

# MATRICES In Geometry

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## 1 TRIANGLE

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),

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

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

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

which can be expressed as

$$(\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{C})^\top \mathbf{n} = c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.4)$$

$$\equiv (\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{C})^\top \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.5.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (1.5.6)$$

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

1.6. The equation of a line can also be expressed as

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (1.6.1)$$

## 1.2 Formulae

1.1. The equation of a line is given by

$$y = mx + c \quad (1.1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ mx + c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} + x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.2)$$

yielding (1.1.4.1).

1.2. (1.1.1) can also be expressed as

$$y - mx = c \quad (1.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = c \quad (1.2.2)$$

yielding (1.1.5.1).

1.3. The direction vector is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.1)$$

and the normal vector is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -m \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2)$$

1.4. From (1.1.4.1), if  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are on the same line,

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + q\mathbf{m} \quad (1.4.1)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} + p\mathbf{m} \quad (1.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}) + q(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}) = 0, \quad p, q \neq 0 \quad (1.4.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{p\mathbf{A} + q\mathbf{C}}{p + q} \quad (1.4.4)$$

yielding (1.3.1.1) upon substituting

$$k = \frac{p}{q}. \quad (1.4.5)$$

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

1.5. If  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  are collinear, from (1.1.5.1),

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} = c \quad (1.5.1)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{B} = c \quad (1.5.2)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{C} = c \quad (1.5.3)$$

## 1.3 Median

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

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{k\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{k + 1} \quad (1.3.1.1)$$

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  $BC$ ,

$$k = 1, \quad (1.3.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.1.3)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.1.5)$$

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

**Solution:**

a) The direction vector of  $AD$  is

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -7/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.2)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $AD$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.3.2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \quad (1.3.2.4)$$

b) For  $BE$ ,

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.6)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $BE$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.3.2.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = (3 \ 1)\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -6 \quad (1.3.2.8)$$

c) For median  $CF$ ,

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{15}{2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.2.10)$$

Hence the normal equation of median  $CF$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.3.2.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow (5 \ -1)\mathbf{x} = (5 \ -1)\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = -10 \quad (1.3.2.12)$$

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

**Solution:** From (1.3.2.8) and (1.3.2.12), the equations of  $BE$  and  $CF$  are, respectively,

$$(3 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = (-6) \quad (1.3.3.1)$$

$$(5 \ -1)\mathbf{x} = (-10) \quad (1.3.3.2)$$

From (1.3.3.1) and (1.3.3.2) the augmented matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -6 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & -16 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1/8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -1 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.5)$$

using Gauss elimination. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.3.6)$$

1.3.4. Verify that

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.3.4.1)$$

**Solution:**

a) From (1.3.1.4) and (1.3.3.6),

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B} = 2(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.3.4.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{B}\| = 2\|\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.3.4.4)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{BG}{GE} = 2 \quad (1.3.4.5)$$

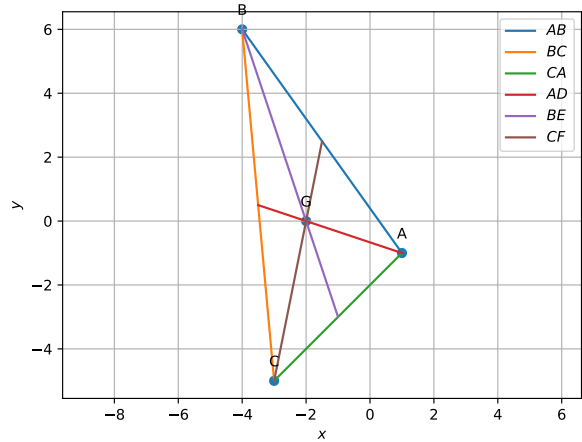


Fig. 1.3.5: Medians of  $\triangle ABC$  meet at  $\mathbf{G}$ .

b) From (1.3.1.5) and (1.3.3.6),

$$\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C} = 2(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.3.4.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C}\| = 2\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.3.4.8)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{CG}{GF} = 2 \quad (1.3.4.9)$$

c) From (1.3.1.3) and (1.3.3.6),

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.4.10)$$

$$\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A} = 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1.3.4.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{A}\| = 2\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}\| \quad (1.3.4.12)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.3.4.13)$$

From (1.3.4.5), (1.3.4.9), (1.3.4.13)

$$\frac{BG}{GE} = \frac{CG}{GF} = \frac{AG}{GD} = 2 \quad (1.3.4.14)$$

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

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

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.3.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{7}{2} & -2 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{7}{2} & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.5.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{2}{3}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.5.3)$$

Thus, the matrix (1.3.5.1) has rank 2 and the points are collinear. Thus, the medians of a triangle meet at the point  $\mathbf{G}$ . See Fig. 1.3.5.



Fig. 1.3.7:  $AFDE$  forms a parallelogram in triangle  $ABC$

1.3.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} \quad (1.3.6.1)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G} &= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3.6.2)$$

1.3.7. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.3.7.1)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 5/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/2 \\ -7/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.7.2)$$

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -7/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/2 \\ -7/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3.7.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{D} \quad (1.3.7.4)$$

See Fig. 1.3.7,

All codes for this section are available in

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

#### 1.4 Altitude

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

$$AD_1 \perp BC \quad (1.4.1.1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.1.2)$$

1.4.2. Find the equation of  $AD_1$ .

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

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.4.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -12 \quad (1.4.2.2)$$

1.4.3. 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

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.3.1)$$

and the equation of  $CF_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.4.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.4.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 20, \quad (1.4.3.4)$$

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

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.3.5)$$

and the equation of  $BE_1$  is

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.4.3.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (1.4.3.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2, \quad (1.4.3.8)$$

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

**Solution:** The intersection of (1.4.3.8) and (1.4.3.4), is obtained from the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.4.1)$$

which can be solved as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -7 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -12 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.4.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{-12}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5/6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 17/6 \\ 0 & 1 & -5/6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.4.3)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.4.4.4)$$

See Fig. 1.4.4.1

1.4.5. Verify that

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.4.5.1)$$

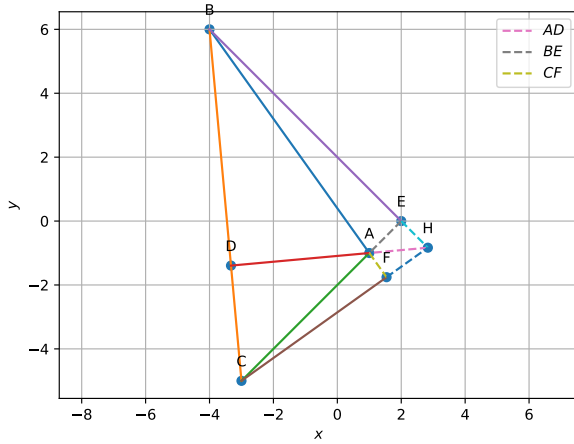


Fig. 1.4.4.1: Altitudes  $BE_1$  and  $CF_1$  intersect at  $H$

**Solution:** From (1.4.4.4),

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H} = -\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.4.5.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.4.5.3)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/altitude.py

### 1.5 Perpendicular Bisector

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

$$\left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \quad (1.5.1.1)$$

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), (1.3.1.3), (1.3.1.4) and (1.3.1.5),

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.2)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.3)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.1.4)$$

$$(1.5.1.5)$$

yielding

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 9 \quad (1.5.1.6)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} = -25 \quad (1.5.1.7)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top \left( \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 16 \quad (1.5.1.8)$$

Thus, the perpendicular bisectors are obtained from (1.5.1.1) as

$$BC : \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 9 \quad (1.5.1.9)$$

$$CA : \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -25 \quad (1.5.1.10)$$

$$AB : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -4 \quad (1.5.1.11)$$

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

**Solution:**

The intersection of (1.5.1.10) and (1.5.1.11), can be obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 & -25 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 5R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 & -25 \\ 0 & 12 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.2.1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{12}{7}R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{60}{7} & 0 & \frac{-265}{7} \\ 0 & 12 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{12}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{60}{7} & 0 & \frac{-265}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{12} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{7}{60}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-53}{12} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{53}{12} \\ \frac{5}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.2.3)$$

1.5.3. Verify that  $\mathbf{O}$  satisfies (1.5.1.1).  $\mathbf{O}$  is known as the circumcentre.

**Solution:** Substituting from (1.5.2.3) in (1.5.1.1), when substituted in the above equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \mathbf{O} - \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right)^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} -53 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^\top \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.5.3.1) \end{aligned}$$

1.5.4. Verify that

$$OA = OB = OC \quad (1.5.4.1)$$

1.5.5. Draw the circle with centre at  $\mathbf{O}$  and radius

$$R = OA \quad (1.5.5.1)$$

This is known as the *circumradius*.

**Solution:** See Fig. 1.5.5.1.

1.5.6. Verify that

$$\angle BOC = 2\angle BAC. \quad (1.5.6.1)$$

**Solution:**

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

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{12} \\ \frac{17}{12} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{12} \\ \frac{-65}{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) = \frac{-4270}{144} \quad (1.5.6.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{4514}}{12}, \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\| = \frac{\sqrt{4514}}{12} \quad (1.5.6.4)$$





Fig. 1.5.5.1: Circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  with centre  $O$ .

Thus,

$$\cos \angle BOC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}\|} = \frac{-4270}{4514} \quad (1.5.6.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BOC = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-4270}{4514}\right) \quad (1.5.6.6)$$

$$= 161.07536^\circ \text{ or } 198.92464^\circ \quad (1.5.6.7)$$

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

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.6.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = -8 \quad (1.5.6.9)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{74} \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\| = 4\sqrt{2} \quad (1.5.6.10)$$

Thus,

$$\cos \angle BAC = \frac{(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{-8}{4\sqrt{148}} \quad (1.5.6.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-8}{4\sqrt{148}}\right) \quad (1.5.6.12)$$

$$= 99.46232^\circ \quad (1.5.6.13)$$

From (1.5.6.13) and (1.5.6.7),

$$2 \times \angle BAC = \angle BOC \quad (1.5.6.14)$$

1.5.7. Let

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5.7.1)$$

where

$$\theta = \angle BOC \quad (1.5.7.2)$$

Verify that

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{O}) \quad (1.5.7.3)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/perp-bisect.py

## 1.6 Angle Bisector

1.6.1. Let  $\mathbf{D}_3, \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{F}_3$ , be points on  $AB, BC$  and  $CA$  respectively such that

$$BD_3 = BF_3 = m, CD_3 = CE_3 = n, AE_3 = AF_3 = p. \quad (1.6.1.1)$$

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

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$a = m + n, \quad (1.6.1.2)$$

$$b = n + p, \quad (1.6.1.3)$$

$$c = m + p \quad (1.6.1.4)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.6.1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.6.1.6)$$

Using row reduction,

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.6.1.7)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.6.1.8)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2 \\ R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2 \end{matrix}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.6.1.9)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \leftarrow 2R_2 - R_3 \\ R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.6.1.10)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.6.1.11)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{c + b - a}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{74} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{122}}{2} \\ m &= \frac{a + c - b}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{74} + \sqrt{122} - \sqrt{32}}{2} \\ n &= \frac{a + b - c}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{122} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{74}}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.6.1.12)$$

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

1.6.2. Using section formula, find

$$\mathbf{D}_3 = \frac{m\mathbf{C} + n\mathbf{B}}{m+n}, \mathbf{E}_3 = \frac{n\mathbf{A} + p\mathbf{C}}{n+p}, \mathbf{F}_3 = \frac{p\mathbf{B} + m\mathbf{A}}{p+m} \quad (1.6.2.1)$$

1.6.3. Find the circumcentre and circumradius of  $\triangle D_3E_3F_3$ . These are the *incentre* and *inradius* of  $\triangle ABC$ .

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

**Solution:** See Fig. 1.6.4.1

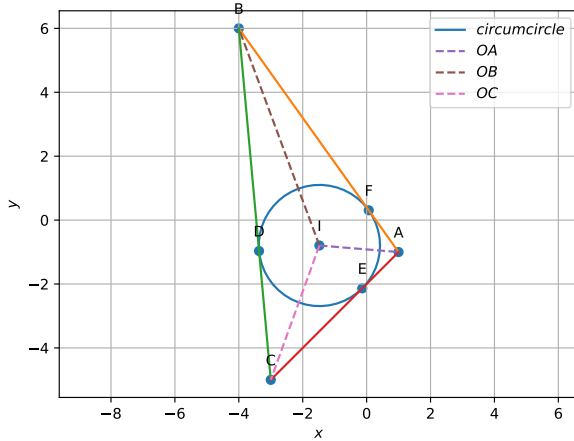


Fig. 1.6.4.1: Incircle of  $\triangle ABC$

1.6.5. Using (1.1.7.1) verify that

$$\angle BAI = \angle CAI. \quad (1.6.5.1)$$

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

1.6.6. 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

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

$$\Sigma \mathbf{p} = \lambda \mathbf{p} \quad (1.7.4.1)$$

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

1.7.5. Define

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.7.5.1)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{p}_1}{\|\mathbf{p}_1\|} & \frac{\mathbf{p}_2}{\|\mathbf{p}_2\|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7.5.2)$$

1.7.6. Verify that

$$\mathbf{P}^\top = \mathbf{P}^{-1}. \quad (1.7.6.1)$$

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

1.7.7. Verify that

$$\mathbf{P}^\top \Sigma \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}, \quad (1.7.7.1)$$

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

1.7.8. The direction vectors of the tangents from a point  $\mathbf{h}$  to the circle in (1.7.1.1) are given by

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \\ \pm \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7.8.1)$$

1.7.9. The points of contact of the pair of tangents to the circle in (1.7.1.1) from a point  $\mathbf{h}$  are given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m} \quad (1.7.9.1)$$

where

$$\mu = -\frac{\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})}{\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V}\mathbf{m}} \quad (1.7.9.2)$$

for  $\mathbf{m}$  in (1.7.8.1). 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

## 1.7 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

1.7.1. The equation of the incircle is given by

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (1.7.1.1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{O}, f = \|\mathbf{O}\|^2 - r^2, \quad (1.7.1.2)$$

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

1.7.2. Compute

$$\Sigma = (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})^\top - g(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{V} \quad (1.7.2.1)$$

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

1.7.3. Find the roots of the equation

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \Sigma| = 0 \quad (1.7.3.1)$$

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

## 1.8 Formulae

1.8.1 The equation of the *incircle* is given by

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{O}\|^2 = r^2 \quad (1.8.1.1)$$

which can be expressed as (1.7.1.1) using (1.7.1.2).

1.8.2 In Fig. 1.6.4.1, let (1.7.9.1) be the equation of  $AB$ . Then, the intersection of (1.7.9.1) and (1.7.1.1) can be expressed as

$$(\mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m})^\top \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m}) + 2\mathbf{u}^\top (\mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m}) + f = 0 \quad (1.8.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^2 \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V}\mathbf{m} + 2\mu \mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) + g(\mathbf{h}) = 0 \quad (1.8.2.2)$$

For (1.8.2.2) to have exactly one root, the discriminant

$$\{\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})\}^2 - g(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V}\mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (1.8.2.3)$$

and (1.7.9.2) is obtained.

1.8.3 (1.8.2.3) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{Vh} + \mathbf{u})^T (\mathbf{Vh} + \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{m} - g(\mathbf{h}) \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (1.8.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (1.8.3.2)$$

for  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  defined in (1.8.3.2). Substituting (1.7.7.1) in (1.8.3.2),

$$\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{m} = 0 \quad (1.8.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (1.8.3.4)$$

where

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{m} \quad (1.8.3.5)$$

(1.8.3.4) can be expressed as

$$\lambda_1 v_1^2 - \lambda_2 v_2^2 = 0 \quad (1.8.3.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{|\lambda_2|} \\ \pm \sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.3.7)$$

after some algebra. From (1.8.3.7) and (1.8.3.5) we obtain (1.7.8.1).

## 1.9 Matrices

1.9.1. The matrix of the vertices of the triangle is defined as

$$\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \quad (1.9.1.1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (1.9.2.1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (1.9.2.2)$$

$$= (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9.2.3)$$

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.

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

**Solution:** Considering the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.9.3.1)$$

the normal matrix is obtained as

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{M} \quad (1.9.3.2)$$

1.9.4. Obtain  $a, b, c$ .

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

$$\mathbf{d} = \sqrt{\text{diag}(\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M})} \quad (1.9.4.1)$$

1.9.5. 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

$$\mathbf{c} = \text{diag} \{ (\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{P}) \} \quad (1.9.5.1)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$(\mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{F}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9.6.1)$$

1.9.7. Obtain the median direction matrix.

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

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{F}) \quad (1.9.7.1)$$

$$= (\mathbf{A} - \frac{\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}}{2} \quad \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{A}}{2} \quad \mathbf{C} - \frac{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}}{2}) \quad (1.9.7.2)$$

$$= (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9.7.3)$$

1.9.8. Obtain the median normal matrix.

1.9.9. Obtain the median equation constants.

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

1.9.11. Find the normal matrix for the altitudes

**Solution:** The desired matrix is

$$\mathbf{M}_2 = (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (1.9.11.1)$$

$$= (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9.11.2)$$

1.9.12. Find the constants vector for the altitudes.

**Solution:** The desired vector is

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \text{diag} \{ (\mathbf{M}_2^T \mathbf{P}) \} \quad (1.9.12.1)$$

1.9.13. Find the normal matrix for the perpendicular bisectors

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

1.9.14. Find the constants vector for the perpendicular bisectors.

**Solution:** The desired vector is

$$\mathbf{c}_3 = \text{diag} \{ \mathbf{M}_2^T (\mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{F}) \} \quad (1.9.14.1)$$

1.9.15. Find the points of contact.

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{m\mathbf{C}+n\mathbf{B}}{m+n} & \frac{n\mathbf{A}+p\mathbf{C}}{n+p} & \frac{p\mathbf{B}+m\mathbf{A}}{p+m} \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{n}{b} & \frac{m}{c} \\ \frac{n}{a} & 0 & \frac{p}{c} \\ \frac{m}{a} & \frac{p}{b} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9.15.1)$$

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/mat-alg.py

## 2 VECTORS

## 2.1 Addition and Subtraction

2.1.1 Find the sum of the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$ .

2.1.2 In triangle ABC (Fig. 2.1.2.1), which of the following is not true:

- a)  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{0}$
- b)  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \mathbf{0}$
- c)  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \mathbf{0}$
- d)  $\vec{AB} - \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{0}$

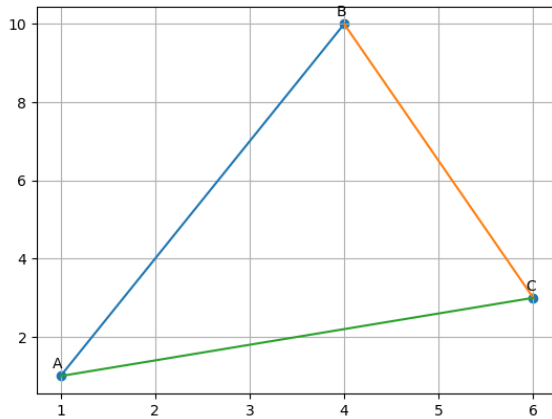


Fig. 2.1.2.1

**Solution:**

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.1.2.1)$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.1.2.2)$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{AC} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = 2(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (2.1.2.3)$$

$$\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.1.2.4)$$

2.1.3 A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction  $30^\circ$  east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure.

