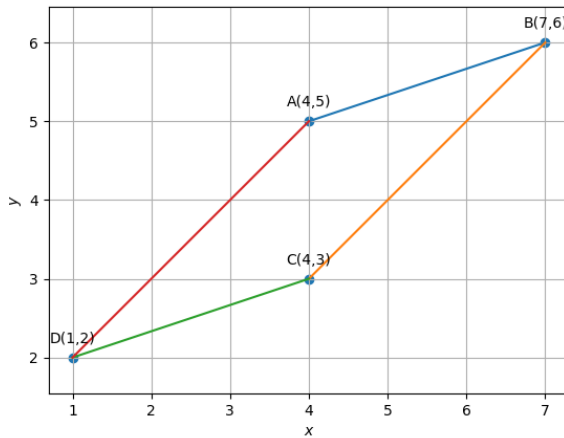


Fig. 6.1.3

	$\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{D}?$	$(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A})^T(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{D})=0?$	$(\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{A})^T(\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{B})=0$	Geometry
a)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Square
b)	No	-	-	Triangle
c)	Yes	No	No	Parallelogram

TABLE 6.1

6.2 Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  on the vector  $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.2.1)$$

The projection of  $\mathbf{A}$  on  $\mathbf{B}$  is defined as the foot of the perpendicular from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$  and obtained in (D.1.3). Substituting numerical values,

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{10}{19} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.2.2)$$

6.3 Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  on the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ .

**Solution:** The given points are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.3.1)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (6.3.2)$$

from (D.1.3), the projection vector is the origin. See Fig. 6.3.1.

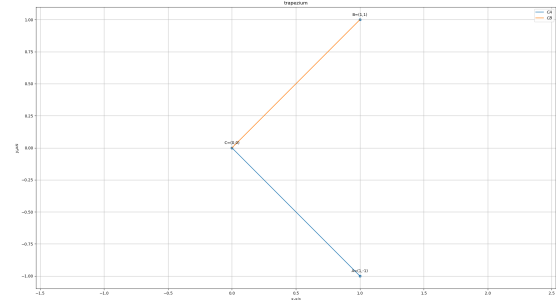


Fig. 6.3.1

6.4 Show that each of the given three vectors is a unit vector:  $\frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ ,  $\frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ ,  $\frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ . Also, show that they are mutually perpendicular to each other.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.4.1)$$

is an orthogonal matrix satisfying (D.5.1), which verifies the given conditions.

6.5 If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  are such that  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore (\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{c} = 0, \quad (6.5.1)$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c}} = 8, \quad (6.5.2)$$

upon substituting numerical values.

6.6 Show that  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| + |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$  is perpendicular to  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| - |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$ , for any two nonzero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} + \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (6.6.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} - \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (6.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a})^T (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a}) = 0 \quad (6.6.3)$$

from (D.2.1).

6.7 If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ , find the value of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \| \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \|^2 = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \| \mathbf{a} \|^2 + \| \mathbf{b} \|^2 + \| \mathbf{c} \|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a}) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & 3 + 2(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a}) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a} = -\frac{3}{2} \quad (6.7.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

6.8 If either vector  $\vec{a} = 0$  or  $\vec{b} = 0$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ . But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.8.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (6.8.2)$$

6.9 Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  from the vertices of a right angled triangle.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.9.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.9.2)$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (6.9.3)$$

6.10 Show that the points A, B and C with position vectors,  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ , respectively, form the vertices of a right angled triangle.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.10.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (6.10.2)$$

Hence,  $\triangle ABC$  is right angled at A.

6.11 Let  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Find a vector  $\mathbf{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 15$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (6.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (6.11.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{d} = 15 \quad (6.11.3)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^\top \\ \mathbf{b}^\top \\ \mathbf{c}^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.11.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.11.5)$$

Forming the augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & | & 15 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 & | & 15 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{9}{14}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{14} & | & 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.11.6)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{160}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{70}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.11.7)$$

upon back substitution.

6.12 Prove that  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2$ , if and only if  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  are perpendicular, given  $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\because (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^\top (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2, \quad (6.12.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (6.12.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (6.12.3)$$

6.13  $ABCD$  is a rectangle formed by the points  $A(-1, -1), B(-1, 4), C(5, 4)$  and  $D(5, -1)$ .  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$  are the mid-points of  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  respectively. Is the quadrilateral  $PQRS$  a square? a rectangle? or a rhombus? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** See Fig. 6.13.1. From (D.4.3),  $PQRS$  is a parallelogram.