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 60^\circ \\ \sin 60^\circ \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.3.2)$$

which is the displacement. See Fig. 2.1.3.1.

2.1.4 Without using distance formula, show that points A(-2, -1), B(4, 0), C(3, 3) and D(-3, 2) are the vertices of a parallelogram.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.4.1)$$

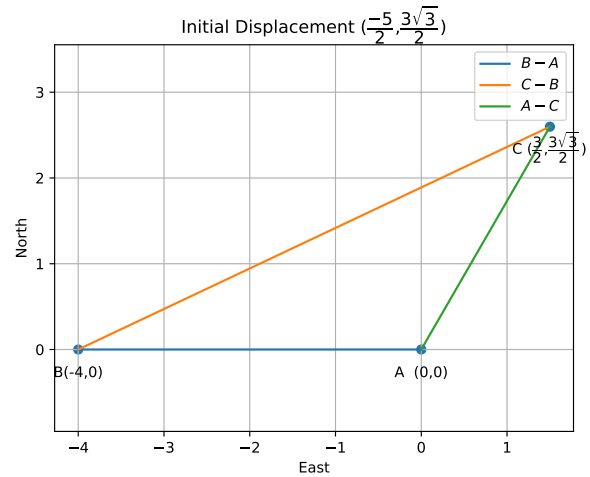


Fig. 2.1.3.1

Hence, ABCD is a parallelogram. See Fig. 2.1.4.1.



Fig. 2.1.4.1

2.1.5 The fourth vertex **D** of a parallelogram **ABCD** whose three vertices are **A**(-2, 3), **B**(6, 7) and **C**(8, 3) is

- a) (0, 1)
- b) (0, -1)
- c) (-1, 0)
- d) (1, 0)

2.1.6 Points **A**(4, 3), **B**(6, 4), **C**(5, -6) and **D**(-3, 5) are the vertices of a parallelogram.

2.1.7 The vector having initial and terminal points as (2, 5, 0) and (-3, 7, 4), respectively is

- a)  $-\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$
- b)  $5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$
- c)  $5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$
- d)  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

## 2.2 Section Formula

2.2.1 Find the coordinates of the point which divides the join of (-1, 7) and (4, -3) in the ratio 2:3.

**Solution:** Using section formula (1.3.1.1), the desired point is

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{2}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.1.1)$$

See Fig. 2.2.1.1



Fig. 2.2.1.1

2.2.2 Find the coordinates of the points of trisection of the line segment joining (4, -1) and (-2, 3).

**Solution:** Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{1}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{1} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{7}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.2.2)$$

which are the desired points of trisection. See Fig. 2.2.2.1



Fig. 2.2.2.1

2.2.3 Find the ratio in which the line segment joining the points (-3, 10) and (6, -8) is divided by (-1, 6).

**Solution:** Using section formula,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}}{1 + k} \quad (2.2.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 7k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.3.2)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{2}{7} \quad (2.2.3.3)$$

See Fig. 2.2.3.1.

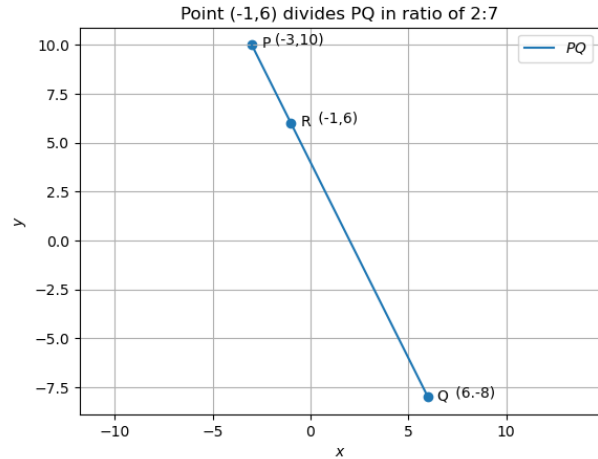


Fig. 2.2.3.1

2.2.4 If (1, 2), (4, y), (x, 6), (3, 5) are the vertices of a parallelogram taken in order, find x and y.

**Solution:** Since ABCD is a parallelogram,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ y-2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.4.2)$$

$$\text{or, } x = 6, y = 3. \quad (2.2.4.3)$$

See Fig. 2.2.4.1.

2.2.5 Find the coordinates of a point A, where AB is the diameter of a circle whose centre is C(2, -3) and B is (1, 4).

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.5.1)$$

See Fig. 2.2.5.1.

2.2.6 If A and B are (-2, -2) and (2, -4), respectively, find the coordinates of P such that AP =  $\frac{3}{7}$ AB and P lies on the line segment AB.

**Solution:** Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{7} \\ -\frac{20}{7} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.6.1)$$

See Fig. 2.2.6.1.

2.2.7 Find the coordinates of the points which divide the line segment joining A(-2, 2) and B(2, 8) into four equal



Fig. 2.2.4.1

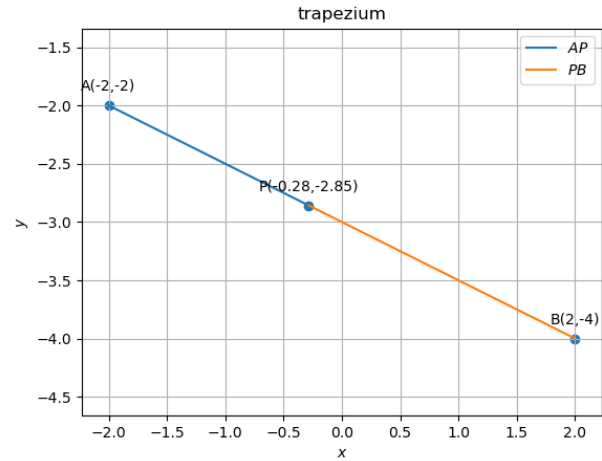


Fig. 2.2.6.1



Fig. 2.2.5.1



Fig. 2.2.7.1

parts.

**Solution:** Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{R}_k = \frac{\mathbf{B} + k\mathbf{A}}{1 + k} \quad (2.2.7.1)$$

See Table 2.2.7 and Fig. 2.2.7.1

TABLE 2.2.7

$k$	$\mathbf{R}_k$
3	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \frac{7}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

2.2.8 Find the position vector of a point  $\mathbf{R}$  which divides the line joining two points  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  whose position vectors are  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  respectively, in the ratio 2 : 1

a) internally

b) externally

**Solution:** See Table 2.2.8.

TABLE 2.2.8

$k$	$\mathbf{R}_k$
2	$\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
-2	$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

2.2.9 Find the position vector of the mid point of the vector joining the points  $\mathbf{P}(2, 3, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(4, 1, -2)$ .

**Solution:** The desired vector is

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.9.1)$$

2.2.10 Determine the ratio in which the line  $2x + y - 4 = 0$  divides the line segment joining the points  $A(2, -2)$  and  $B(3, 7)$ .

**Solution:** The given equation can be expressed as

$$(2 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = 4 \quad (2.2.10.1)$$

Using section formula in (2.2.10.1),

$$\mathbf{n}^T \left( \frac{k\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{k+1} \right) = c \quad (2.2.10.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{c - \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{B} - c} \quad (2.2.10.3)$$

upon simplification. Substituting numerical values,

$$k = \frac{2}{9} \quad (2.2.10.4)$$

See Fig. 2.2.10.1.



Fig. 2.2.10.1

2.2.11 Let  $A(4, 2)$ ,  $B(6, 5)$  and  $C(1, 4)$  be the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ .

- The median from  $A$  meets  $BC$  at  $D$ . Find the coordinates of the point  $D$ .
- Find the coordinates of the point  $P$  on  $AD$  such that  $AP : PD = 2 : 1$ .
- Find the coordinates of points  $Q$  and  $R$  on medians  $BE$  and  $CF$  respectively such that  $BQ : QE = 2 : 1$  and  $CR : RF = 2 : 1$ .
- What do you observe?
- If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ , find the coordinates of the centroid of the triangle.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \left( \frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2} \right) \quad (2.2.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \left( \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \quad (2.2.11.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \left( \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2} \right) \quad (2.2.11.3)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.11.4)$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.11.5)$$

is the centroid. See Fig. 2.2.11.1.

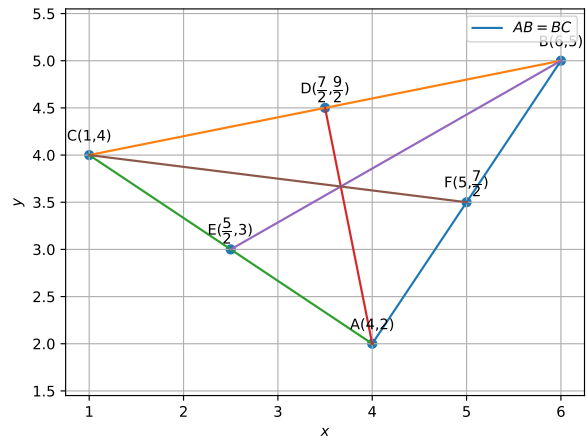


Fig. 2.2.11.1

2.2.12 Find the position vector of a point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  whose position vectors are  $(2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$  and  $(\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b})$  externally in the ratio  $1 : 2$ . Also, show that  $P$  is the mid point of the line segment  $RQ$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{Q} - 2\mathbf{P}}{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.2.12.1)$$

$$\frac{(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q})}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}. \quad (2.2.12.2)$$

See Fig. 2.2.12.1.



Fig. 2.2.12.1

2.2.13 The point which divides the line segment joining the points  $P(7, -6)$  and  $Q(3, 4)$  in the ratio  $1 : 2$  internally lies in the

- I quadrant
- II quadrant
- III quadrant

d) IV quadrant

2.2.14 If the point  $P(2,1)$  lies on the line segment joining points  $A(4,2)$  and  $B(8,4)$ , then

- a)  $AP = \frac{1}{3}AB$
- b)  $AP = PE$
- c)  $PB = \frac{1}{3}AB$
- d)  $AP = \frac{1}{2}AB$

2.2.15 If  $P^a_3$  is the mid-point of the line segment joining the points  $Q(-6,5)$  and  $R(-2,3)$ , then the value of  $a$  is

- a)  $-4$
- b)  $-12$
- c)  $12$
- d)  $-6$

2.2.16 A line intersects the y-axis and x-axis of the points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. If  $(2,5)$  is the mid-point of  $PQ$ , then the coordinates of  $P$  and  $Q$  are, respectively

- a)  $(0,-5)$  and  $(2,0)$
- b)  $(0,-10)$  and  $(-4,0)$
- c)  $(0,4)$  and  $(-10,0)$
- d)  $(0,-10)$  and  $(4,0)$

2.2.17 Point  $P(5,-3)$  is one of the two points of trisection of line segment joining the points  $A(7,-2)$  and  $B(1,-5)$

2.2.18 Points  $A(-6,10)$ ,  $B(-4,6)$  and  $C(3,-8)$  are collinear such that  $AB = \frac{2}{9}AC$

2.2.19 In what ratio does the x-axis divide the line segment joining the points  $(-4,-6)$  and  $(-1,7)$ ? Find the coordinates of the point of division.

2.2.20 Find the ratio in which the point  $P(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{12})$  divides the line segment joining the points  $A(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$  and  $B(2,-5)$ .

2.2.21 If  $P(9a-2, -b)$  divides line segment joining  $A(3a+1, -3)$  and  $B(8a,5)$  in the ratio 3:1, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

2.2.22 The line segment joining the points  $A(3,2)$  and  $B(5,1)$  is divided at the point  $P$  in the ratio 1:2 which lies on  $3x-18y+k=0$ . Find the value of  $k$ .

2.2.23 Find the coordinates of the point  $R$  on the line segment joining the points  $P(-1,3)$  and  $Q(2,5)$  such that  $PR = \frac{3}{5}PQ$ .

2.2.24 Find the ratio in which the line  $2x+3y-5=0$  divides the line segment joining the points  $(8,-9)$  and  $(2,1)$ . Also find the coordinates of the point of division,

2.2.25 If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are the position vectors of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively, find the position vector of a point  $C$  in  $BA$  produced such that  $BC=1.5BA$ .

2.2.26 The position vector of the point which divides the join of points  $2\mathbf{a}-3\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}$  in the ratio 3:1 is

- a)  $\frac{3\mathbf{a}-2\mathbf{b}}{2}$
- b)  $\frac{7\mathbf{a}-8\mathbf{b}}{4}$
- c)  $\frac{3\mathbf{a}}{4}$
- d)  $\frac{5\mathbf{a}}{4}$

2.2.27 Find the ratio in which the line segment joining  $A(1,-5)$  and  $B(-4,5)$  is divided by the x-axis. Also find the coordinates of the point of division.

2.2.28 Find the position vector of a point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  whose position vectors are  $2\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a}-3\mathbf{b}$  externally in the ratio 1:2.

## 2.3 Rank

2.3.1 By using the concept of equation of a line, prove that the three points  $(3,0)$ ,  $(-2,-2)$  and  $(8,2)$  are collinear.

**Solution:** The collinearity matrix can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.3.1.1)$$

which is a rank 1 matrix. See Fig. 2.3.1.1.

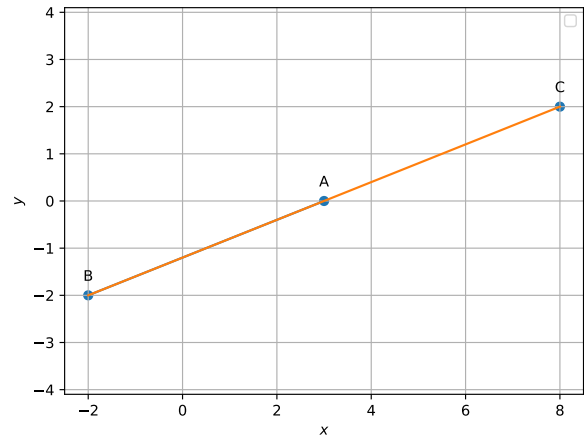


Fig. 2.3.1.1

2.3.2 Determine if the points  $(1,5)$ ,  $(2,3)$  and  $(-2,-11)$  are collinear.

**Solution:** Use (1.5.6).

2.3.3 Show that the points  $A(1,2,7)$ ,  $B(2,6,3)$  and  $C(3,10,-1)$  are collinear.

**Solution:**

2.3.4 Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$  are collinear.

**Solution:**

2.3.5 Show that the points  $(2,3,4)$ ,  $(-1,-2,1)$ ,  $(5,8,7)$  are collinear.

**Solution:**

2.3.6 In each of the following, find the value of ' $k$ ', for which the points are collinear.

- a)  $(7,-2)$ ,  $(5,1)$ ,  $(3,k)$
- b)  $(8,1)$ ,  $(k,-4)$ ,  $(2,-5)$

**Solution:**

2.3.7 Find a relation between  $x$  and  $y$  if the points  $(x,y)$ ,  $(1,2)$  and  $(7,0)$  are collinear.

**Solution:**

2.3.8 If three points  $(x,-1)$ ,  $(2,1)$  and  $(4,5)$  are collinear, find the value of  $x$ .

2.3.9 If three points  $(h,0)$ ,  $(a,b)$  and  $(0,k)$  lie on a line, show that

$$\frac{a}{h} + \frac{b}{k} = 1 \quad (2.3.9.1)$$

2.3.10 Show that the points  $A(1,-2,-8)$ ,  $B(5,0,-2)$  and  $C(11,3,7)$  are collinear, and find the ratio in which  $B$



divides AC.

2.3.11 If the points  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $O(0, 0)$  and  $C(a, b)$  are collinear, then

- a)  $a=b$
- b)  $a=2b$
- c)  $2a=b$
- d)  $a=-b$

True/false

2.12  $\triangle ABC$  with vertices  $A(-2, 0)$ ,  $B(2, 0)$  and  $C(0, 2)$  is similar to  $\triangle DEF$  with vertices  $D(-4, 0)$ ,  $E(4, 0)$  and  $F(0, 4)$

2.13 Point  $(-4, 2)$  lies on the line segment joining the points  $A(-4, 6)$  and  $B(-4, -6)$

2.14 The points  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(0, -9)$  and  $(3, 6)$  are collinear

2.15 Points  $A(3, 1)$ ,  $B(12, -2)$  and  $C(0, 2)$  cannot be the vertices of a triangle

2.16 Find the value of  $m$  if the points  $(5, 1)$ ,  $(-2, -3)$  and  $(8, 2m)$  are collinear.

2.17 Find the values of  $k$  if the points  $A(k+1, 2k)$ ,  $B(3k, 2k+3)$  and  $C(5k-1, 5k)$  are collinear

2.18 Using vectors, find the value of  $k$  such that the points  $(k, -10, 3)$ ,  $(1, -1, 3)$  and  $(3, 5, 3)$  are collinear.

## 2.4 Length

2.4.1 Compute the magnitude of the following vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad (2.4.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad (2.4.1.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \quad (2.4.1.3)$$

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4.1.4)$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}} = \sqrt{3}, \quad (2.4.1.5)$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}} = \sqrt{62}, \quad (2.4.1.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{c}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{c}} = 1 \quad (2.4.1.7)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\because \mathbf{x} = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \implies x\sqrt{3} = 1 \quad (2.4.2.1)$$

$$\text{or, } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (2.4.2.2)$$

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

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4.3.1)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4.3.2)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{11}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{14}, \|\mathbf{c}\| = 3. \quad (2.4.3.3)$$

Thus

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \neq \|\mathbf{b}\| + \|\mathbf{c}\| \quad (2.4.3.4)$$

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

- a)  $\lambda = 1$
- b)  $\lambda = -1$
- c)  $a = |\lambda|$
- d)  $a = 1/|\lambda|$

2.4.5 A vector  $\mathbf{r}$  is inclined at equal angles to the three axis. If the magnitude of  $\mathbf{r}$  is  $2\sqrt{3}$  units, find  $\mathbf{r}$ .