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{3}{2}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.13.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}) \neq 0 \quad (6.13.2)$$

$$(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \quad (6.13.3)$$

Therefore  $PQRS$  is a rhombus.

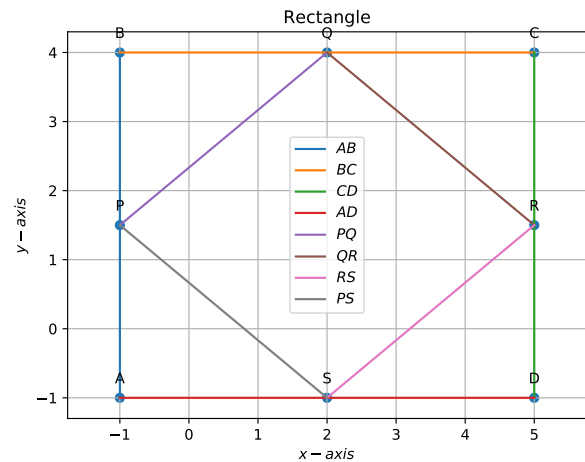


Fig. 6.13.1

6.14 Without using the Baudhayana theorem, show that the

points  $A(4, 4)$ ,  $B(3, 5)$  and  $C(-1, -1)$  are the vertices of a right angled triangle. See Fig. 6.14.1.

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.14.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (6.14.2)$$

Thus,  $AB \perp AC$ .

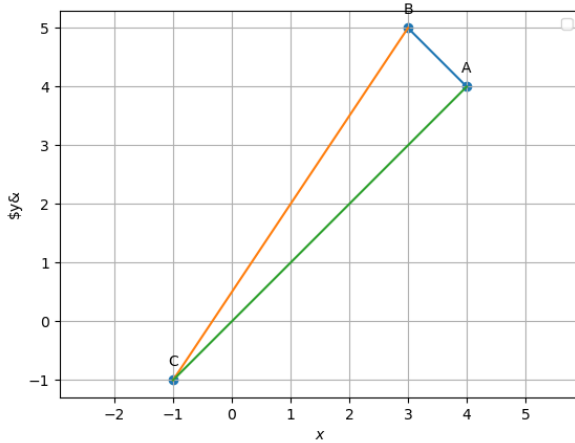


Fig. 6.14.1

6.15 The line through the points  $(h, 3)$  and  $(4, 1)$  intersects the line  $7x - 9y - 19 = 0$  at a right angle. Find the value of  $h$ .

**Solution:** The direction vectors of the given lines are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4-h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.15.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4-h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (6.15.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{22}{9} \quad (6.15.3)$$

See Fig. 6.15.1.

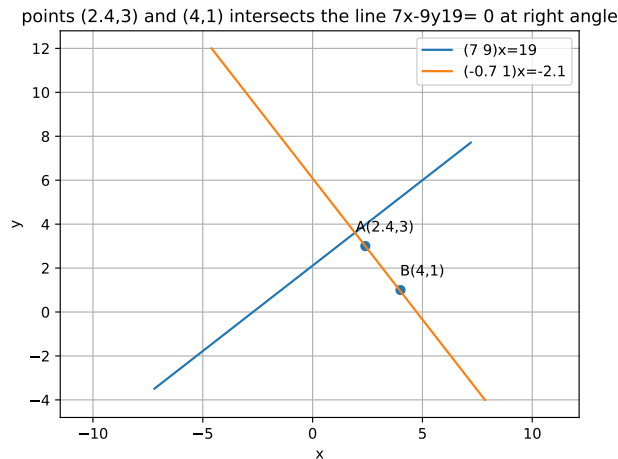


Fig. 6.15.1

6.16 In the following cases, determine whether the given planes are parallel or perpendicular, and in case they are neither, find the angles between them.

a)  $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$  and  $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$

b)  $2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0$  and  $x - 2y + 5 = 0$

c)  $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$  and  $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$

d)  $2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0$  and  $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$

e)  $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$  and  $y + z - 4 = 0$

**Solution:** See Table 6.16.

TABLE 6.16

$\mathbf{n}_1$	$\mathbf{n}_2$	$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2$	$\ \mathbf{n}_1\ $	$\ \mathbf{n}_2\ $	Angle
$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$	-44	$\sqrt{110}$	$\sqrt{110}$	$\cos^{-1} -\frac{2}{5}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	0			perpendicular
$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$	36	$\sqrt{24}$	$\sqrt{54}$	parallel
$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	14	$\sqrt{14}$	$\sqrt{14}$	parallel
$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	9	9	$\sqrt{2}$	$45^\circ$

6.17 Show that the line joining the origin to the point  $P(2, 1, 1)$  is perpendicular to the line determined by the points  $A(3, 5, -1)$ ,  $B(4, 3, -1)$ .