2.4.6 Find the unit vector in the direction of sum of vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

2.4.7 If  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , find the unit vector in the direction of

- a)  $6\mathbf{a}$
- b)  $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$

2.4.8 Find a unit vector in the direction of  $\overline{PQ}$ , where P and Q have co-ordinates  $(5, 0, 8)$  and  $(3, 3, 2)$ , respectively.

2.4.9 The vector in the direction of the vector  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  that has magnitude 9 is

- a)  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
- b)  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$
- c)  $3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
- d)  $9(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

2.4.10 If  $|\mathbf{a}| = 4$  and  $-3 \leq \lambda \leq 2$ , then the range of  $|\lambda\mathbf{a}|$  is

- a)  $[0, 8]$
- b)  $[-12, 8]$
- c)  $[0, 12]$
- d)  $[8, 12]$

2.4.11 The values of  $k$  for which  $|\mathbf{ka}| < |\mathbf{a}|$  and  $\mathbf{ka} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{a}$  holds true are \_\_\_\_\_.

2.4.12 If  $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}|$ , then necessarily it implies  $\mathbf{a} = \pm\mathbf{b}$ .

2.4.13 The direction cosines of the vector  $(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  are \_\_\_\_\_.

2.4.14 Position vector of point P is a vector whose initial point is origin.

## 2.5 Direction

2.5.1 Find the slope of a line, which passes through the origin and the mid point of the line segment joining the points  $P(0, -4)$  and  $B(8, 0)$ .

**Solution:** The mid point of  $PB$  is

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.1.1)$$

which is equal to the direction vector of  $OM$ .

$$\therefore \mathbf{M} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, m = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (2.5.1.2)$$

which is the desired slope. See Fig. 2.5.1.1.



Fig. 2.5.1.1

- 2.5.2 A line passes through  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(h, k)$ . If slope of the line is  $m$ , show that  $(k - y_1) = m(h - x_1)$ .

**Solution:** The direction vector

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} h - x_1 \\ k - y_1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{k - y_1}{h - x_1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.2.1)$$

- 2.5.3 Show that the line through the points  $(4, 7, 8), (2, 3, 4)$  is parallel to the line through the points  $(-1, -2, 1), (1, 2, 5)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.3.1)$$

which means that the given lines have the same direction vector and are hence parallel.

- 2.5.4 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:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.5.4.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (2.5.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.4.3)$$

which is the desired the unit vector.

- 2.5.5 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  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

- 2.5.6 If  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , find a unit vector parallel to the vector  $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}$ .

**Solution:**

$$2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}}{\|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{22}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.6.1)$$

- 2.5.7 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

$$c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.5.7.1)$$

From the given information,

$$\left\| c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 8 \quad (2.5.7.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| = \frac{4\sqrt{30}}{15} \quad (2.5.7.3)$$

- 2.5.8 Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

- 2.5.9 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.

- 2.5.10 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:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{10} \quad (2.5.10.2)$$

From problem 2.5.4, the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  is

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.10.3)$$

The desired vector can then be expressed as

$$\pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.10.4)$$

- 2.5.11 If a line makes angles  $90^\circ, 135^\circ, 45^\circ$  with  $x, y$  and  $z$ -axis respectively. Find its direction cosines.

**Solution:** The direction vector is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 90^\circ \\ \cos 135^\circ \\ \cos 45^\circ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.11.1)$$

- 2.5.12 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 AB is

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.12.1)$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.13.1)$$

are equal, it is equally inclined to the axes.

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

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -18 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.14.1)$$

Then the unit direction vector of the line is

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-9}{11} \\ \frac{6}{11} \\ \frac{-2}{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.14.2)$$

2.5.15 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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.15.1)$$

The direction vectors of the sides are,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_2, \quad (2.5.15.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -10 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_3, \quad (2.5.15.3)$$

The corresponding unit vectors are then obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{-3}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-4}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{-5}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.15.4)$$

2.5.16 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

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.16.1)$$

2.5.17 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

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \quad (2.5.17.1)$$

$$\text{or, } \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (2.5.17.2)$$

Thus the unit direction vector of the given line is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5.17.3)$$

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

2.5.19 the unit vector normal to the plane  $x + 2y + 3z - 6 = 0$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{j} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{k}$ .

## 2.6 Scalar Product

2.6.1 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,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{3}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = 2, \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{6} \quad (2.6.1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.6.1.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \theta = 45^\circ \quad (2.6.1.3)$$

2.6.2 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

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.6.2.1)$$

From problem 2.6.1,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{14}} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (2.6.2.2)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\because (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^\top (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 8, \|\mathbf{a}\| = 8\|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (2.6.3.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (2.6.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|8\mathbf{b}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (2.6.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (2.6.3.4)$$

Thus,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = 8\|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (2.6.3.5)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$(3\mathbf{a} - 5\mathbf{b})^\top (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) = 3\mathbf{a}^\top (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) - 5\mathbf{b}^\top (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) \\ = 6\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - 35\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 11\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} \quad (2.6.4.1)$$

2.6.5 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

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|, \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.6.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (2.6.5.2)$$

by using the definition of the scalar product.

2.6.6 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,

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^\top (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}) = 12 \quad (2.6.6.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = 12 \quad (2.6.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{13} \quad (2.6.6.3)$$

2.6.7 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,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.7.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \cos^{-1} \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|} \quad (2.6.7.2)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \frac{10}{\sqrt{102}} \quad (2.6.7.3)$$

$$(2.6.7.4)$$

2.6.8 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,

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.6.8.1)$$

$$(2.6.8.2)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.8.3)$$

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.6.8.4)$$

(2.6.8.2) can be expressed as

$$\left\{ (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.6.8.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^\top (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.6.8.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^\top (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.6.8.7)$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.6.8.8)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 = \frac{R_2}{4}]{R_2 = 3R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.8.9)$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_1 = \frac{R_1}{3}]{R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.8.10)$$

yielding

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.8.11)$$

Thus, the desired unit vector is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.8.12)$$

2.6.9 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,

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.9.1)$$

$$\therefore \|\mathbf{a}\| = 1, \quad (2.6.9.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad (2.6.9.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad (2.6.9.4)$$

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

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.9.5)$$

2.6.10 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:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \cos \theta \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (2.6.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0 \quad (2.6.10.2)$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \quad (2.6.10.3)$$

2.6.11 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

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.11.1)$$

Hence, the desired angle is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{e}_1}{\|\mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{e}_1\|} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.6.11.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ \quad (2.6.11.3)$$

2.6.12 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

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2m \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.12.1)$$

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

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \quad (2.6.12.2)$$

Thus,

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \quad (2.6.12.3)$$

$$= \frac{2m^2 + 1}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1} \sqrt{4m^2 + 1}} \quad (2.6.12.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{10} = \frac{4m^4 + 4m^2 + 1}{4m^4 + 5m^2 + 1}$$

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

yielding

$$m = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1 \quad (2.6.12.7)$$

2.6.13 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

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6.13.1)$$

The angle between the lines can then be expressed as

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (2.6.13.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \theta = 30^\circ \quad (2.6.13.3)$$

2.6.14 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  $\lambda$ .

2.6.15 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)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

2.6.16 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)  $\pi$

2.6.17 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.

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

2.6.19 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

2.6.20 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

2.6.21 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)  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$

2.6.22 The vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  bisects the angle between the non-collinear vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  if \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.23 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.24 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.25 If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are adjacent sides of a rhombus, then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ .

2.6.26 Find the angle between the lines

$$\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad (2.6.26.1)$$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad (2.6.26.2)$$

2.6.27 Find the angle between the lines whose direction cosines are given by the equations  $l + m + n = 0, l^2 + m^2 - n^2 = 0$ .

2.6.28 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

$$\delta\theta^2 = \delta l^2 + \delta m^2 + \delta n^2 \quad (2.6.28.1)$$

2.6.29 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)  $\frac{10}{5}$

2.6.30 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)  $\frac{3}{7}$

2.6.31 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  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{91}}\right)$ .

2.6.32 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  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{\sqrt{58}}\right)$ .

2.6.33 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)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

2.6.34 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

2.6.35 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)  $\pi$

2.6.36 Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  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)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

**Solution:**

$$\because \|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 3 \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = 1,$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|^2 = 1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta) = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-1}{2}, \text{ or, } \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

2.6.37 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)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

2.6.38 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

2.6.39 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)  $\pi$

2.6.40 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.

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

2.6.42 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

2.6.43 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

2.6.44 The angles between two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  with magnitude  $\sqrt{3}$  and 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)  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$

2.6.45 The vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  bisects the angle between the non-collinear vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  if \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.46 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.47 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

2.6.48 If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are adjacent sides of a rhombus, then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ .

(2.6.36.1) 2.6.49 Find the angle between the lines

$$(2.6.36.2) \quad \vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

(2.6.36.3) 2.6.50 Find the angle between the lines whose direction cosines are given by the equations  $l + m + n = 0, l^2 + m^2 - n^2 = 0$ .

(2.6.36.4) 2.6.51 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

$$\delta\theta^2 = \delta l^2 + \delta m^2 + \delta n^2$$

2.6.52 The sine of the angle between the straight line  $\frac{x-2}{3} =$

$$\frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{5} \text{ and the plane } 2x - 2y + z = 5 \text{ is}$$

- a)  $\frac{10}{6\sqrt{5}}$   
 b)  $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}$   
 c)  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5}$

d)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$

2.6.53 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)  $\frac{3}{7}$

2.6.54 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  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{91}}\right)$ .

2.6.55 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  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{\sqrt{58}}\right)$ .

2.6.56 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)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

2.6.57 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

2.6.58 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)  $\pi$

## 2.7 Formulae

2.7.0.1. Mathematically, the projection of  $\mathbf{A}$  on  $\mathbf{B}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{C} = k\mathbf{B}, \text{ such that } (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \quad (2.7.0.1.1)$$

yielding

$$(\mathbf{A} - k\mathbf{B})^\top \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (2.7.0.1.2)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|^2} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|^2} \mathbf{B} \quad (2.7.0.1.3)$$

2.7.0.2. If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are unit vectors,

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

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 = 0 \quad (2.7.0.2.1)$$

2.7.0.3. If  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram,

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D} \quad (2.7.0.3.1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}), \mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.7.0.4.1)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}), \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{A}) \quad (2.7.0.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}. \quad (2.7.0.4.3)$$

Hence,  $PQRS$  is a parallelogram from (2.7.0.3.1).

2.7.0.5. If

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}, \quad (2.7.0.5.1)$$

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

## 2.8 Orthogonality

2.8.1 Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are  $a, b, c$  and  $b - c, c - a, a - b$ .

**Solution:**

$$\because \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b - c \\ c - a \\ a - b \end{pmatrix} = 0, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.8.1.1)$$

2.8.2 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 2.8.2, Fig. 2.8.2.1, Fig. 2.8.2.2. and Fig. 2.8.2.3. In b), forming the collinearity matrix

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{2}{3}R_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.2.1)$$

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

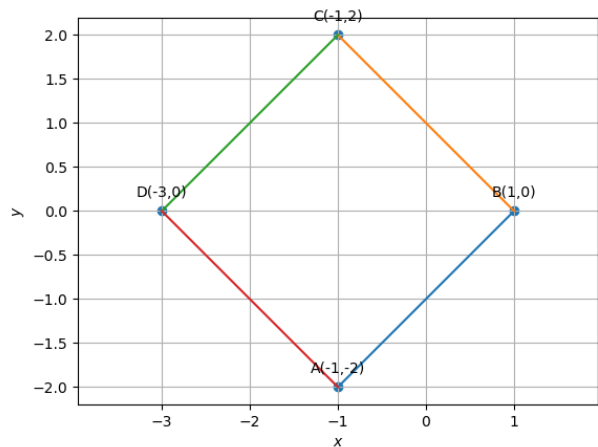


Fig. 2.8.2.1

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



Fig. 2.8.2.2



Fig. 2.8.2.3

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

TABLE 2.8.2

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.3.1)$$

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 (2.7.0.1.3). Substituting numerical values,

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{10}{19} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.3.2)$$

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

**Solution:** The given points are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.4.1)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (2.8.4.2)$$

from (2.7.0.1.3), the projection vector is the origin. See Fig. 2.8.4.1.

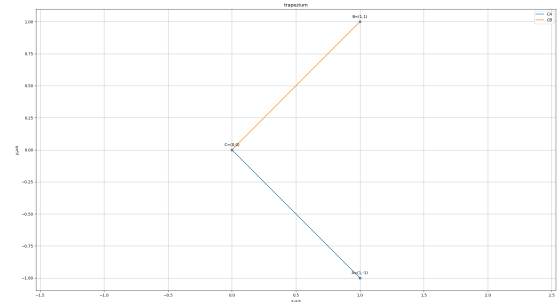


Fig. 2.8.4.1

2.8.5 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:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.5.1)$$

is an orthogonal matrix satisfying (2.7.0.5.1), which verifies the given conditions.

2.8.6 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:**

$$\therefore (\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{c} = 0, \quad (2.8.6.1)$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c}} = 8, \quad (2.8.6.2)$$

upon substituting numerical values.

2.8.7 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:**

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} + \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (2.8.7.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} - \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (2.8.7.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a})^T (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a}) = 0 \quad (2.8.7.3)$$

from (2.7.0.2.1).

2.8.8 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:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \| \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \|^2 = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \| \mathbf{a} \|^2 + \| \mathbf{b} \|^2 + \| \mathbf{c} \|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a}) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & 3 + 2(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a}) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{a} = -\frac{3}{2} \quad (2.8.8.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

2.8.9 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:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.9.1) \\
 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} &= 0 \quad (2.8.9.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

2.8.10 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:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.8.10.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.8.10.2)$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (2.8.10.3)$$

2.8.11 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:**

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.8.11.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (2.8.11.2)$$

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

2.8.12 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,

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (2.8.12.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (2.8.12.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{d} = 15 \quad (2.8.12.3)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^\top \\ \mathbf{b}^\top \\ \mathbf{c}^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.12.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.12.5)$$

Forming the augmented matrix,

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{9}{14}R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{14} & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (2.8.12.6)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{160}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{70}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.12.7)$$

upon back substitution.

2.8.13 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:**

$$\because (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^\top (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2, \quad (2.8.13.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (2.8.13.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (2.8.13.3)$$

2.8.14 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. 2.8.14.1. From (2.7.0.4.3), PQRS is a parallelogram.

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{3}{2}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.14.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}) \neq 0 \quad (2.8.14.2)$$

$$(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \quad (2.8.14.3)$$

Therefore PQRS is a rhombus.



Fig. 2.8.14.1

2.8.15 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. 2.8.15.1.

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.15.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (2.8.15.2)$$

Thus,  $AB \perp AC$ .



Fig. 2.8.15.1

2.8.16 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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 - h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.16.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 - h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.8.16.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{22}{9} \quad (2.8.16.3)$$

See Fig. 2.8.16.1.



Fig. 2.8.16.1

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 2.8.17.

TABLE 2.8.17

$\mathbf{n}_1$	$\mathbf{n}_2$	$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2$	$\ \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	$\sqrt{2}$	$45^\circ$

2.8.18 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:**

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \square \quad (2.8.18.1)$$

2.8.19 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  $m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1, n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1, l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1 \\ n_1 & n_2 & l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8.19.1)$$

satisfies (2.7.0.5.1). Hence, the three vectors are mutually perpendicular.

2.8.20 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,

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

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

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{10}{7}$$

See Fig. 2.8.20.1



Fig. 2.8.20.1: lines represented for the given points and direction vector with  $k = -\frac{10}{7}$

- 2.8.21 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  $\mathbf{c}$ .
- 2.8.22 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  $\mathbf{C}$ .
- 2.8.23 Check whether  $(5, -2), (6, 4)$  and  $(7, -2)$  are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.
- 2.8.24 The perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(1, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(4, 6)$  cuts the y-axis at
- $(0, 13)$
  - $(0, -13)$
  - $(0, 12)$
  - $(13, 0)$
- 2.8.25 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
- $(0, 0)$
  - $(0, 2)$
  - $(2, 0)$
  - $(-2, 0)$
- 2.8.26 The points  $(-4, 0), (4, 0), (0, 3)$  are the vertices of
- right triangle
  - isosceles triangle
  - equilateral triangle
  - scalene triangle
- 2.8.27 The point  $\mathbf{A}(2, 7)$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{P}(6, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(0, -4)$ .
- (2.8.20.1) 2.8.28 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.
- 2.8.29 Name the type of triangle formed by the points  $\mathbf{A}(-5, 6), \mathbf{B}(-4, -2)$ , and  $\mathbf{C}(7, 5)$ .
- (2.8.20.2) 2.8.30 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?
- (2.8.20.3) 2.8.31 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  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- 2.8.32 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  $\triangle \mathbf{ABC}$ .
- 2.8.33 Find a vector of magnitude 6, which is perpendicular to both the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .
- 2.8.34 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  $\overline{\mathbf{CD}}$ .
- 2.8.35 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
  - $\frac{3}{2}$
  - $-\frac{5}{2}$
- 2.8.36 Projection vector of  $\mathbf{a}$  on  $\mathbf{b}$  is
- $\left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|^2} \right)$
  - $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$
  - $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$
  - $\left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \right)$
- 2.8.37 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
- $\lambda = -2$
  - $\lambda = 0$
  - $\lambda = 1$
  - $\lambda = -1$
- 2.8.38 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
- 2.8.39 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.8.40 If  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ , then the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are orthogonal.
- 2.8.41 Prove that the lines  $x = py + q, z = ry + s$  and  $x = p'y + q', z = r'y + s'$  are perpendicular if  $pp' + rr' + 1 = 0$ .
- 2.8.42 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.
- 2.8.43  $\overline{\mathbf{AB}} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{CD}} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  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.

2.8.44 Show that the straight lines whose direction cosines are given by  $2l + 2m - n = 0$  and  $mn + nl + lm = 0$  are at right angles.

2.8.45 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.

2.8.46 The intercepts made by the plane  $2x - 3y + 5z + 4 = 0$  on the co-ordinate axis are  $\left(-2, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{5}\right)$ .

2.8.47 The line  $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  lies in the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 2 = 0$ .