**Solution:**

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \square \quad (6.17.1)$$

6.18 If  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines, show that the direction cosines of the line perpendicular to both these are  $m_1n_2 - m_2n_1, n_1l_2 - n_2l_1, l_1m_2 - l_2m_1$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & m_1n_2 - m_2n_1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & n_1l_2 - n_2l_1 \\ n_1 & n_2 & l_1m_2 - l_2m_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.18.1)$$

satisfies (D.5.1). Hence, the three vectors are mutually perpendicular.

6.19 If the lines  $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{2k} = \frac{z-3}{2}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$  are perpendicular, find the value of  $k$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2k \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3k \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.19.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3 \ 2k \ 2)^\top \begin{pmatrix} 3k \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (6.19.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{10}{7} \quad (6.19.3)$$

See Fig. 6.19.1

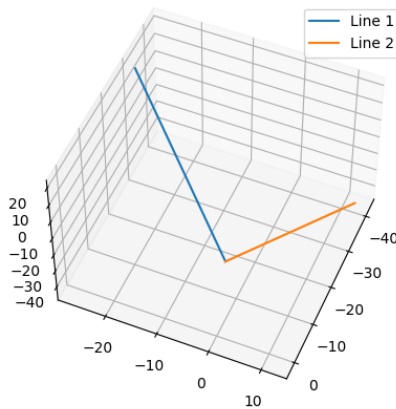


Fig. 6.19.1: lines represented for the given points and direction vector with  $k = -\frac{10}{7}$

- 6.20 If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the vector  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 15$  is equally inclined to  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .
- 6.21 If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$  is equally inclined to  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ .
- 6.22 Check whether  $(5, -2), (6, 4)$  and  $(7, -2)$  are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.
- 6.23 The perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(1, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(4, 6)$  cuts the  $y$ -axis at
- $(0, 13)$
  - $(0, -13)$
  - $(0, 12)$
  - $(13, 0)$
- 6.24 The point which lies on the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(-2, -5)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(2, 5)$  is
- $(0, 0)$
  - $(0, 2)$
  - $(2, 0)$
  - $(-2, 0)$
- 6.25 The points  $(-4, 0), (4, 0), (0, 3)$  are the vertices of
- right triangle
  - isosceles triangle
  - equilateral triangle
  - scalene triangle
- 6.26 The point  $\mathbf{A}(2, 7)$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{P}(6, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(0, -4)$ .
- 6.27 The points  $\mathbf{A}(-1, -2), \mathbf{B}(4, 3), \mathbf{C}(2, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{D}(-3, 0)$  in that order form a rectangle.
- 6.28 Name the type of triangle formed by the points  $\mathbf{A}(-5, 6), \mathbf{B}(-4, -2)$ , and  $\mathbf{C}(7, 5)$ .
- 6.29 What type of a quadrilateral do the points  $\mathbf{A}(2, -2), \mathbf{B}(7, 3), \mathbf{C}(11, -1)$ , and  $\mathbf{D}(6, -6)$  taken in that order, form?
- 6.30 Find the coordinates of the point  $\mathbf{Q}$  on the  $x$ -axis which lies on the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(-5, -2)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(4, -2)$ . Name the type of triangle formed by points  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- 6.31 The points  $\mathbf{A}(2, 9), \mathbf{B}(a, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(5, 5)$  are the vertices of a triangle  $\mathbf{ABC}$  right angled at  $\mathbf{B}$ . Find the values of  $a$  and hence the area of  $\triangle \mathbf{ABC}$ .
- 6.32 Find a vector of magnitude 6, which is perpendicular to both the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .
- 6.33 If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$  are the points with position vectors  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}, 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , respectively, find the projection of  $\overline{\mathbf{AB}}$  along  $\overline{\mathbf{CD}}$ .
- 6.34 Find the value of  $\lambda$  such that the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  are orthogonal.
- 0
  - 1
  - $\frac{3}{2}$
  - $-\frac{5}{2}$
- 6.35 Projection vector of  $\mathbf{a}$  on  $\mathbf{b}$  is
- $\left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|^2} \right)$
  - $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$
  - $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$
  - $\left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \right)$
- 6.36 The vectors  $\lambda\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$  are coplanar if
- $\lambda = -2$
  - $\lambda = 0$
  - $\lambda = 1$
  - $\lambda = -1$
- 6.37 The number of vectors of unit length perpendicular to the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is
- one
  - two
  - three
  - infinite
- 6.38 If  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0, \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$  for some non-zero vector  $\mathbf{r}$ , then the value of  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.39 If  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ , then the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are orthogonal.
- 6.40 Prove that the lines  $x = py + q, z = ry + s$  and  $x = p'y + q', z = r'y + s'$  are perpendicular if  $pp' + rr' + 1 = 0$ .
- 6.41 Find the equation of a plane which bisects perpendicularly the line joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(2, 3, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(4, 5, 8)$  at right angles.
- 6.42  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{AB}} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{CD}} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  are two vectors.

The position vectors of the points A and C are  $6\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-9\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ , respectively. Find the position vector of a point P on the line AB and a point Q on the line CD such that  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{CD}$  both.

- 6.43 Show that the straight lines whose direction cosines are given by  $2l + 2m - n = 0$  and  $mn + nl + lm = 0$  are at right angles.
- 6.44 If  $l_1, m_1, n_1; l_2, m_2, n_2; l_3, m_3, n_3$  are the direction cosines of the three mutually perpendicular lines, prove that the line whose direction cosines are proportional to  $l_1 + l_2 + l_3, m_1 + m_2 + m_3, n_1 + n_2 + n_3$  make angles with them.
- 6.45 The intercepts made by the plane  $2x - 3y + 5z + 4 = 0$  on the co-ordinate axis are  $\left(-2, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{5}\right)$ .
- 6.46 The line  $\overrightarrow{r} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  lies in the plane  $\overrightarrow{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 2 = 0$ .

## 7 VECTOR PRODUCT

- 7.1 Find  $|\overrightarrow{a} \times \overrightarrow{b}|$ , if  $\overrightarrow{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\overrightarrow{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** From (D.6.3),

$$|A_{23} \quad B_{23}| = \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -2 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (7.1.1)$$

$$|A_{31} \quad B_{31}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -19 \quad (7.1.2)$$

$$|A_{12} \quad B_{12}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 19, \quad (7.1.3)$$

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} |A_{23} \quad B_{23}| \\ |A_{31} \quad B_{31}| \\ |A_{12} \quad B_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 19\sqrt{2} \quad (7.1.4)$$

from (D.7.1).

- 7.2 Find  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$ .

**Solution:** From Appendix D.9, performing row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 2R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 0 & 2\lambda - 6 & 2\mu - 27 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.2.1)$$

$$R_2 = 0 \implies \mu = \frac{27}{2}, \lambda = 3. \quad (7.2.2)$$

- 7.3 Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $A(1, 1, 2), B(2, 3, 5)$  and  $C(1, 5, 5)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7.3.1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{\sqrt{61}}{2} \quad (7.3.2)$$

using (1.1.6.1), which is the the desired area.

- 7.4 Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors  $\overrightarrow{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\overrightarrow{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** From (1.1.6.1), the desired area is obtained as

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 15\sqrt{2} \quad (7.4.1)$$

- 7.5 Let the vectors  $\overrightarrow{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{b}$  be such that  $|\overrightarrow{a}| = 3$  and  $|\overrightarrow{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ , then  $\overrightarrow{a} \times \overrightarrow{b}$  is a unit vector, if the angle between  $\overrightarrow{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{b}$  is

- a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$   
c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$   
d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Solution:** From the given information and (D.10.1)

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta = 1 \quad (7.5.1)$$

$$\implies \sin \theta = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (7.5.2)$$

$$\implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (7.5.3)$$

- 7.6 Area of a rectangle having vertices A, B, C and D with position vectors  $-\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ , respectively is

- a)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
b) 1  
c) 2  
d) 4

**Solution:** Since

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.6.1)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.6.2)$$

area of the rectangle is

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\| = 2 \quad (7.6.3)$$

See Fig. 7.6.1

- 7.7 Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are

- a)  $(2, 3), (-1, 0), (2, -4)$   
b)  $(-5, -1), (3, -5), (5, 2)$

**Solution:** See Table 7.7.

TABLE 7.7

	$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$	$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}$	$\frac{1}{2} \ (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\ $
a)	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{21}{2}$
b)	$\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$	32

- 7.8 Find the area of the triangle formed by joining the mid-points of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are  $A(0, -1), B(2, 1)$  and  $C(0, 3)$ . Find the ratio of this area to the area of the given triangle.