## 2.9 Vector Product

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

**Solution:** From (2.10.0.1.3),

$$|A_{23} \quad B_{23}| = \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -2 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.9.1.1)$$

$$|A_{31} \quad B_{31}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -19 \quad (2.9.1.2)$$

$$|A_{12} \quad B_{12}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 19, \quad (2.9.1.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} |A_{23} \quad B_{23}| \\ |A_{31} \quad B_{31}| \\ |A_{12} \quad B_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 19\sqrt{2} \quad (2.9.1.4)$$

from (2.10.0.2.1).

2.9.2 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 2.10.0.4, performing row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 2R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 0 & 2\lambda - 6 & 2\mu - 27 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.2.1)$$

$$R_2 = 0 \implies \mu = \frac{27}{2}, \lambda = 3. \quad (2.9.2.2)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.9.3.1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{\sqrt{61}}{2} \quad (2.9.3.2)$$

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

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

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

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 15\sqrt{2} \quad (2.9.4.1)$$

2.9.5 Find the area of a rhombus if its vertices are  $A(3, 0), B(4, 5), C(-1, 4)$  and  $D(-2, -1)$  taken in order.

**Solution:** The area of the rhombus is

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 24 \quad (2.9.5.1)$$

See Fig. 2.9.5.1.

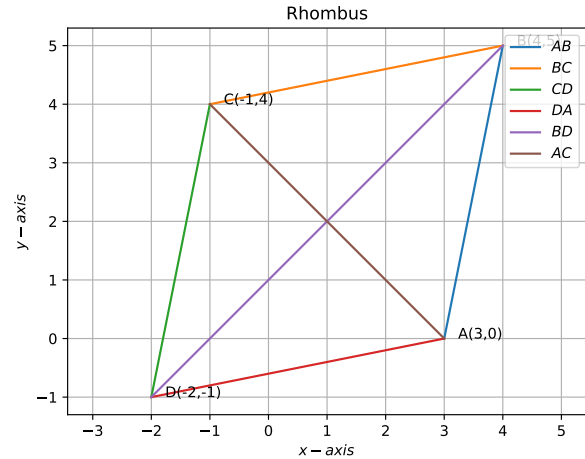


Fig. 2.9.5.1

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

- $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- $\frac{\pi}{3}$
- $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Solution:** From the given information and (2.10.0.5.1)

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta = 1 \quad (2.9.6.1)$$

$$\implies \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.9.6.2)$$

$$\implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.9.6.3)$$

2.9.7 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

- $\frac{1}{2}$
- 1
- 2
- 4

**Solution:** Since

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.7.1)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.7.2)$$

area of the rectangle is

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\| = 2 \quad (2.9.7.3)$$

See Fig. 2.9.7.1



Fig. 2.9.7.1

2.9.8 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 2.9.8.

TABLE 2.9.8

	$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$	$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}$	$\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

2.9.9 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 (1.3.1.1), the mid point coordinates are given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.9.1)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.9.2)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.9.3)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.9.4)$$

$$ar(PQR) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}) \times (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R})\| = 1 \quad (2.9.9.5)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.9.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| = 4 \quad (2.9.9.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(PQR)}{ar(ABC)} = \frac{1}{4} \quad (2.9.9.8)$$

See Fig. 2.9.9.1

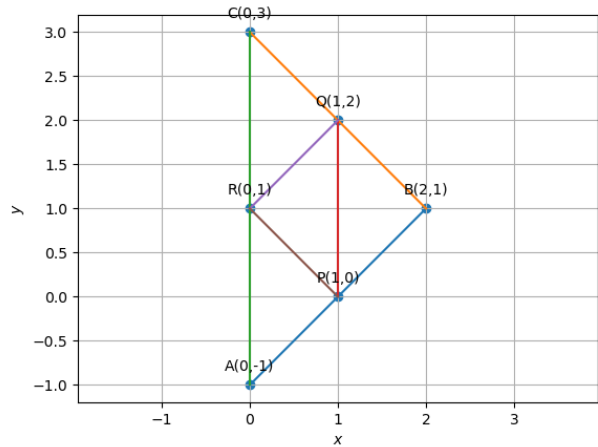


Fig. 2.9.9.1

2.9.10 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. 2.9.10.1

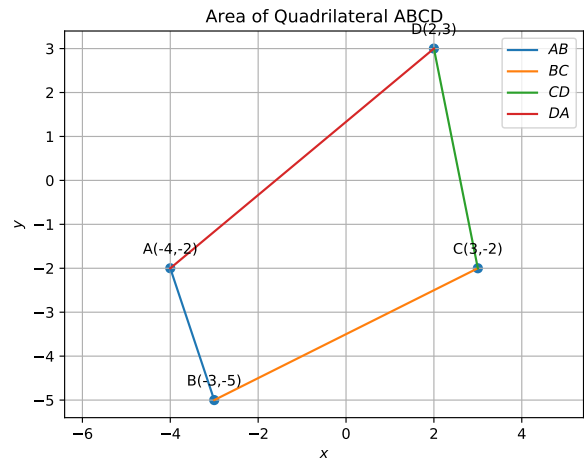


Fig. 2.9.10.1

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.9.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.9.10.2)$$

$$ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| = \frac{23}{2} \quad (2.9.10.3)$$

$$ar(BCD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D})\| = \frac{33}{2} \quad (2.9.10.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABCD) = ar(ABD) + ar(BCD) = 28 \quad (2.9.10.5)$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.9.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.11.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| = 3 \quad (2.9.11.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.11.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ar(ACD) &= \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| \quad (2.9.11.5) \\ &= 3 = ar(ABD) \quad (2.9.11.6) \end{aligned}$$

See Fig. 2.9.11.1.



Fig. 2.9.11.1

by

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.12.1)$$

and the corresponding unit vectors are

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \\ -\frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{45}} \end{pmatrix}, \frac{\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{69}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{69}} \\ \frac{8}{\sqrt{69}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.12.2)$$

The area of the parallelogram is given by

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ -11 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{605} \quad (2.9.12.3)$$

The vertices of a  $\triangle ABC$  are  $\mathbf{A}(4, 6)$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(1, 5)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(7, 2)$ . A line is drawn to intersect sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  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. 2.9.13.1. Using section formula



Fig. 2.9.13.1

2.9.12 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

(1.3.1.1),

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 23 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.13.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.13.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.13.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.13.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ar}(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E})\| = \frac{15}{32} \quad (2.9.13.5)$$

$$\text{ar}(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{15}{2} \quad (2.9.13.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(ADE)}{\text{ar}(ABC)} = \frac{1}{16} \quad (2.9.13.7)$$

2.9.14 Draw a quadrilateral in the Cartesian plane, whose vertices are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.9.14.1)$$

Also, find its area.

**Solution:** See Fig. 2.9.14.1. From (2.10.0.6.2),

$$\text{ar}(ABCD) = \frac{121}{2} \quad (2.9.14.2)$$

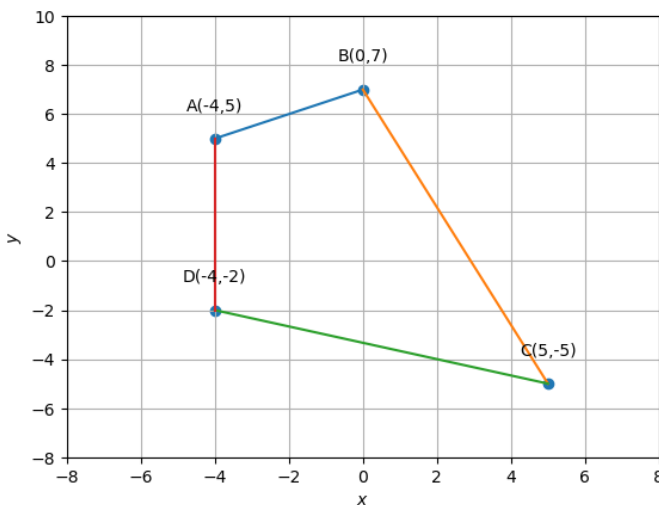


Fig. 2.9.14.1: Plot of quadrilateral  $ABCD$

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

2.9.18 Show that

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} \\ &= 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.9.18.1)$$

from (2.10.0.3.1). and (2.10.0.3.2)

2.9.19 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

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.9.19.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (2.9.19.2)$$

2.9.20 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  $\vec{b}$ ?

2.9.21 The area of a triangle with vertices  $\mathbf{A}(3, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(7, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(8, 4)$  is

- a) 14
- b) 28
- c) 8
- d) 6

2.9.22 The area of a triangle with vertices  $(a, b + c)$ ,  $(b, c + a)$  and  $(c, a + b)$  is

- a)  $(a + b + c)^2$
- b) 0
- c)  $a + b + c$
- d)  $abc$

2.9.23 Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are  $(-8, 4)$ ,  $(-6, 6)$  and  $(-3, 9)$ .

2.9.24 If  $\mathbf{D}(\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$ ,  $\mathbf{E}(7, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{7}{2})$  are the midpoints of sides of  $\triangle ABC$ , find the area of the  $\triangle ABC$ .

2.9.25 If  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ , show that  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$ . Interpret the result geometrically.

2.9.26 Find the sine of the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ .

2.9.27 Using vectors, find the area of  $\triangle ABC$  with vertices  $\mathbf{A}(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(2, -1, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(4, 5, -1)$ .

2.9.28 Using vectors, prove that the parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area.

2.9.29 If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ , determine the vertices of a triangle, show that  $\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}]$  gives the vector area of the triangle. Hence deduce the condition that the three points  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ , are collinear. Also find the unit vector normal to the plane of the triangle.

2.9.30 Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

2.9.31 The vector from origin to the points A and B are  $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , respectively, then the area of  $\triangle OAB$  is

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

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

- a) 340  
b)  $\sqrt{25}$   
c)  $\sqrt{229}$   
d)  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{229}$

2.10.0.5.

$$\|\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\| \times \|\mathbf{B}\| \sin \theta \quad (2.10.0.5.1)$$

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

$$ar(ABCD) = \frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \times (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B})) \quad (2.10.0.6.1)$$

$$(2.10.0.6.2)$$

2.9.32 For any vector  $\mathbf{a}$ , the value of  $(\mathbf{a} \times \hat{i})^2 + (\mathbf{a} \times \hat{j})^2 + (\mathbf{a} \times \hat{k})^2$  is equal to

- a)  $a$   
b)  $3a$   
c)  $4a$   
d)  $2a$

2.9.33 If  $|\mathbf{a}| = 10$ ,  $|\mathbf{b}| = 2$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 12$ , then value of  $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$  is

- a) 5  
b) 10  
c) 14  
d) 16

2.9.34 If  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , find a vector  $\mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 3$ .

2.9.35 The area of the quadrilateral ABCD, where A(0, 4, 1), B(2, 3, -1), C(4, 5, 0) and D(2, 6, 2), is equal to

- a) 9 sq. units  
b) 18 sq. units  
c) 27 sq. units  
d) 81 sq. units

2.9.36 Find the area of region bounded by the triangle whose vertices are (-1, 1), (0, 5) and (3, 2).

## 2.10 Formulae

2.10.0.1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j} + a_3 \vec{k}, \quad (2.10.0.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.10.0.1.2)$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ a_j \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.10.0.1.3)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ b_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{A}_{23} & \mathbf{B}_{23}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{B}_{31}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{B}_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.10.0.2.1)$$

2.10.0.3. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} \quad (2.10.0.3.1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.10.0.3.2)$$

2.10.0.4. If

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (2.10.0.4.1)$$

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

## 2.11 Miscellaneous

2.11.1 The two opposite vertices of a square are (-1, 2) and (3, 2). Find the coordinates of the other two vertices.

**Solution:** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.11.1.1)$$

The given square is available in Fig. 2.11.1.1. Shifting  $\mathbf{A}$

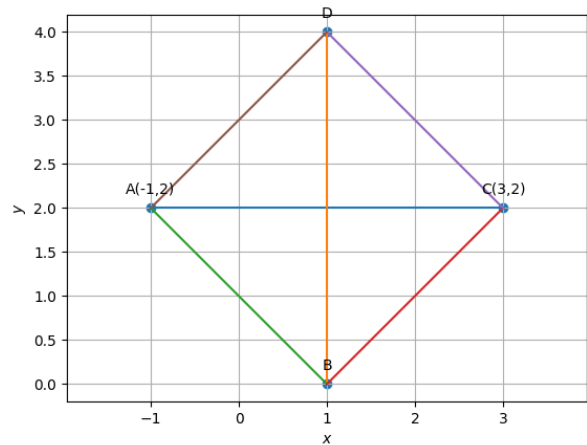


Fig. 2.11.1.1

to origin with reference to Fig. 2.11.1.2,

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C}_1 = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.11.1.2)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \theta = 0^\circ \quad (2.11.1.3)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle made by  $AC$  with the x-axis. Considering the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) & -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.11.1.4)$$

From Fig. 2.11.1.3,

$$\mathbf{C}_2 = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (2.11.1.5)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{C}_2 \quad (2.11.1.6)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = (\mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{e}_2) \mathbf{C}_2 \quad (2.11.1.7)$$



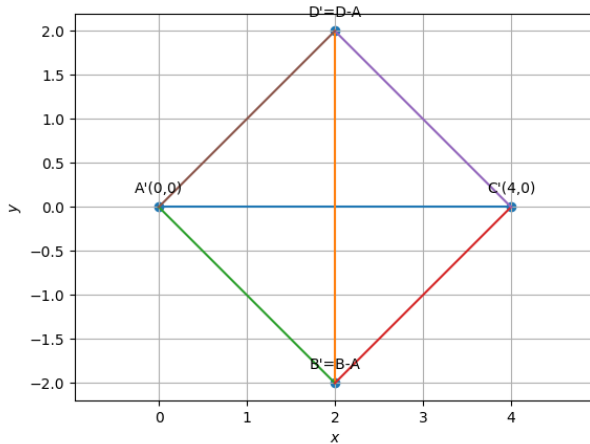


Fig. 2.11.1.2

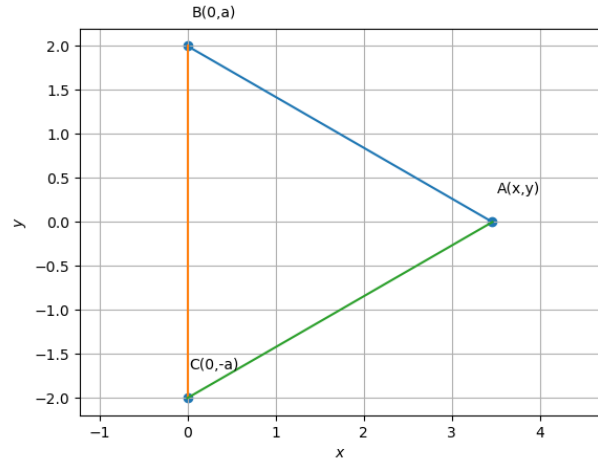


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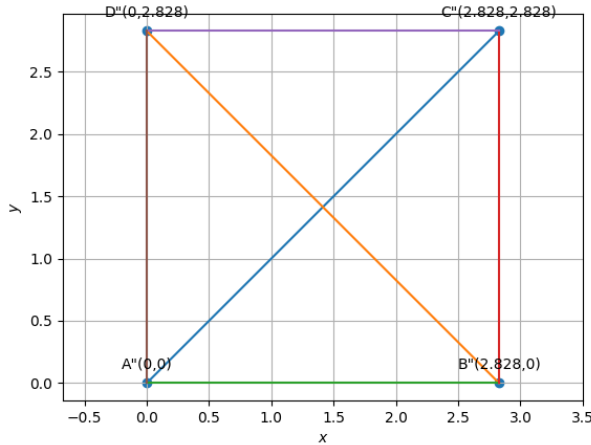


Fig. 2.11.1.3

Now,

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{B}_2 + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.11.1.8)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{D}_2 + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.11.1.9)$$

by reversing the process of translation and rotation. Thus, from (2.11.1.8) (2.11.1.6), (2.11.1.9) and (2.11.1.7)

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.11.1.10)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{e}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.11.1.11)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.11.1.12)$$

2.11.2 The base of an equilateral triangle with side  $2a$  lies along the  $y$ -axis such that the mid-point of the base is at the origin. Find vertices of the triangle.

**Solution:** Let the base be  $BC$ . From the given informa-

tion,

$$\mathbf{B} = a\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{C} = -a\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (2.11.2.1)$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  lies on the  $x$ -axis,

$$\mathbf{A} = k\mathbf{e}_1 \quad (2.11.2.2)$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = (2a)^2 \quad (2.11.2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{C}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C} = 4a^2 \quad (2.11.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 + a^2 = 4a^2 \quad (2.11.2.5)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \pm a\sqrt{3} \quad (2.11.2.6)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{A} = \pm \sqrt{3}a\mathbf{e}_1 \quad (2.11.2.7)$$

Fig. 2.11.2.1 is plotted for  $a = 2$ .

2.11.3 The value of the expression  $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

2.11.4 If  $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}|^2 = 144$  and  $|\mathbf{a}| = 4$ , then  $|\mathbf{b}|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

2.11.5 If the direction cosines of a line are  $(k, k, k)$  then

- a)  $k > 0$
- b)  $0 < k < 1$
- c)  $k = 1$
- d)  $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

2.11.6 Find the position vector of a point  $A$  in space such that  $\overrightarrow{OA}$  is inclined at  $60^\circ$  to  $OX$  and at  $45^\circ$  to  $OY$  and  $|\overrightarrow{OA}| = 10$  units.

## 3 CONSTRUCTIONS

## 3.1 Triangle

3.1.1 Construct a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 7\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 75^\circ$  and  $AB + AC = 13\text{cm}$ .

**Solution:** From (3.3.1.3) and (3.3.1.4), we obtain Fig. 3.1.1.1. See

codes/triangle/const-aBsum.py

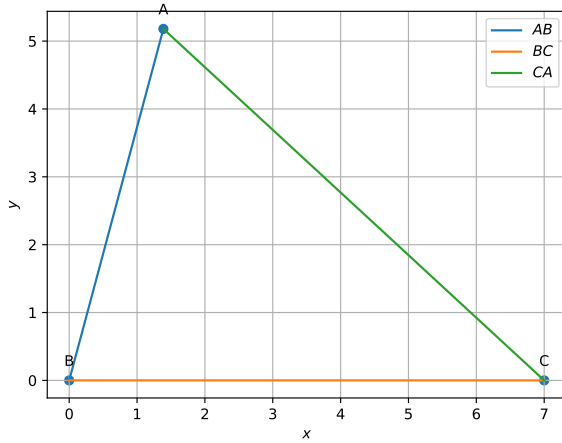


Fig. 3.1.1.1

3.1.2 Construct a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 8\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 45^\circ$  and  $AB - AC = 3.5\text{cm}$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 3.1.2.1.

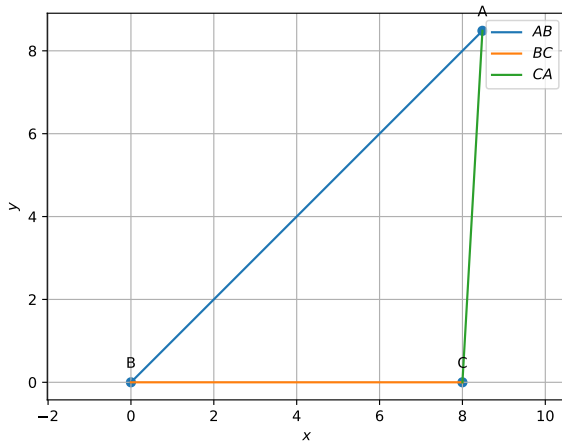


Fig. 3.1.2.1

3.1.3 Construct a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 60^\circ$  and  $AC - AB = 2\text{cm}$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 3.1.3.1 obtained by substituting  $K = 3.1.10 - 2$ .

3.1.4 Construct a right triangle whose base is  $12\text{cm}$  and sum of its hypotenuse and other side is  $18\text{cm}$ .

**Solution:** For  $a = 12$ ,  $\angle B = 90^\circ$ ,  $b + c = 18$ , we obtain Fig. 3.1.4.1.

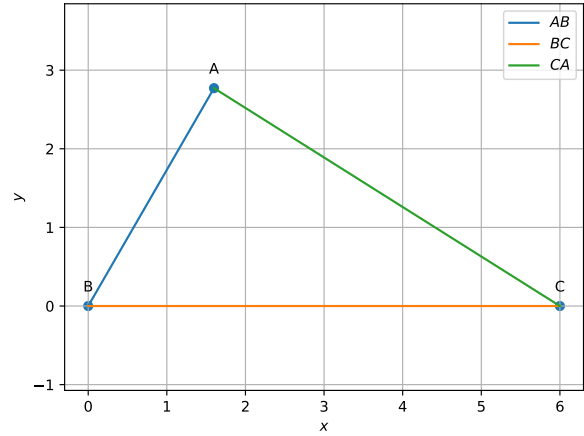


Fig. 3.1.3.1

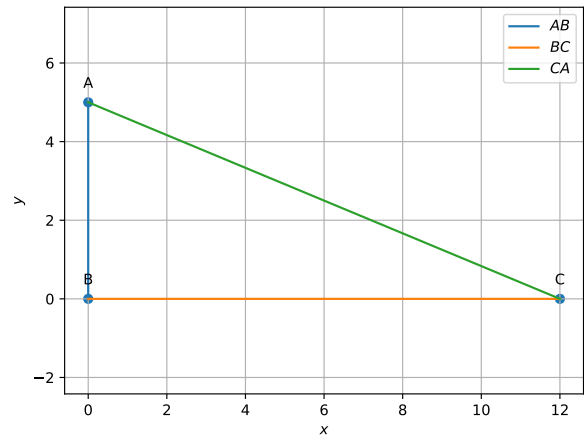


Fig. 3.1.4.1

3.1.5 Construct a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $\angle B = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 90^\circ$  and  $AB + BC + CA = 11\text{cm}$ .

**Solution:** From (3.3.2.4) and (3.3.2.5), Fig. 3.1.5.1 is generated. See

codes/triangle/const-BCsum.py

3.1.6 Draw a right triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 12\text{cm}$ ,  $AB = 5\text{cm}$  and  $\angle B = 90^\circ$ .

3.1.7 Draw an isosceles triangle  $ABC$  in which  $AB = AC = 6\text{cm}$  and  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ .

3.1.8 Draw a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $AB = 5\text{cm}$ ,  $BC = 6\text{cm}$  and  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ .

3.1.9 Draw a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $AB = 4\text{cm}$ ,  $BC = 6\text{cm}$  and  $AC = 9\text{cm}$ .

3.1.10 Draw a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ ,  $CA = 5\text{cm}$  and  $AB = 4\text{cm}$ .

3.1.11 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of its sides as  $4\text{cm}$ ,  $3\text{cm}$  and  $7\text{cm}$ ? Give reason for your answer.

3.1.12 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of its sides as  $9\text{cm}$ ,  $7\text{cm}$  and  $17\text{cm}$ ? Give reason for your

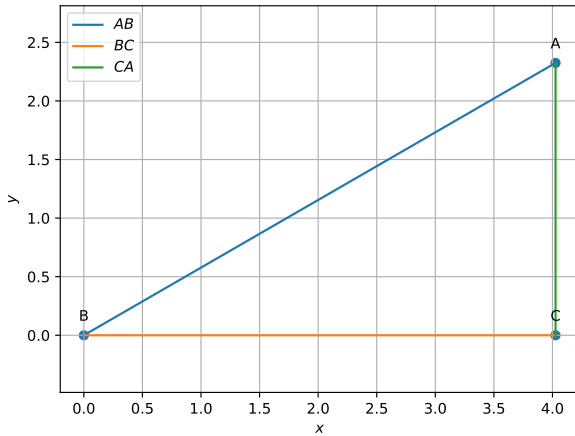


Fig. 3.1.5.1

answer.

- 3.1.13 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of its sides as  $8\text{cm}$ ,  $7\text{cm}$  and  $4\text{cm}$ ? Give reason for your answer.
- 3.1.14 Two sides of a triangle are of lengths  $5\text{cm}$  and  $1.5\text{cm}$ . The length of the third side of the triangle cannot be
- $3.6\text{cm}$
  - $4.1\text{cm}$
  - $3.8\text{cm}$
  - $3.4\text{cm}$
- 3.1.15 The construction of a triangle  $ABC$ , given that  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 45^\circ$  is not possible when difference of  $AB$  and  $AC$  is equal to
- $6.9\text{cm}$
  - $5.2\text{cm}$
  - $5.0\text{cm}$
  - $4.0\text{cm}$
- 3.1.16 The construction of a triangle  $ABC$ , given that  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle C = 60^\circ$  is possible when difference of  $AB$  and  $AC$  is equal to
- $3.2\text{cm}$
  - $3.1\text{cm}$
  - $3\text{cm}$
  - $2.8\text{cm}$
- 3.1.17 Construct a triangle whose sides are  $3.6\text{cm}$ ,  $3.0\text{cm}$  and  $4.8\text{cm}$ . Bisect the smallest angle and measure each part.
- 3.1.18 Construct a triangle  $ABC$  in which  $BC = 5\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 60^\circ$  and  $AC + AB = 7.5\text{cm}$ .

Construct each of the following and give justification :

- 3.19 A triangle if its perimeter is  $10.4\text{cm}$  and two angles are  $45^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$ .
- 3.20 A triangle  $PQR$  given that  $QR = 3\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle PQR = 45^\circ$  and  $QP - PR = 2\text{cm}$ .
- 3.21 A right triangle when one side is  $3.5\text{cm}$  and sum of other sides and the hypotenuse is  $5.5\text{cm}$ .
- 3.22 An equilateral triangle if its altitude is  $3.2\text{cm}$ .

Write true or false in each of the following. Give reasons for your answer:

- 3.23 A triangle  $ABC$  can be constructed in which  $AB = 5\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle A = 45^\circ$  and  $BC + AC = 5\text{cm}$ .
- 3.24 A triangle  $ABC$  can be constructed in which  $BC = 6\text{cm}$ ,  $\angle B = 30^\circ$  and  $AC - AB = 4\text{cm}$ .
- 3.25 A triangle  $ABC$  can be constructed in which  $\angle B = 105^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 90^\circ$  and  $AB + BC + AC = 10\text{cm}$ .
- 3.26 A triangle  $ABC$  can be constructed in which  $\angle B = 60^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 45^\circ$  and  $AB + BC + AC = 12\text{cm}$ .

### 3.2 Quadrilateral

- 3.1 Draw a parallelogram  $ABCD$  in which  $BC = 5\text{cm}$ ,  $AB = 3\text{cm}$  and  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ , divide it into triangles  $ACB$  and  $ABD$  by the diagonal  $BD$ .
- 3.2 Construct a square of side  $3\text{cm}$ .
- 3.3 Construct a rectangle whose adjacent sides are of lengths  $5\text{cm}$  and  $3.5\text{cm}$ .
- 3.4 Construct a rhombus whose side is of length  $3.4\text{cm}$  and one of its angles is  $45^\circ$ .
- 3.5 Construct a rhombus whose diagonals are  $4\text{cm}$  and  $6\text{cm}$  in lengths.

### 3.3 Formulae

- 3.3.1. Construct a  $\triangle ABC$  given  $a$ ,  $\angle B$  and  $K = b + c$ .

**Solution:** Using the cosine formula in  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad (3.3.1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (K - c)^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad (3.3.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{K^2 - a^2}{2(K - a \cos B)} \quad (3.3.1.3)$$

The coordinates of  $\triangle ABC$  can then be expressed as

$$\mathbf{A} = c \begin{pmatrix} \cos B \\ \sin B \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.3.1.4)$$

- 3.3.2. Construct a  $\triangle ABC$  given  $\angle B$ ,  $\angle C$  and  $K = a + b + c$ .

**Solution:**

$$a + b + c = K \quad (3.3.2.1)$$

$$b \cos C + c \cos B - a = 0 \quad (3.3.2.2)$$

$$b \sin C - c \sin B = 0 \quad (3.3.2.3)$$

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ 0 & \sin C & -\sin B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3.2.4)$$

which can be solved to obtain all the sides.  $\triangle ABC$  can then be plotted using

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3.2.5)$$

## 4 LINEAR FORMS

## 4.1 Equation

Find the equation of line

4.1.1 passing through the point  $P = (-4, 3)$  with slope  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Solution:** From (1.3.2),

$$\mathbf{n} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} \quad -1\right)\mathbf{x} = -5 \quad (4.1.1.1)$$

using (1.1.5.1). See Fig. 4.1.1.1.

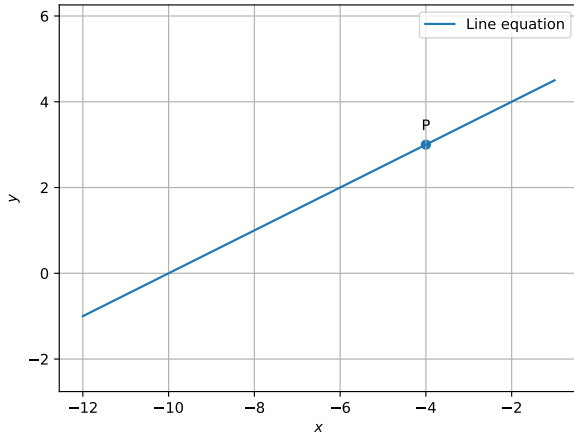


Fig. 4.1.1.1

4.1.2 passing through  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with slope  $m$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} m \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1.2.1)$$

the desired equation is

$$\left(m \quad -1\right)\left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0 \quad (4.1.2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(m \quad -1\right)\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4.1.2.3)$$

4.1.3 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:**

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 + \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(-1 \quad 2 + \sqrt{3}\right)\mathbf{x} = \left(-1 \quad 2 + \sqrt{3}\right)\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.3.2)$$

$$= 4(\sqrt{3} + 1) \quad (4.1.3.3)$$

is the desired equation. See Fig. 4.1.3.1.

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

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.1.4.1)$$

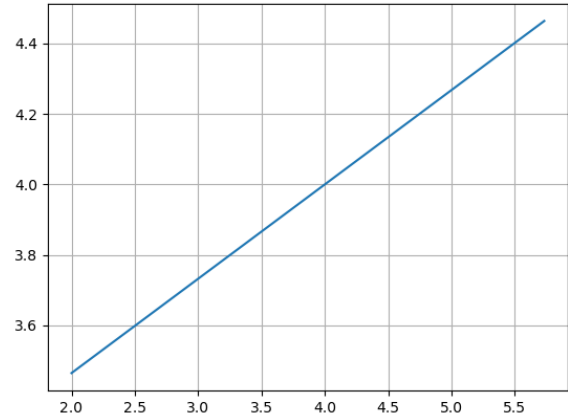


Fig. 4.1.3.1

The desired equation of the line is

$$\Rightarrow \left(2 \quad 1\right)\left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0 \quad (4.1.4.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \left(2 \quad 1\right)\mathbf{x} = -6 \quad (4.1.4.3)$$

See Fig. 4.1.4.1.

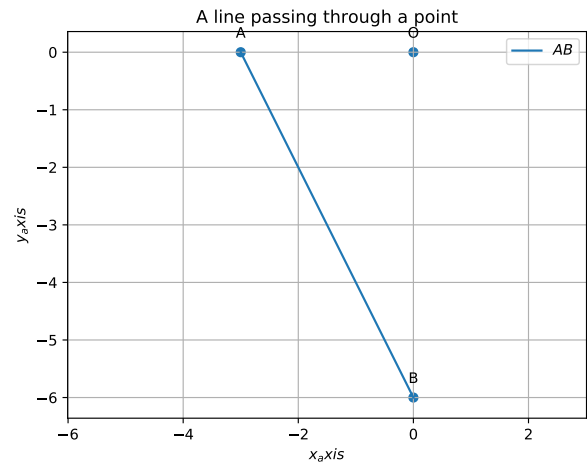


Fig. 4.1.4.1

4.1.5 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:**

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.1.5.1)$$

Hence, the equation of the line is given by

$$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad 1\right)\left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0 \quad (4.1.5.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad 1\right)\mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (4.1.5.3)$$

See Fig. 4.1.5.1.

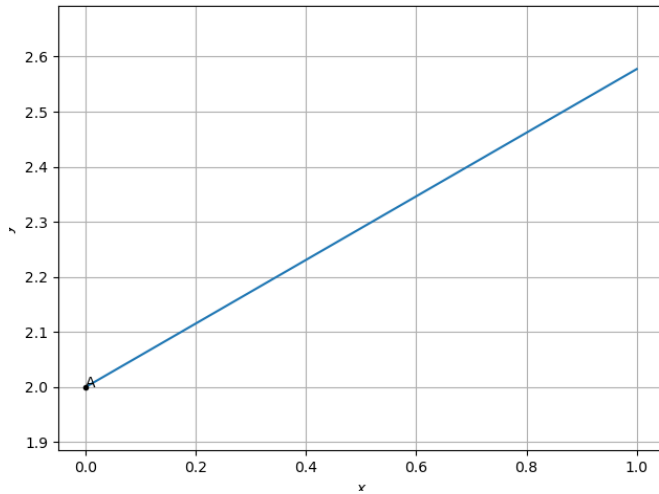


Fig. 4.1.5.1

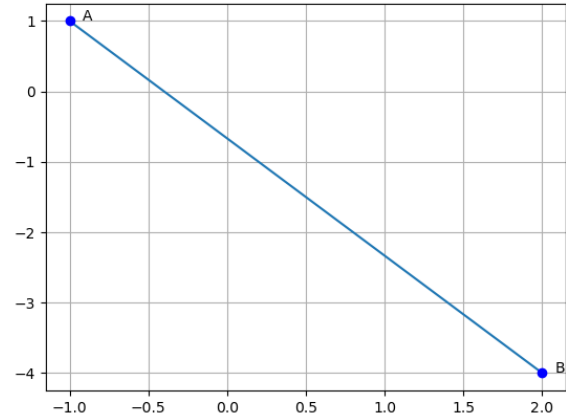


Fig. 4.1.10.1

4.1.6 The cartesian equation of the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.7 The vector equation of the line

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.8 The vector equation of the line through the points  $(3, 4, -7)$  and  $(1, -1, 6)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.9 The vector equation of the line

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.10 Find the equation of the line passing through the points

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Solution:** From (1.5.5),

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.10.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \quad (4.1.10.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1 + R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.10.3)$$

Thus, from (1.6.1), the equation of the line is

$$(5 \ 3)\mathbf{x} = -2 \quad (4.1.10.4)$$

See Fig. 4.1.10.1.

4.1.11 The vertices of triangle  $PQR$  are  $\mathbf{P}(2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(-2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{R}(4, 5)$ . Find the equation of the median through  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 4.1.11.1. Using section formula, the mid point of  $PQ$  is

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.11.1)$$

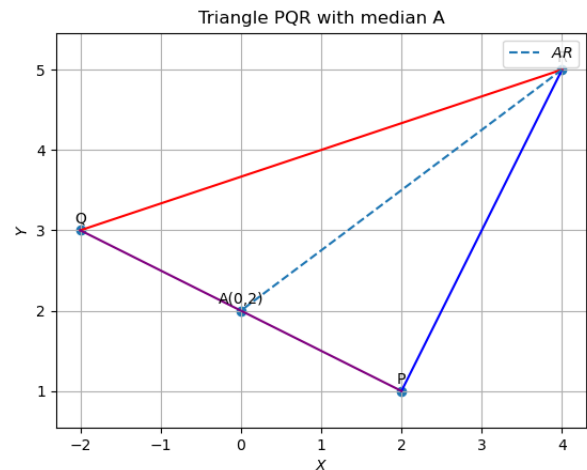


Fig. 4.1.11.1

Following the approach in Problem 4.1.10,

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow 4R_2]{R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1 - 5R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, the equation of the line is

$$(-3 \ 4)\mathbf{x} = 8 \quad (4.1.11.2)$$

4.1.12 Find the equations of the planes that pass through the points

a)  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution:**

a) From (1.5.5),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 4 & -5 \\ -4 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.12.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & -5 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 4R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 6R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xleftrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1 + R_2]{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since we obtain a 0 row, the given points are collinear.  
The direction vector of the line is

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.12.2)$$

and the equation of a line is given by,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \kappa \mathbf{m} \quad (4.1.12.3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.12.4)$$

See Fig. 4.1.12.1.