**Solution:** Using (1.2.1.1), the mid point coordinates are

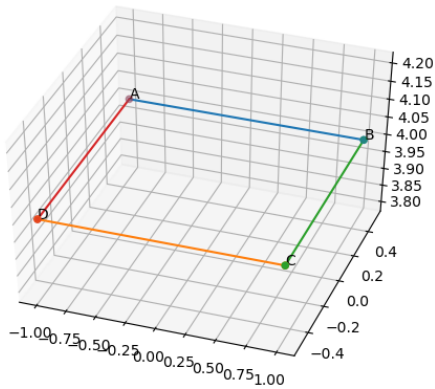


Fig. 7.6.1

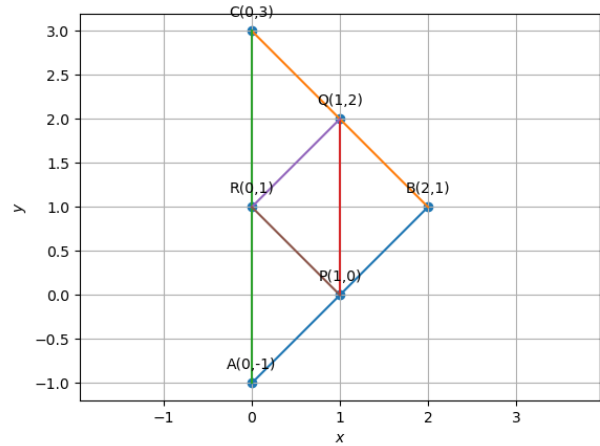


Fig. 7.8.1

given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.8.1)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.8.2)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.8.3)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.8.4)$$

$$ar(PQR) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}) \times (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R})\| = 1 \quad (7.8.5)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.8.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = 4 \quad (7.8.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(PQR)}{ar(ABC)} = \frac{1}{4} \quad (7.8.8)$$

See Fig. 7.8.1

7.9 Find the area of the quadrilateral whose vertices, taken in order, are  $A(-4, -2)$ ,  $B(-3, -5)$ ,  $C(3, -2)$  and  $D(2, 3)$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 7.9.1

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7.9.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7.9.2)$$

$$ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| = \frac{23}{2} \quad (7.9.3)$$

$$ar(BCD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D})\| = \frac{33}{2} \quad (7.9.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABCD) = ar(ABD) + ar(BCD) = 28 \quad (7.9.5)$$

7.10 Verify that a median of a triangle divides it into two triangles of equal areas for  $\triangle ABC$  whose vertices are  $A(4, -6)$ ,  $B(3, 2)$ , and  $C(5, 2)$ .

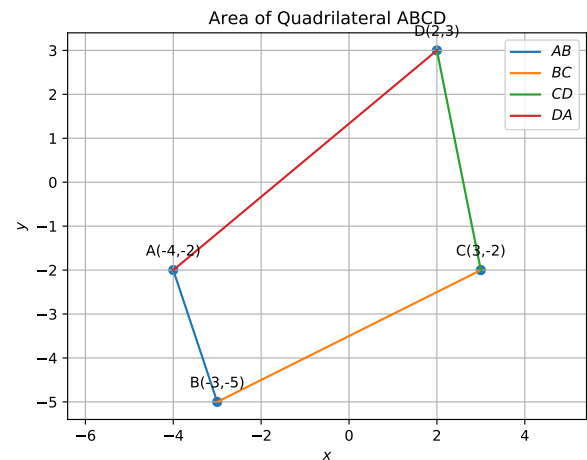
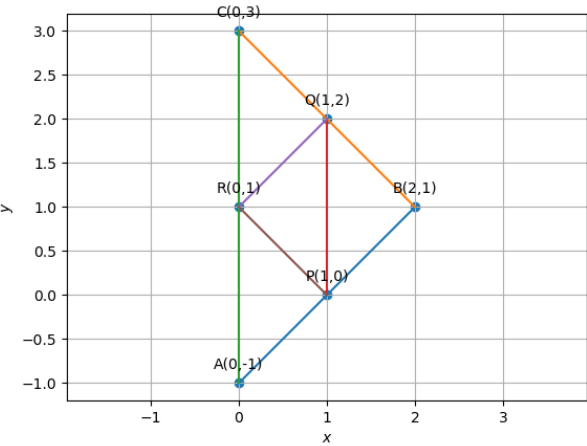


Fig. 7.9.1

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.10.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| = 3 \quad (7.10.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.10.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ACD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| \quad (7.10.5)$$

$$= 3 = ar(ABD) \quad (7.10.6)$$

See Fig. 7.10.1.