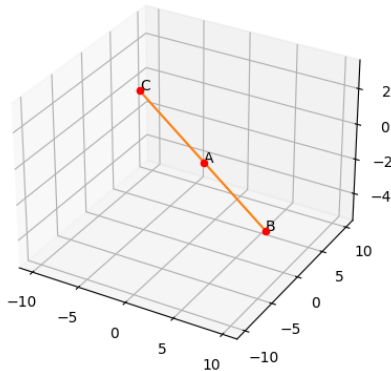


Fig. 4.1.12.1

b) In this case,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{1}$$

(4.1.12.5) 4.1.16 Find the equation of a line passing through a point (2,2) and cutting off intercepts on the axes whose sum is 9.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 4R_2]{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xleftrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow 5R_2 + R_3]{R_1 \leftarrow 5R_1 - R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the equation of the plane is

$$(2 \ 3 \ -3)\mathbf{x} = 5 \quad (4.1.12.6)$$

4.1.13 Find the equation of the plane through the points (2, 1, 0), (3, -2, -2) and (3, 1, 7).

4.1.14 A plane passes through the points (2, 0, 0), (0, 3, 0) and (0, 0, 4). The equation of the plane is \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.15 Find the equation of a line that cuts off equal intercepts on the coordinate axes and passes through the point (2, 3).  
**Solution:** Let (a, 0) and (0, a) be the intercept points.

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.15.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.15.2)$$

and the equation of the line is

$$(1 \ 1)\left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0 \quad (4.1.15.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = 5 \quad (4.1.15.4)$$

See Fig. 4.1.15.1.

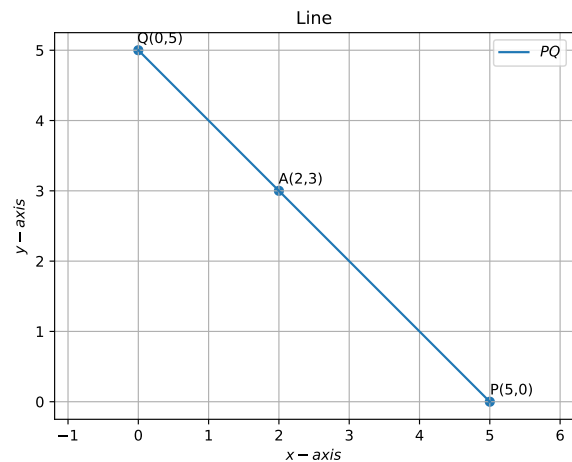


Fig. 4.1.15.1

**Solution:** Let the intercept points be

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.16.1)$$

be the given point. Forming the collinearity matrix from (1.5.6),

$$(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & a-2 \\ -b & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.16.2)$$

which is singular if

$$ab - 2(a + b) = 0 \implies ab = 18 \quad (4.1.16.3)$$

$$\therefore a + b = 9. \quad (4.1.16.4)$$

$\therefore a, b$  are the roots of

$$x^2 - 9x + 18 = 0. \quad (4.1.16.5)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.16.6)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -b \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.16.7)$$

Thus, the possible equations of the line are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 6 \quad (4.1.16.8)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 6 \quad (4.1.16.9)$$

See Fig. 4.1.16.1.

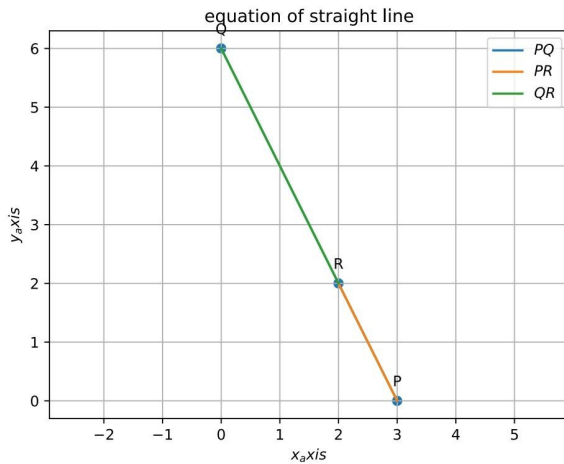


Fig. 4.1.16.1

4.1.17  $P(a, b)$  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:** From Problem 4.1.16,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.17.1)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} b & a \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.1.17.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \begin{pmatrix} b & a \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2ab. \quad (4.1.17.3)$$

is the desired line equation.

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

**Solution:** Choosing the intercept points in Problem 4.1.16,

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{2\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{3} \implies \begin{pmatrix} h \\ k \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.18.1)$$

$$\text{or, } \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{n} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2k \\ h \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.18.2)$$

Thus, the equation of the line is given by,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2k & h \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2k & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ k \end{pmatrix} = 3hk \quad (4.1.18.3)$$

4.1.19 Consider the following population and year graph. Find the slope of the line AB and using it, find what will be the population in the year 2010.

**Solution:** The direction vector of the line in Fig. 4.1.19.1

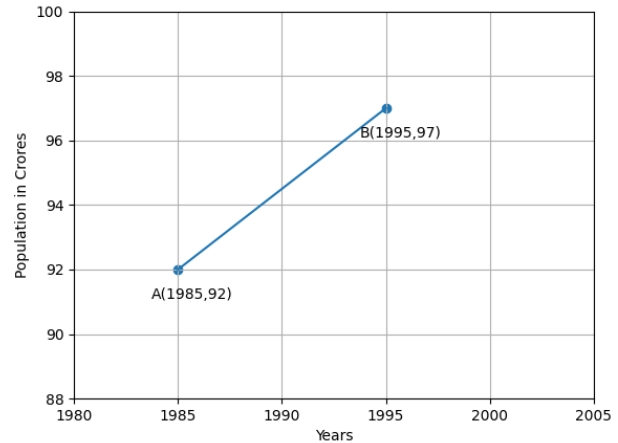


Fig. 4.1.19.1

is

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.19.1)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.19.2)$$

The equation of the line is then given by

$$\mathbf{n}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (4.1.19.3)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1801 \quad (4.1.19.4)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2010 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1801 \quad (4.1.19.5)$$

$$\implies y = \frac{209}{2} \quad (4.1.19.6)$$

## 4.2 Parallel

4.2.1 Find the vector equation of the line which is parallel to the vector  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and which passes through the point  $(1, -2, 3)$ .

4.2.2 Find the equations of the line passing through the point  $(3, 0, 1)$  and parallel to the planes  $x+2y=0$  and  $3y-z=0$ .

4.2.3 The equation of a line, which is parallel to  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and which passes through the point  $(5, -2, 4)$  is  $\frac{x-5}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z-4}{3}$ .

4.2.4 Find the equation of the line through the point  $(0, 2)$  making an angle  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  with the positive X-axis. Also find the equation of the line parallel to it and crossing the Y-axis at a distance of 2 units below the origin.

**Solution:** The equation of the first line is

$$(\sqrt{3} \ 1) \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.2.4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (4.2.4.2)$$

The equation of the second line is

$$(\sqrt{3} \ 1) \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.2.4.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} \ 1) \mathbf{x} = -2 \quad (4.2.4.4)$$

See Fig. 4.2.4.1.

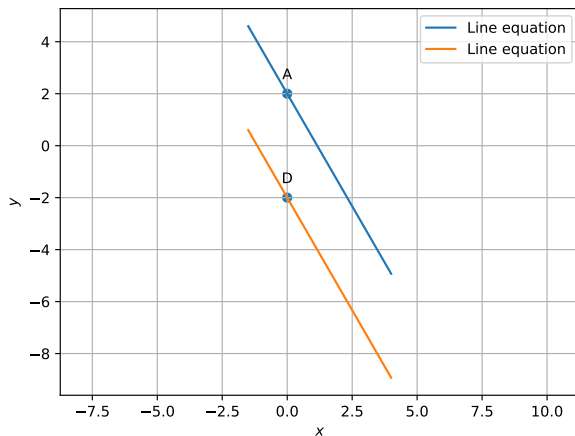


Fig. 4.2.4.1

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

**Solution:**

$$(3 \ -4) \mathbf{x} = (3 \ -4) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = -18 \quad (4.2.5.1)$$

is the required equation of the line.

4.2.6 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:** The equation of the desired line is

$$(A \ B) \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.2.6.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \ B) \mathbf{x} = Ax_1 + By_1 \quad (4.2.6.2)$$

4.2.7 Find the vector equation of the line passing through  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^T$  and parallel to the planes  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 5$

and  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 6$ .

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} = 0 \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{3}{4}R_1 + \frac{1}{4}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  the equation of the line is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.7.1)$$

4.2.8 Find the equation of the plane with an intercept 3 on the Y-axis and parallel to ZOX-Plane.

**Solution:** The normal vector to the ZOX plane is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.2.8.1)$$

Since, Y-axis has the intercept 3, the desired plane passes through the point

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.2.8.2)$$

Thus, the equation of the plane is given by,

$$\mathbf{n}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (4.2.8.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 3 \quad (4.2.8.4)$$

See Fig. 4.2.8.1.

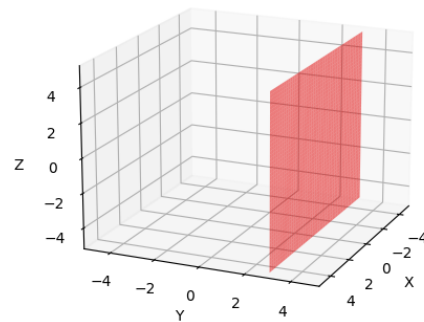


Fig. 4.2.8.1

4.2.9 The value of  $\lambda$  for which the vectors  $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and,  $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$  are parallel is

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d)  $\frac{2}{5}$

### 4.3 Perpendicular

4.3.1 Reduce the following equations into normal form. Find their perpendicular distances from the origin and angle between perpendicular and the positive  $x$ -axis.

a)  $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

b)  $y - 2 = 0$

c)  $x - y = 4$

**Solution:** See Table 4.3.1. (4.4.0.2.6) was used for computing the distance from the origin.

	$\mathbf{n}$	Angle	$c$	Distance
a)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$	$\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$	-8	4
b)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\tan^{-1} \infty = \frac{\pi}{2}$	2	2
c)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\tan^{-1}(-1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$	4	$2\sqrt{2}$

TABLE 4.3.1

4.3.2 In each of the following cases, determine the direction cosines of the normal to the plane and the distance from the origin.

a)  $z = 2$

b)  $x + y + z = 1$

c)  $2x + 3y - z = 5$

d)  $5y + 8 = 0$

**Solution:** See Table 4.3.2. (4.4.0.2.6) was used for computing the distance from the origin.

	$\mathbf{n}$	$c$	Distance
a)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	2	2
b)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
c)	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	5	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$
d)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	8	$\frac{8}{5}$

TABLE 4.3.2

4.3.3 Find the distance of the point  $(-1, 1)$  from the line  $12(x + 6) = 5(y - 2)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, c = -82 \quad (4.3.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{\left| \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - (-82) \right|}{\sqrt{12^2 + (-5)^2}} = 5 \quad (4.3.3.2)$$

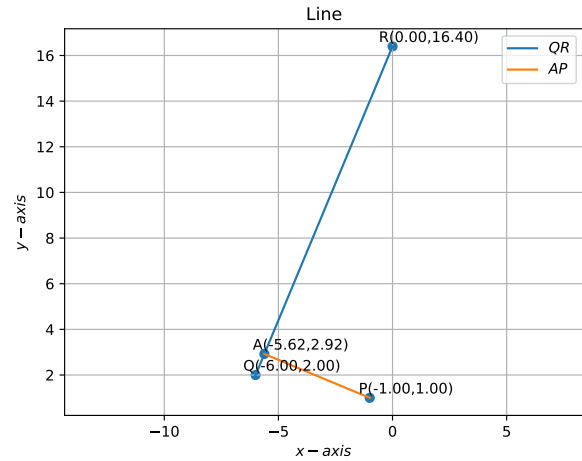


Fig. 4.3.3.1

See Fig. 4.3.3.1.

4.3.4 Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from  $(-1, 3)$  to the line  $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ .

**Solution:** Substituting

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, c = 16 \quad (4.3.4.1)$$

in (4.4.0.3.1), the desired foot of the perpendicular is then given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.4.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & -4 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - \frac{3}{4}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -\frac{25}{4} & \frac{49}{4} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.4.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = \frac{-4}{25}} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-49}{25} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{4}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-49}{25} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.4.4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 - \frac{3}{4}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{68}{25} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-49}{25} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{68}{25} \\ \frac{-49}{25} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.4.5)$$

See Fig. 4.3.4.1.

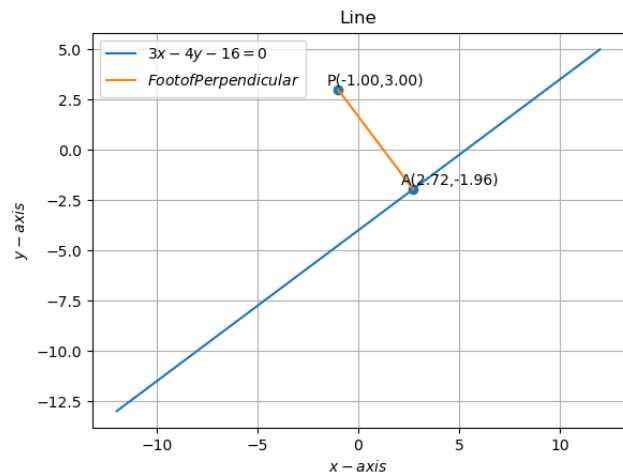


Fig. 4.3.4.1

4.3.5 If  $p$  and  $q$  are the lengths of perpendiculars from the origin to the lines  $x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta = k \cos 2\theta$  and  $x \sec \theta + y \operatorname{cosec} \theta = k$ , respectively, prove that  $p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2$

**Solution:** The line parameters are

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = k \cos 2\theta \quad (4.3.5.1)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, c_2 = \frac{1}{2}k \sin 2\theta \quad (4.3.5.2)$$

From (4.4.0.2.6),

$$p = \frac{|\mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{x} - c_1|}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\|} = |k \cos 2\theta| \quad (4.3.5.3)$$

$$q = \frac{|\mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{x} - c_2|}{\|\mathbf{n}_2\|} = \left| \frac{1}{2}k \sin 2\theta \right| \quad (4.3.5.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2 \quad (4.3.5.5)$$

4.3.6 In the triangle  $ABC$  with vertices  $A(2, 3)$ ,  $B(4, -1)$  and  $C(1, 2)$ , find the equation and length of altitude from the vertex  $A$ .

**Solution:**

a) The normal vector of the altitude from  $A$  is,

$$\mathbf{m}_{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \because \mathbf{n}_{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.3.6.1)$$

The equation of the desired altitude is given by

$$\mathbf{m}_{BC}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{m}_{BC}^\top \mathbf{A} \quad (4.3.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 \quad -1)\mathbf{x} = -1 \quad (4.3.6.3)$$

b) The equation of line  $BC$  is given by,

$$\mathbf{n}_{BC}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}_{BC}^\top \mathbf{B} \quad (4.3.6.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 \quad 1)\mathbf{x} = 3 \quad (4.3.6.5)$$

From (4.4.0.2.6), the length of the desired altitude is

$$d = \sqrt{2} \quad (4.3.6.6)$$

See Fig. 4.3.6.1.

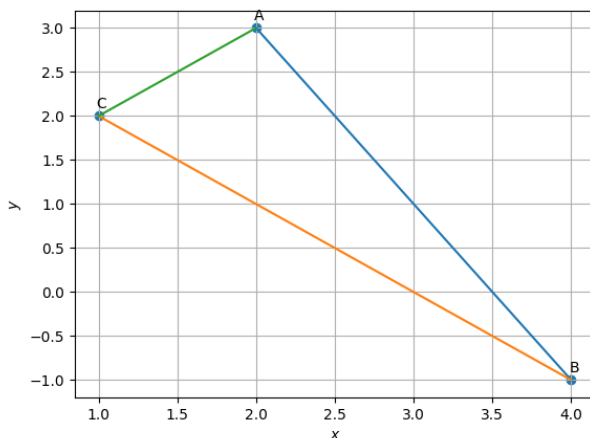


Fig. 4.3.6.1

4.3.7 If  $p$  is the length of perpendicular from origin to the line whose intercepts on the axes are  $a$  and  $b$ , then show that

$$\frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \quad (4.3.7.1)$$

**Solution:** Let the intercept points be

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \because \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.3.7.2)$$

The line equation is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & a \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.3.7.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} b & a \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = ab \quad (4.3.7.4)$$

From (4.4.0.2.6), the perpendicular distance from the origin to the line is

$$p = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \Rightarrow (4.3.7.1) \quad (4.3.7.5)$$

4.3.8 Find the points on the x-axis, whose distances from the line  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} = 1$  are 4 units.

**Solution:** Let the desired point be

$$\mathbf{P} = x\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.8.1)$$

From the distance formula,

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P} - c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \frac{|\mathbf{x}\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{e}_1 - c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (4.3.8.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pm d \|\mathbf{n}\| + c}{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{e}_1} \quad (4.3.8.3)$$

Substituting

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, c = 12, d = 4, \quad (4.3.8.4)$$

$$x = 8, -2 \quad (4.3.8.5)$$

See Fig. 4.3.8.1.

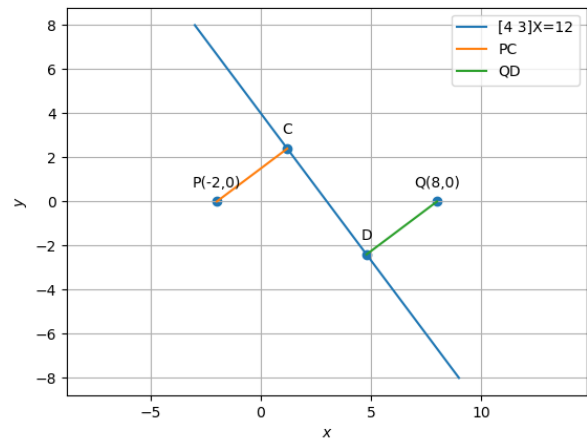


Fig. 4.3.8.1

4.3.9 What are the points on the y-axis whose distance from the line  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} = 1$  is 4 units.

**Solution:** Following the approach in Problem 4.3.8,

$$y = \frac{\pm d \|\mathbf{n}\| + c}{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{e}_2} = \frac{32}{3}, \frac{-8}{3}. \quad (4.3.9.1)$$

See Fig. 4.3.9.1.

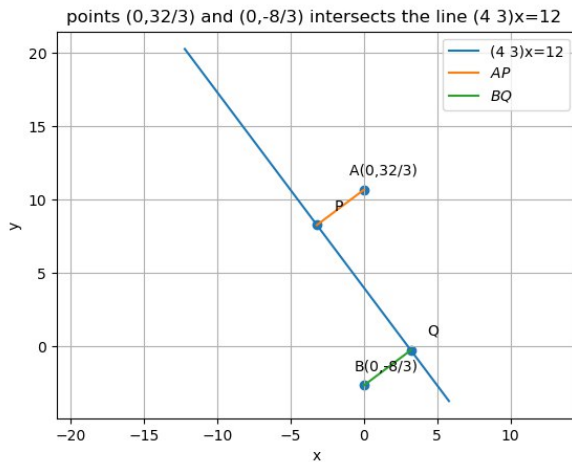


Fig. 4.3.9.1

4.3.10 Find perpendicular distance from the origin to the line joining the points  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$  and  $(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$ .

**Solution:** The equation of the line is

$$(\sin \phi - \sin \theta \quad \cos \theta - \cos \phi) \mathbf{x} = \sin(\phi - \theta) \quad (4.3.10.1)$$

and from (4.4.0.2.6), the distance is

$$d = \frac{\sin(\phi - \theta)}{2 \sin(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2})} = \cos\left(\frac{\phi - \theta}{2}\right) \quad (4.3.10.2)$$

4.3.11 Find the distance between parallel lines

a)  $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$  and  $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$

b)  $l(x + y) + p = 0$  and  $l(x + y) - r = 0$

**Solution:** From (4.4.0.4.1), the desired values are available in Table 4.3.11.

	$\mathbf{n}$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$d$
a)	$\begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$	34	-31	$\frac{65}{17}$
b)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{-p}{l}$	$\frac{r}{l}$	$\frac{ p-r }{l\sqrt{2}}$

TABLE 4.3.11

4.3.12 Find the equation of line which is equidistant from parallel lines  $9x + 6y - 7 = 0$  and  $3x + 2y + 6 = 0$ .

**Solution:** Given

$$c_1 = \frac{7}{3}, c_2 = -6. \quad (4.3.12.1)$$

From (4.4.0.4.1), we need to find  $c$  such that,

$$|c - c_1| = |c - c_2| \implies c = \frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} = -\frac{11}{6}. \quad (4.3.12.2)$$

Hence, the desired equation is

$$(3 \quad -2) \mathbf{x} = -\frac{11}{6} \quad (4.3.12.3)$$

See Fig. 4.3.12.1.

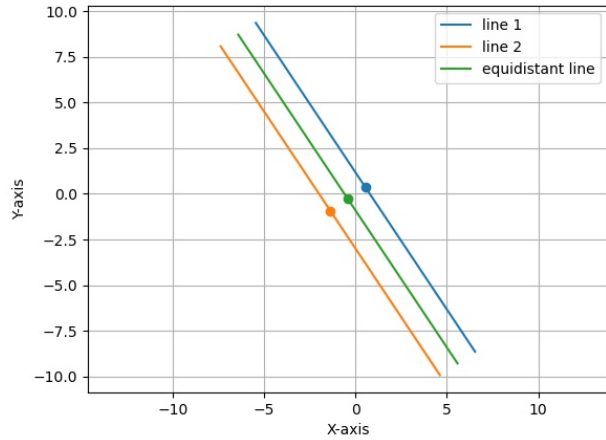


Fig. 4.3.12.1

4.3.13 Prove that the products of the lengths of the perpendiculars drawn from the points  $(\sqrt{a^2 - b^2} \quad 0)^\top$  and  $(-\sqrt{a^2 - b^2} \quad 0)^\top$  to the line  $\frac{x}{a} \cos \theta + \frac{y}{b} \sin \theta = 1$  is  $b^2$ .

**Solution:** The input parameters for (4.4.0.2.6) are

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \frac{a}{b} \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, c = 1, \mathbf{P} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.13.1)$$

The product of the distances is

$$d_1 d_2 = \frac{|(\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P})^2 - c^2|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \frac{\left| \frac{\cos^2 \theta (a^2 - b^2)}{a^2} - 1 \right|}{\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{a^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{b^2}} \quad (4.3.13.2)$$

$$= \frac{(b^2 \cos^2 \theta + a^2 \sin^2 \theta) a^2 b^2}{(b^2 \cos^2 \theta + a^2 \sin^2 \theta) a^2} = b^2 \quad (4.3.13.3)$$

4.3.14 The distance of the point  $\mathbf{P}(2, 3)$  from the x-axis is

- 2
- 3
- 1
- 5

4.3.15 Find the foot of perpendicular from the point  $(2, 3, -8)$  to the line  $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{1-z}{3}$ . Also, find the perpendicular distance from the given point to the line.

4.3.16 Find the distance of a point  $(2, 4, -1)$  from the line

$$\frac{x+5}{1} = \frac{y+3}{4} = \frac{z-6}{-9}$$

4.3.17 Find the length and the foot of perpendicular from the point  $\left(1, \frac{3}{2}, 2\right)$  to the plane  $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ .

4.3.18 Show that the points  $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $3(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  are equidistant from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$  and lies on opposite side of it.

4.3.19 The distance of the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} - \frac{6}{7}\hat{k}\right) = 1$  from the origin is

- 1
- 7
- $\frac{1}{7}$
- None of these

4.3.20 If the foot of perpendicular drawn from the origin to a plane is  $(5, -3, -2)$ , then the equation of plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 38$ .

4.3.21 Find the equation of line drawn perpendicular to the line  $\frac{x}{4} + \frac{y}{6} = 1$  through the point where it meets the y-axis  
**Solution:** The given line parameters are

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, c = 12, \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.3.21.1)$$

and the point on the y-axis is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.3.21.2)$$

Thus, the equation of the desired line is

$$\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (4.3.21.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2 \ 3)\mathbf{x} = -18 \quad (4.3.21.4)$$

See Fig. 4.3.21.1.

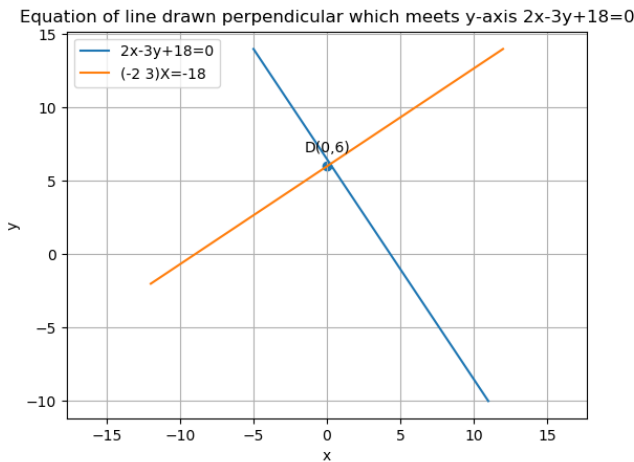


Fig. 4.3.21.1

4.3.22 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:** From (4.4.0.1.3), Thus, the equation of lines are

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \ \frac{1}{2}\right)\mathbf{x} = \pm 5 \quad (4.3.22.1) \quad 4.3.24$$

See Fig. 4.3.22.1.

4.3.23 Find the equation of the line passing through  $(-3,5)$  and perpendicular to the line through the points  $(2,5)$  and  $(-3,6)$ .

**Solution:** The normal vector is

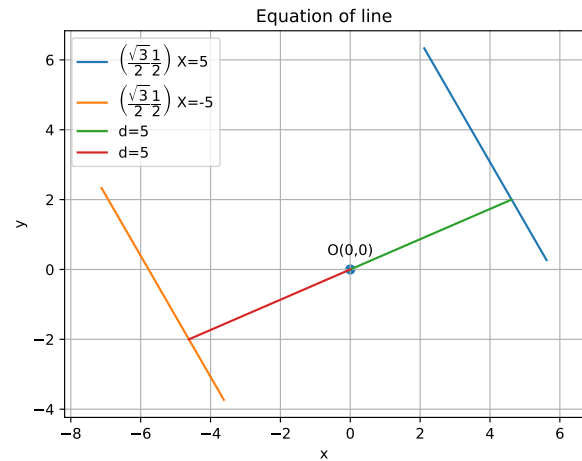


Fig. 4.3.22.1

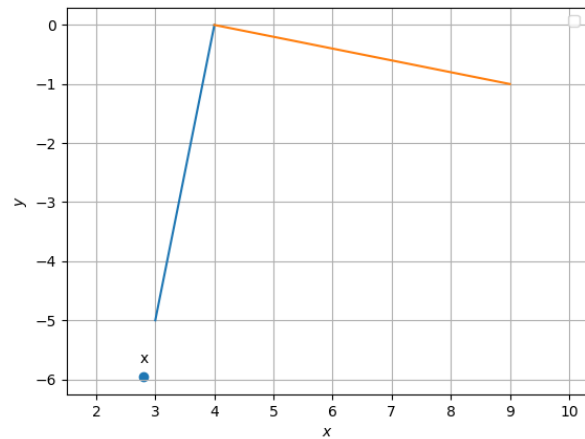


Fig. 4.3.23.1

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.23.1)$$

Thus, the equation of the line is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.3.23.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (5 \ -1)\mathbf{x} = -20 \quad (4.3.23.3)$$

See Fig. 4.3.23.1.

4.3.24 The perpendicular from the origin to a line meets it at the point  $(-2, 9)$ . Find the equation of the line.

**Solution:** It is obvious that the normal vector to the line is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.24.1)$$

Hence, the equation of the line is

$$(2 \ -9) \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.3.24.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \ -9) \mathbf{x} = 85 \quad (4.3.24.3)$$

See Fig. 4.3.24.1.

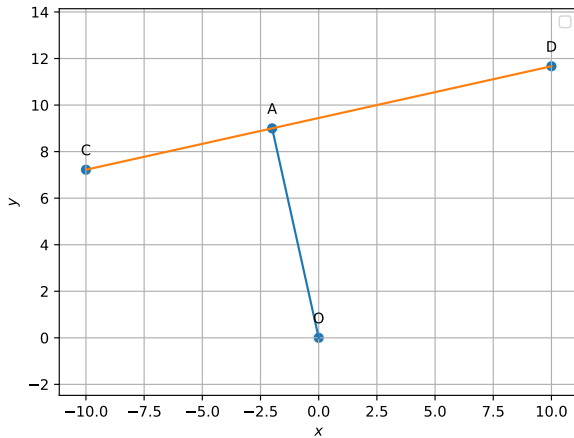


Fig. 4.3.24.1

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

**Solution:** The desired equation is

$$(7 \ 1) \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4.3.25.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (7 \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 21 \quad (4.3.25.2)$$

See Fig. 4.3.25.1.

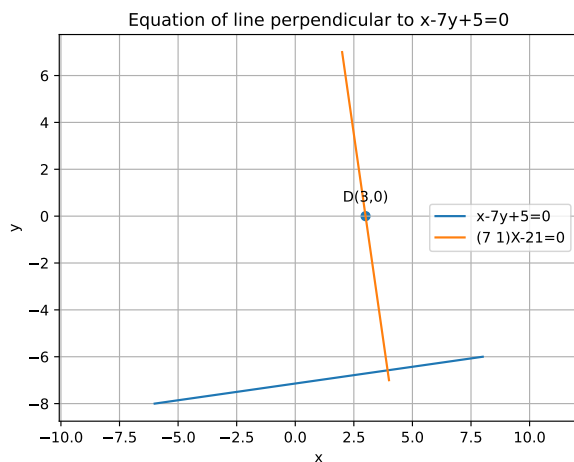


Fig. 4.3.25.1

$(1, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to the two lines

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \text{ and} \quad (4.3.26.1)$$

$$\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5} \quad (4.3.26.2)$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -16 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} = 0 \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -16 & 7 \\ 0 & 24 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{2}{3}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 24 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2/12} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.26.3)$$

Hence the vector equation of the line passing through  $(1, 2, -4)$  is,

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.26.4)$$

4.3.27 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:** From Problem 4.3.24,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.3.27.1)$$

Also, from the given equation of the line and the given point,

$$c = (-m \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5}{2} \quad (4.3.27.2)$$

See Fig. 4.3.27.1.

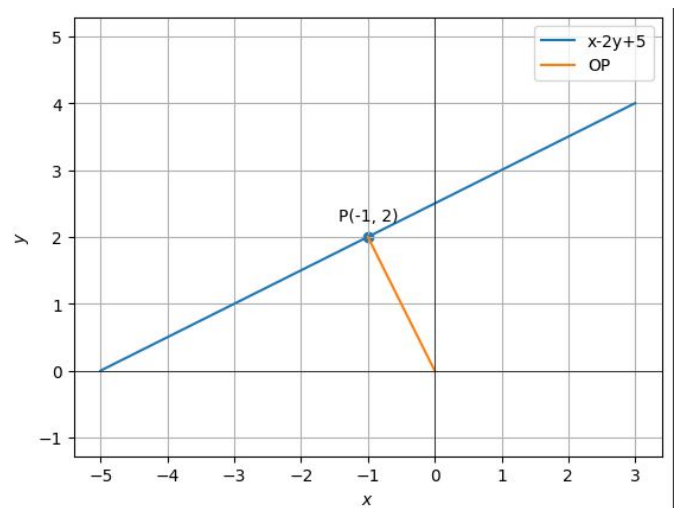


Fig. 4.3.27.1: Graph

4.3.28 Point  $P(0, 2)$  is the point of intersection of  $y$ -axis and perpendicular bisector of line segment joining the points  $A(-1, 1)$  and  $B(3, 3)$

4.3.26 Find the equation of the line passing through the point

- 4.3.29 A line perpendicular to the line segment joining the points  $P(1, 0)$  and  $Q(2, 3)$  divides it in the ratio  $1 : n$ . Find the equation of the line.

**Solution:** The direction vector of  $PQ$  is

$$\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.29.1)$$

Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{Q} + n\mathbf{P}}{1 + n} \quad (4.3.29.2)$$

is the point of intersection. The equation of the desired line is

$$\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{R}) = 0 \quad (4.3.29.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2+n}{1+n} \\ \frac{3}{1+n} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3.29.4)$$

$$= \frac{11 + n}{1 + n} \quad (4.3.29.5)$$

See Fig. 4.3.29.1.

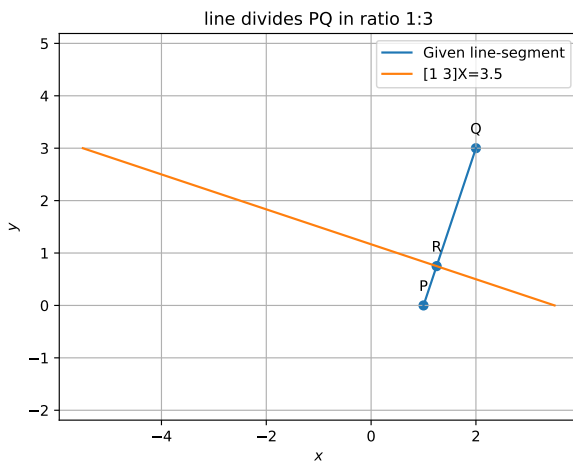


Fig. 4.3.29.1

- 4.3.30 Find the vector equation of a plane which is at a distance of 7 units from the origin and normal to the vector  $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** From the given information,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, d = \frac{|c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = 7 \quad (4.3.30.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \pm 7\sqrt{70} \quad (4.3.30.2)$$

- 4.3.31 Find the equation of a plane which is at a distance  $3\sqrt{3}$  units from origin and the normal to which is equally inclined to coordinate axis.
- 4.3.32 If the line drawn from the point  $(-2, -1, -3)$  meets a plane at right angle at the point  $(1, -3, 3)$ , find the equation of the plane.
- 4.3.33 O is the origin and A is  $(a, b, c)$ . Find the direction cosines of the line OA and the equation of plane through A at right angle at OA.

- 4.3.34 Two systems of rectangular axis have the same origin. If a plane cuts them at distances  $a, b, c$  and  $a', b', c'$ , respectively, from the origin, prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{a'^2} + \frac{1}{b'^2} + \frac{1}{c'^2}$$

- 4.3.35 Find the equation of the plane through the points  $(2, 1, -1)$  and  $(-1, 3, 4)$ , and perpendicular to the plane  $x - 2y + 4z = 10$ .

- 4.3.36 Find the values of  $\theta$  and  $p$ , if the equation  $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$  is the normal form of the line  $\sqrt{3}x + y + 2 = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c = -2 \quad (4.3.36.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}, p = \frac{|c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = 1 \quad (4.3.36.2)$$

See Fig. 4.3.36.1.

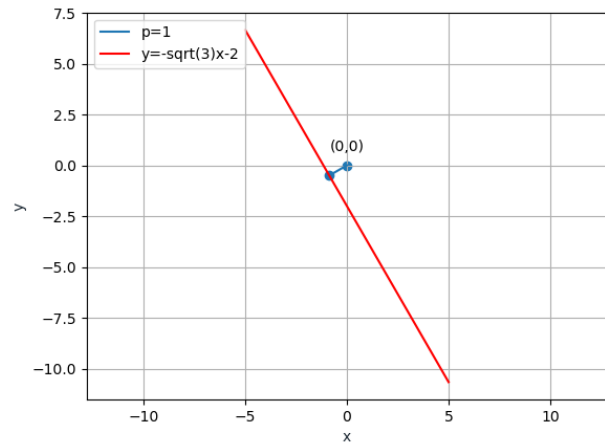


Fig. 4.3.36.1

#### 4.4 Formulae

- 4.4.0.1. Let the perpendicular distance from the origin to a line be  $p$  and the angle made by the perpendicular with the positive  $x$ -axis be  $\theta$ . Then

$$p \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.4.0.1.1)$$

is a point on the line as well as the normal vector. Hence, the equation of the line is

$$p \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{x} - p \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \quad (4.4.0.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = p \quad (4.4.0.1.3)$$

- 4.4.0.2. Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be the foot of the perpendicular from  $\mathbf{P}$  to the line

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c \quad (4.4.0.2.1)$$

From (1.1.4.1)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P} + k\mathbf{n} \quad (4.4.0.2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = \|\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}\| = |k| \|\mathbf{n}\| \quad (4.4.0.2.3)$$

is the distance from  $\mathbf{Q}$  to the line in (4.4.0.2.1). From (4.4.0.2.2),

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P} + k \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \quad (4.4.0.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow |k| = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P})|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \quad (4.4.0.2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = |k| \|\mathbf{n}\| = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P} - c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (4.4.0.2.6)$$

upon substituting from (4.4.0.2.3).

4.4.0.3. The foot of the perpendicular is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{P} \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.4.0.3.1)$$

4.4.0.4. The distance between the parallel lines

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c_1 \quad (4.4.0.4.1)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c_2$$

is given by

$$d = \frac{|c_1 - c_2|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (4.4.0.4.2)$$

## 4.5 Angle

4.5.1 Find the equations of the two lines through the origin which intersect the line  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z}{1}$  at angles of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  each.

4.5.2 Two lines passing through the point (2,3) intersect each other at an angle of  $60^\circ$ . If slope of one line is 2, find the equation of the other line.