7.11 The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ . Find the unit vector parallel to its diagonal. Also, find its area.

**Solution:** The diagonals of the parallelogram are given

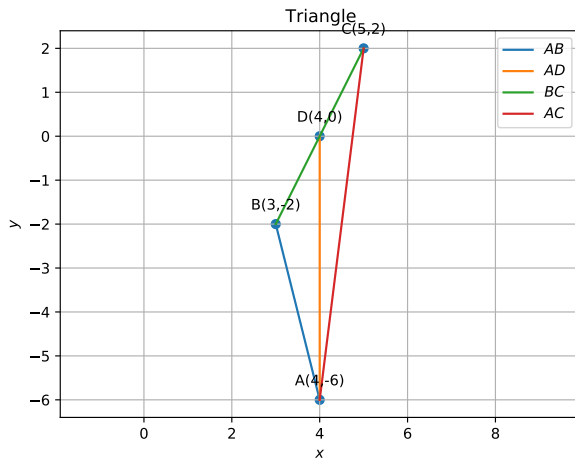


Fig. 7.10.1

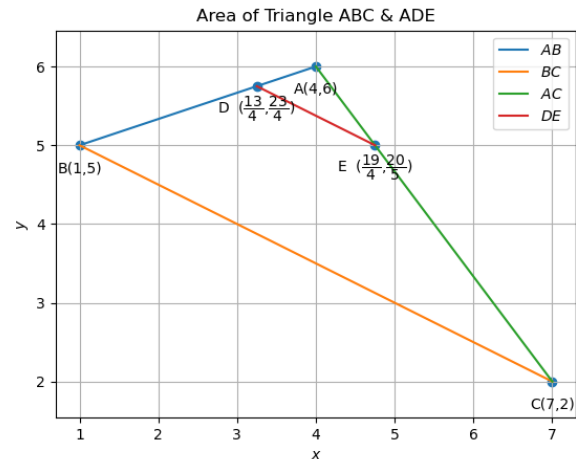


Fig. 7.12.1

by

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.11.1)$$

and the corresponding unit vectors are

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \\ -\frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{45}} \end{pmatrix}, \frac{\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{69}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{69}} \\ \frac{8}{\sqrt{69}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.11.2)$$

The area of the parallelogram is given by

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ -11 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{605} \quad (7.11.3)$$

7.12 The vertices of a  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(4, 6)$ ,  $B(1, 5)$  and  $C(7, 2)$ . A line is drawn to intersect sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $D$  and  $E$  respectively, such that  $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{1}{4}$ . Calculate the area of  $\triangle ADE$  and compare it with the area of the  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 7.12.1. Using section formula (1.2.1.1),

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 23 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.12.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.12.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.12.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.12.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E})\| = \frac{15}{32} \quad (7.12.5)$$

$$ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{15}{2} \quad (7.12.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(ADE)}{ar(ABC)} = \frac{1}{16} \quad (7.12.7)$$

7.13 Draw a quadrilateral in the Cartesian plane, whose ver-

tices are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7.13.1)$$

Also, find its area.

**Solution:** See Fig. 7.13.1. From (D.11.2),

$$ar(ABCD) = \frac{121}{2} \quad (7.13.2)$$

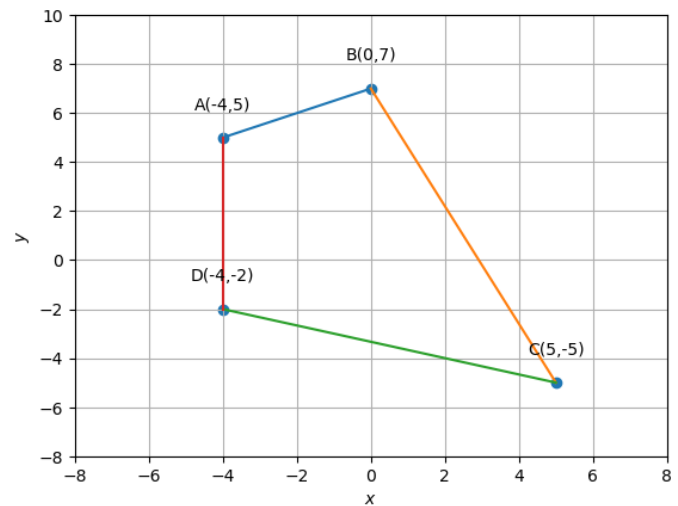


Fig. 7.13.1: Plot of quadrilateral ABCD

7.14 Find the area of region bounded by the triangle whose vertices are  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 2)$  and  $(3, 1)$ .