**Solution:** Using the scalar product

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \quad (4.5.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 11m^2 + 16m - 1 = 0 \quad (4.5.2.2)$$

$$\text{or, } m = \frac{-8 \pm 5\sqrt{3}}{11} \quad (4.5.2.3)$$

So, the desired equation of the line is

$$\left( \frac{-8 \pm 5\sqrt{3}}{11} \quad -1 \right) \mathbf{x} = \left( \frac{-8 \pm 5\sqrt{3}}{11} \quad -1 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5.2.4)$$

$$= \frac{-49 \pm 16\sqrt{3}}{11} \quad (4.5.2.5)$$

See Fig. 4.5.2.1.

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

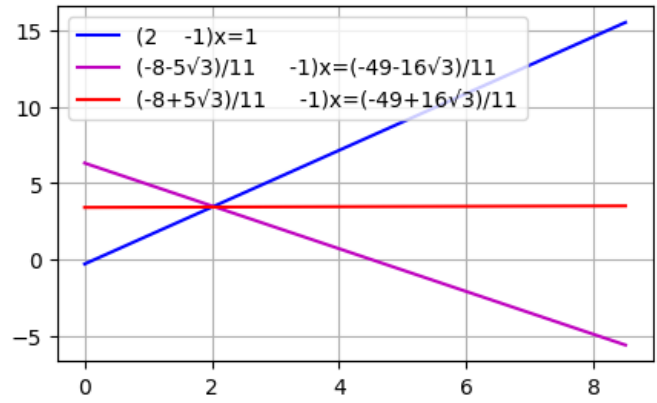


Fig. 4.5.2.1

**Solution:** Following the approach in Problem 4.5.2,

$$\cos 45^\circ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \right\|} \quad (4.5.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3m^2 - 8m - 3 = 0 \quad (4.5.3.2)$$

$$\text{or, } m = -\frac{1}{3}, 3 \quad (4.5.3.3)$$

Thus, the desired equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \quad (4.5.3.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 7 \quad (4.5.3.5)$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \quad (4.5.3.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 9 \quad (4.5.3.7)$$

See Fig. 4.5.3.1.

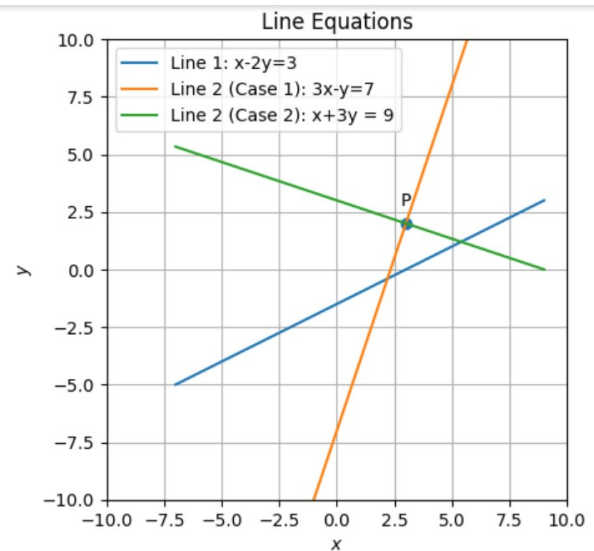


Fig. 4.5.3.1

#### 4.6 Intersection

- 4.6.1 Find the value of  $p$  so that the three lines  $3x + y - 2 = 0$ ,  $px + 2y - 3 = 0$  and  $2x - y - 3 = 0$  may intersect at one point.

**Solution:** Performing row operations on the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -2 \\ p & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3=3R_3-2R_1]{R_2=3R_2-pR_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 6-p & -9+2p \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3(6-p)+5R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 6-p & -9+2p \\ 0 & 0 & -75+15p \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow p = 5$$

See Fig. 4.6.1.1.

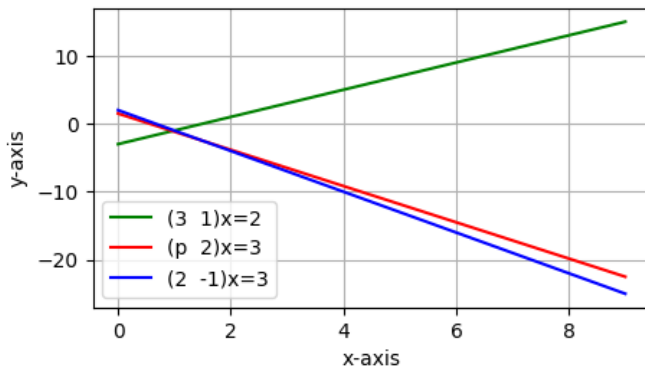


Fig. 4.6.1.1

- 4.6.2 Prove that the line through  $A(0, -1, -1)$  and  $B(4, 5, 1)$  intersects the line through  $C(3, 9, 4)$  and  $D(-4, 4, 4)$ .
- 4.6.3 Show the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$$

and  $\frac{x-4}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = z$  intersect.

Also, find their point of intersection.

- 4.6.4 The area of the region bounded by the curve  $y = x + 1$  and the lines  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$  is
- $\frac{7}{2}$  sq units
  - $\frac{9}{2}$  sq units
  - $\frac{11}{2}$  sq units
  - $\frac{13}{2}$  sq units
- 4.6.5 The area of the region bounded by the curve  $x = 2 + 3$  and the  $y$  lines  $y = 1$  and  $y = -1$  is
- 4 sq units
  - $\frac{3}{2}$  sq units
  - 6 sq units
  - 8 sq units
- 4.6.6 Compute the area bounded by the line  $x + 2y = 2$ ,  $y - x = 1$  and  $2x + y = 7$ .
- 4.6.7 Find the area bounded by the lines  $y = 4x + 5$ ,  $y = 5 - x$  and  $4y = x + 5$ .
- 4.6.8 Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes  $3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$  and  $x + y + z - 2 = 0$  and the

point  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The parameters of the given planes are

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = 4, c_2 = 2. \quad (4.6.8.1)$$

The intersection of the planes is given as

$$\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{x} - c_1 + \lambda (\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{x} - c_2) = 0 \quad (4.6.8.2)$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{c_1 - \mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{P}}{\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{P} - c_2} = -\frac{2}{3} \quad (4.6.8.3)$$

upon substituting

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.6.8.4)$$

in (4.6.8.3) along with the numerical values in (4.6.8.1). Now, substituting (4.6.8.3) in (4.6.8.2), the equation of plane is

$$(7 \ -5 \ 4)\mathbf{x} = 8 \quad (4.6.8.5)$$

- 4.6.9 Find the equation of the plane which is perpendicular to the plane  $5x + 3y + 6z + 8 = 0$  and which contains the line of intersection of the planes  $x + 2y + 3z - 4 = 0$  and  $2x + y - z + 5 = 0$ .
- 4.6.10 Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) - 6 = 0$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 0$ , whose perpendicular distance from origin is unity.
- 4.6.11 Find the equation of the line parallel to  $y$ -axis and drawn through the point of intersection of the lines  $x - 7y + 5 = 0$  and  $3x + y = 0$ .

**Solution:** Following the approach in Problem 4.6.8, the desired equation is

$$(1 \ -7)\mathbf{x} - 5 + k(3 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4.6.11.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + 3k \ -7 + k)\mathbf{x} = 5 \quad (4.6.11.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 3k \\ -7 + k \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } k = 7, \alpha = 22. \quad (4.6.11.3)$$

The desired equation is then given by

$$(1 \ 0)\mathbf{x} = \frac{5}{22} \quad (4.6.11.4)$$

See Fig. 4.6.11.1.

- 4.6.12 Find the area of triangle formed by the lines  $y - x = 0$ ,  $x + y = 0$ , and  $x - k = 0$ .

**Solution:** The vertices of the triangle can be expressed



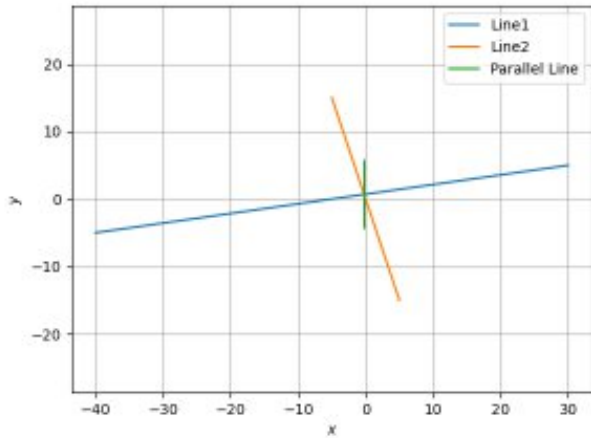


Fig. 4.6.11.1

using the equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \quad (4.6.12.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.12.2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.12.3)$$

from which

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -k \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ k \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.12.4)$$

are trivially obtained. Thus,

$$ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| \quad (4.6.12.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -k \\ k \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -k \\ -k \end{pmatrix} \right\| = k^2 \quad (4.6.12.6)$$

4.6.13 A person standing at the junction (crossing) of two straight paths represented by the equations

$$(2 \ -3)\mathbf{x} = -4 \quad (4.6.13.1)$$

and

$$(3 \ 4)\mathbf{x} = 5 \quad (4.6.13.2)$$

wants to reach the path whose equation is

$$(6 \ -7)\mathbf{x} = -8 \quad (4.6.13.3)$$

Find equation of the path that he should follow.

**Solution:** The junction of (4.6.13.1) and (4.6.13.2) is obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 17 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow 17R_1 + 3R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 17 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 22 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly, the man should follow the path perpendicular to (4.6.13.3) from  $\mathbf{A}$  to reach it in the shortest time. The

normal vector of (4.6.13.3) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.13.4)$$

and the equation of the desired line is

$$(7 \ 6)\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{17} (7 \ 6) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 22 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{125}{17} \quad (4.6.13.5)$$

See Fig. 4.6.13.1.

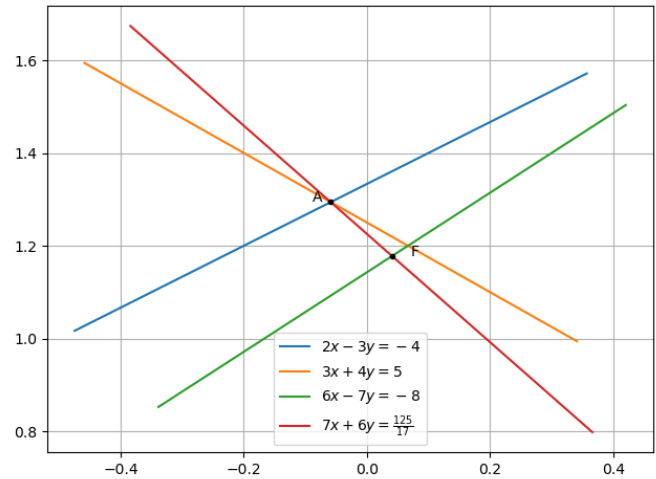


Fig. 4.6.13.1: AF is the required line.

4.6.14 Find the equation of the line passing through the point of intersection of the lines  $4x + 7y - 3 = 0$  and  $2x - 3y + 1 = 0$  that has equal intercepts on the axes.

**Solution:** From Problem 4.6.8, the intersection of the lines is given by

$$(4 + 2k \ 7 - 3k)\mathbf{x} = 3 - k \quad (4.6.14.1)$$

$$\text{and Problem 4.1.15} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 + 2k \\ 7 - 3k \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.14.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6.14.3)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{3}{5} \quad (4.6.14.4)$$

Substituting the above in (4.6.14.1), the desired equation is

$$(1 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = \frac{6}{13} \quad (4.6.14.5)$$

See Fig. 4.6.14.1.

4.6.15 Point  $\mathbf{P}(0, 2)$  is the point of intersection of y-axis and perpendicular bisector of line segment joining the points  $\mathbf{A}(-1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(3, 3)$

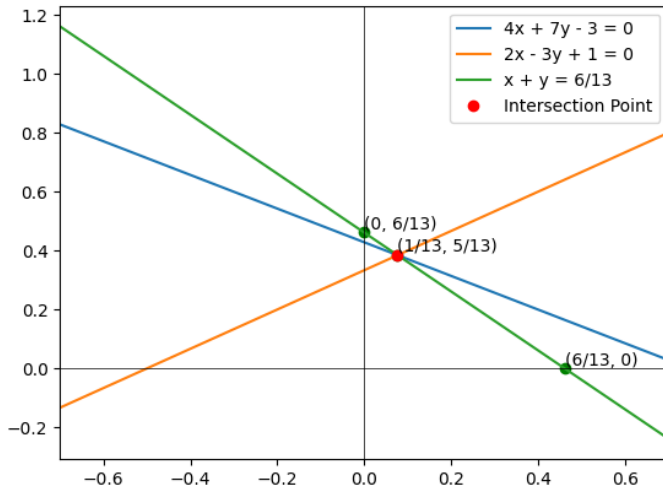


Fig. 4.6.14.1

## 4.7 Miscellaneous

4.7.1 Find the values of  $k$  for which the line

$$(k-3)x - (4-k^2)y + k^2 - 7k + 6 = 0 \quad (4.7.1.1)$$

is

- Parallel to the  $x$ -axis
- Parallel to the  $y$ -axis
- Passing through the origin

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} k-3 \\ -4+k^2 \end{pmatrix}, c = -k^2 + 7k - 6 \quad (4.7.1.2)$$

a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} k-3 \\ -4+k^2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow k = 3, \quad (4.7.1.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (0 \ 5)\mathbf{x} = 6 \quad (4.7.1.4)$$

upon substituting from (4.7.1.2).

b) In this case,

$$\begin{pmatrix} k-3 \\ -4+k^2 \end{pmatrix} = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow k = \pm 2 \quad (4.7.1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1 \ 0)\mathbf{x} = 4, \quad k = 2 \quad (4.7.1.6)$$

$$(-5 \ 0)\mathbf{x} = -24, \quad k = -2 \quad (4.7.1.7)$$

c) In this case,

$$-k^2 + 7k - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 1, k = 6 \quad (4.7.1.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2 \ -3)\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad k = 1 \quad (4.7.1.9)$$

$$(3 \ 32)\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad k = 6 \quad (4.7.1.10)$$

4.7.2 Find the equations of the lines, which cutoff intercepts on the axes whose sum and product are 1 and -6 respectively.

**Solution:** Let the intercepts be  $a$  and  $b$ . Then

$$a + b = 1, ab = -6 \quad (4.7.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3, b = -2 \quad (4.7.2.2)$$

Thus, the possible intercepts are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.2.3)$$

From (1.5.5),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.2.5)$$

$$\text{or, } (2 \ -3)\mathbf{x} = 6 \quad (4.7.2.6)$$

using (1.6.1). Similarly, the other line can be obtained as

$$(3 \ -2)\mathbf{x} = -6 \quad (4.7.2.7)$$

See Fig. 4.7.2.1.

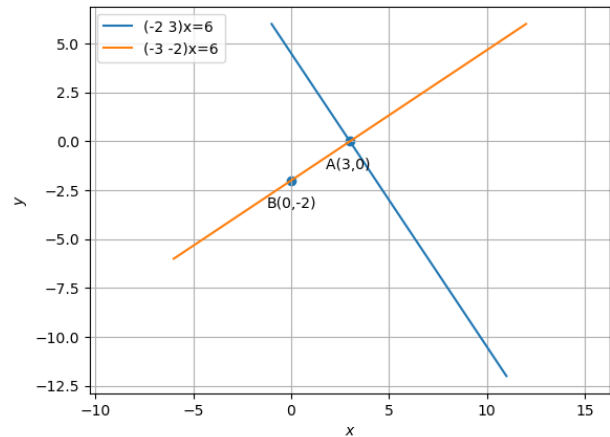


Fig. 4.7.2.1

4.7.3 A ray of light passing through the point  $\mathbf{P} = (1, 2)$  reflects on the  $x$ -axis at point  $\mathbf{A}$  and the reflected ray passes through the point  $\mathbf{Q} = (5, 3)$ . Find the coordinates of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution:** From (4.8.1.1), the reflection of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.3.1)$$

Letting

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.7.3.2)$$

since  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{R}$  are collinear, from (1.5.6),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 1 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3=R_3-R_1]{R_2=R_2-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & x-1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7.3.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3=4R_3-(x-1)R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5x-13 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \frac{13}{5} \quad (4.7.3.4)$$

See Fig. 4.7.3.1.

4.7.4 Prove that in any  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\cos A = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are the magnitudes of the sides opposite to the vertices  $A, B, C$  respectively.

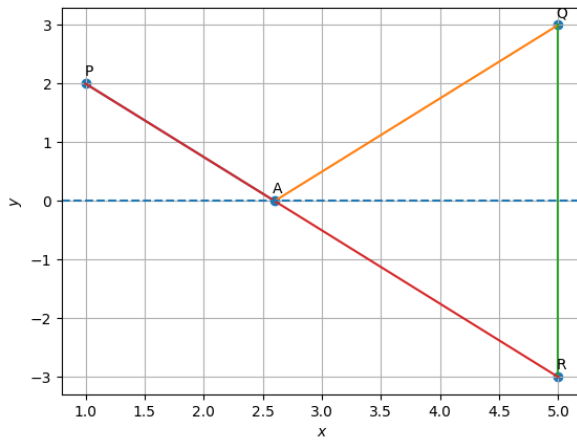


Fig. 4.7.3.1

4.7.5 Distance of the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  from y-axis is

- a)  $\beta$
- b)  $|\beta|$
- c)  $|\beta + \gamma|$
- d)  $\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \gamma^2}$

4.7.6 The reflection of the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in the xy-plane is

- a)  $\alpha, \beta, 0$
- b)  $(0, 0, \gamma)$
- c)  $(-\alpha, -\beta, \gamma)$
- d)  $(\alpha, \beta, -\gamma)$

4.7.7 The plane  $ax + by = 0$  is rotated about its line of intersection with the plane  $z = 0$  through an angle  $\alpha$ . Prove that the equation of the plane in its new position is  $ax + by \pm (\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \tan \alpha)z = 0$ .

4.7.8 The locus represented by  $xy + yz = 0$  is

- a) A pair of perpendicular lines
- b) A pair of parallel lines
- c) A pair of parallel planes
- d) A pair of perpendicular planes

#### 4.8 Formulae

4.8.1. The reflection of point **Q** w.r.t a line is given by

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q} - \frac{2(\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{Q} - c)}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \mathbf{n} \quad (4.8.1.1)$$

#### 4.9 Exemplar

#### 4.10 Singular Value Decomposition

#### 4.11 Formulae