7.15 Find the area of region bounded by the triangle whose vertices are  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 3)$  and  $(3, 2)$ .

7.16 Find the area of the  $\triangle ABC$ , coordinates of whose vertices are  $A(2, 0)$ ,  $B(4, 5)$ , and  $C(6, 3)$ .

7.17 Show that

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} \\ &= 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})\end{aligned}\quad (7.17.1)$$

from (D.8.1). and (D.8.2)

- 7.18 If either  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ . Is the converse true? Justify your answer with an example.

**Solution:** For

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.18.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (7.18.2)$$

- 7.19 Given that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ . What can you conclude about the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ?

## 8 EXERCISES

### 9 MISCELLANEOUS

### 10 LINEAR FORMS

#### 10.1 Equation of a Line

Find the equation of line

- 10.1  
10.2 passing through the point  $(-4, 3)$  with slope  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
10.3 passing through  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with slope  $m$ .

**Solution:**

- 10.4 passing through  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$  and inclined with the x-axis at an angle of  $75^\circ$ .

**Solution:**

- 10.5 intersecting the x-axis at a distance of 3 units to the left of origin with slope of -2.

**Solution:**

- 10.6 Find the equation of the line which satisfy the given conditions: Intersecting the y-axis at a distance of 2 units above the origin and making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with positive direction of the x-axis.

**Solution:**

- 10.7 Find the equation of line passing through the points  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

- 10.8 Find the equation of line whose perpendicular distance from the origin is 5 units and the angle made by the perpendicular with the positive x-axis is  $30^\circ$ .

**Solution:**

10.9

10.10

10.11

10.12

10.13

10.14

10.15

- 10.16  $P(a, b)$  is the mid-point of the line segment between axes. Show that the equation of the line is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 2$

**Solution:**

- 10.17 Point  $\mathbf{R}(h, k)$  divides a line segment between the axes in the ratio 1: 2. Find the equation of the line.

10.18

- 10.19 Find the equation of the line parallel to the line  $3x - 4y + 2 = 0$  and passing through the point  $(-2, 3)$ .

- 10.20 Find the equation of line perpendicular to the line  $x - 7y + 5 = 0$  and having x intercept 3

**Solution:**

- 10.21 Prove that the line through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and parallel to the line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is  $A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$ .

**Solution:**

- 10.22 Find the equation of the line passing through the point  $(1, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to the two lines

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \quad \text{and} \quad (10.22.1)$$

$$\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5} \quad (10.22.2)$$

**Solution:**

- 10.23 Find the vector equation of the line passing through  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

and parallel to the planes  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = 5$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = 6$ .

**Solution:**

10.24

10.25

10.26

- 10.27 The perpendicular from the origin to the line  $y = mx + c$  meets it at the point  $(-1, 2)$ . Find the values of  $m$  and  $c$ .

**Solution:**

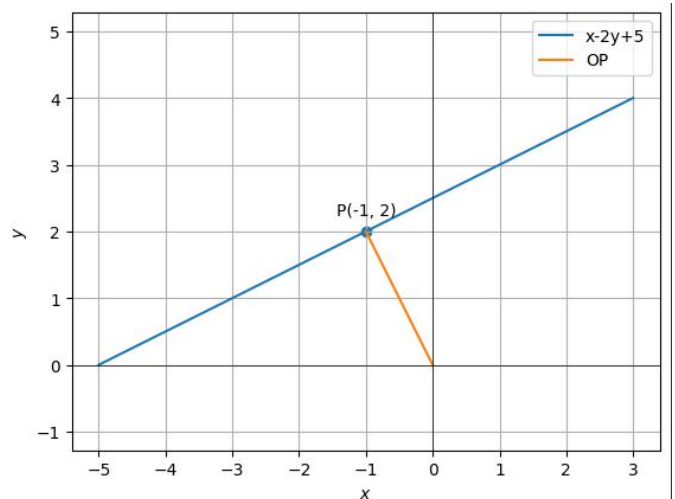


Fig. 10.27.1: Graph

- 10.28 Find the equation of the lines through the point  $(3, 2)$  which make an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the line  $x - 2y = 3$ .

**Solution:**



## APPENDIX A POINTS ON A LINE

A.1. The equation of a line is given by

$$y = mx + c \quad (\text{A.1.1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ mx + c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} + x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A.1.2})$$

yielding (1.1.4.1).

A.2. (A.1.1) can also be expressed as

$$y - mx = c \quad (\text{A.2.1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = c \quad (\text{A.2.2})$$

yielding (1.1.5.1).

A.3. From (1.1.4.1), if **A**, **D** and **C** are on the same line,

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + q\mathbf{m} \quad (\text{A.3.1})$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} + p\mathbf{m} \quad (\text{A.3.2})$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}) + q(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}) = 0, \quad p, q \neq 0 \quad (\text{A.3.3})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{p\mathbf{A} + q\mathbf{C}}{p + q} \quad (\text{A.3.4})$$

yielding (1.2.1.1) upon substituting

$$k = \frac{p}{q}. \quad (\text{A.3.5})$$

$(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}), (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C})$  are then said to be *linearly dependent*.

A.4. If **A**, **B**, **C** are collinear, from (1.1.5.1),

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} = c \quad (\text{A.4.1})$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{B} = c \quad (\text{A.4.2})$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{C} = c \quad (\text{A.4.3})$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{n} = c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A.4.4})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} \\ -c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{A.4.5})$$

yielding (1.1.3.1). Rank is defined to be the number of linearly independent rows or columns of a matrix.

## APPENDIX B TANGENTS TO A CIRCLE

The equation of the *incircle* is given by

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{O}\|^2 = r^2 \quad (\text{B.1})$$

which can be expressed as (1.6.1) using (1.6.2). In Fig. 1.5.4.1, Let (1.6.8.1) be the equation of *AB*. Then, the intersection of (1.6.8.1) and (1.6.1) can be expressed as

$$(\mathbf{h} + \mu\mathbf{m})^\top \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{h} + \mu\mathbf{m}) + 2\mathbf{u}^\top (\mathbf{h} + \mu\mathbf{m}) + f = 0 \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^2 \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} + 2\mu \mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) + g(\mathbf{h}) = 0 \quad (\text{B.3})$$

For (B.3) to have exactly one root, the discriminant

$$\left\{ \mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \right\}^2 - g(\mathbf{h}) \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (\text{B.4})$$

and (1.6.8.2) is obtained. (B.4) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{m} - g(\mathbf{h}) \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (\text{B.6})$$

for  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  defined in (B.6). Substituting (1.6.6.1) in (B.6),

$$\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{m} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

(B.8) can be expressed as

$$\lambda_1 v_1^2 - \lambda_2 v_2^2 = 0 \quad (\text{B.10})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \\ \pm \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

after some algebra. From (B.11) and (B.9) we obtain (1.6.7.1).

## APPENDIX C MATRICES

### APPENDIX D 2 × 1 VECTORS

D.1. Mathematically, the projection of **A** on **B** is defined as

$$\mathbf{C} = k\mathbf{B}, \text{ such that } (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \quad (\text{D.1.1})$$

yielding

$$(\mathbf{A} - k\mathbf{B})^\top \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (\text{D.1.2})$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|^2} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|^2} \mathbf{B} \quad (\text{D.1.3})$$

D.2. If **A**, **B** are unit vectors,

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 = 0 \quad (\text{D.2.1})$$

D.3. If *ABCD* be a parallelogram,

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} \quad (\text{D.3.1})$$

D.4. If  $PQRS$  is formed by joining the mid points of  $ABCD$ ,

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}), \mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \quad (\text{D.4.1})$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}), \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{A}) \quad (\text{D.4.2})$$

$$\implies \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}. \quad (\text{D.4.3})$$

Hence,  $PQRS$  is a parallelogram from (D.3.1).

D.5. If

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}, \quad (\text{D.5.1})$$

then  $\mathbf{A}$  is an *orthogonal* matrix.

D.6. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j} + a_3 \vec{j}, \quad (\text{D.6.1})$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{D.6.2})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{ij} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ a_j \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{B}_{ij} &= \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ b_j \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.6.3})$$

D.7. The *cross product* or *vector product* of  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{A}_{23} & \mathbf{B}_{23}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{B}_{31}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{B}_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{D.7.1})$$

D.8. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} \quad (\text{D.8.1})$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{D.8.2})$$

D.9. If

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (\text{D.9.1})$$

$\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are linearly independent.

D.10.

$$\|\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\| \sin \theta \quad (\text{D.10.1})$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors.

D.11.

$$ar(ABCD) = \frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \times (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B})) \quad (\text{D.11.1})$$

$$(\text{D.11.2})$$