

MATRICES In Geometry



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1 VECTORS

Consider a triangle with vertices

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

1.1 Sides

1.1.1. The direction vector of AB is defined as

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

Find the direction vectors of AB, BC and CA .

Solution:

a) The Direction vector of AB is

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

b) The Direction vector of BC is

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

c) The Direction vector of CA is

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

1.1.2. The length of side BC is

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

where

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

Similarly,

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

Find a, b, c .

a) From (1.1.1.2),

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

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

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

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

b) Similarly, from (1.1.1.3),

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

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

and from (1.1.1.4),

c)

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

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

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

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

Are the given points in (1) collinear?

Solution: From (1),

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

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

There are no zero rows. So,

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

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



Fig. 1.1.3: $\triangle ABC$

1.1.4. The parametric form of the equation of AB is

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

where

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

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

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

equation for AB is given by

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

Similarly, from (1.1.1.3) and (1.1.1.4),

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

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

1.1.5. The normal form of the equation of AB is

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

where

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

$$\Rightarrow AB : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.5.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (1.1.5.13)$$

c) For CA , from (1.1.1.4),

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (1.1.5.17)$$

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

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

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

where

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

Find the area of $\triangle ABC$.

Solution: From (1.1.1.2) and (1.1.1.4),

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

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

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

$$= 48 \quad (1.1.6.6)$$

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

which is the desired area.

1.1.7. Find the angles A, B, C if

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= 82 \quad (1.1.7.7)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= 40 \quad (1.1.7.11)$$

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

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

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/sides.py

1.2 Median

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

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

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

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

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

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

Similarly,

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

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

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

Solution:

a) The direction vector of AD is

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

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

Hence the normal equation of median AD is

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

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

b) For BE ,

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

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

Hence the normal equation of median BE is

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

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

c) For median CF ,

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

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

Hence the normal equation of median CF is

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

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

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

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

BE and CF are, respectively,

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

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

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

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

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

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

using Gauss elimination. Therefore,

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

1.2.4. Verify that

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

Solution:

a) From (1.2.1.4) and (1.2.3.6),

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

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

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

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

b) From (1.2.1.5) and (1.2.3.6),

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

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

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

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

c) From (1.2.1.3) and (1.2.3.6),

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

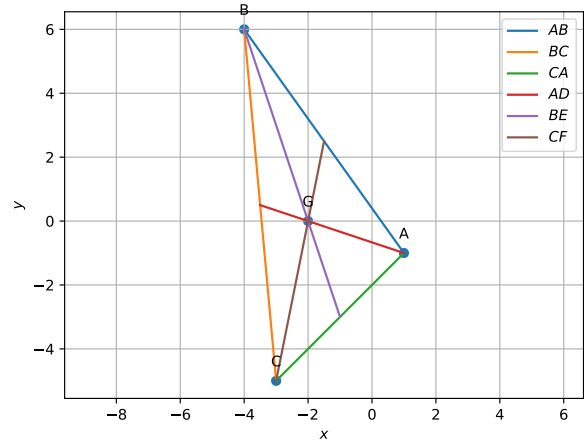


Fig. 1.2.5: Medians of $\triangle ABC$ meet at \mathbf{G} .

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

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

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

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

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

1.2.6. Verify that

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G} &= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2.6.2)$$

1.2.7. Verify that

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

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

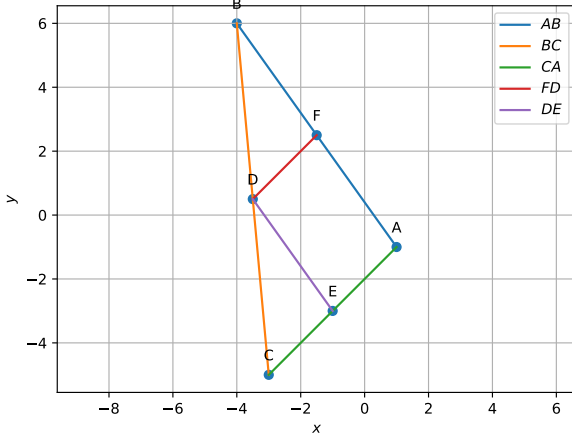


Fig. 1.2.7: $AFDE$ forms a parallelogram in triangle ABC

Solution:

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

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

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

See Fig. 1.2.7,

All codes for this section are available in

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

1.3 Altitude

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

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

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

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

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

1.3.2. Find the equation of AD_1 .

Solution: The equation of AD_1 is

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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

and the equation of CF_1 is

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

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

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

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

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

and the equation of BE_1 is

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

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

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

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

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

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

which can be solved as

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

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

yielding

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

See Fig. 1.3.4.1

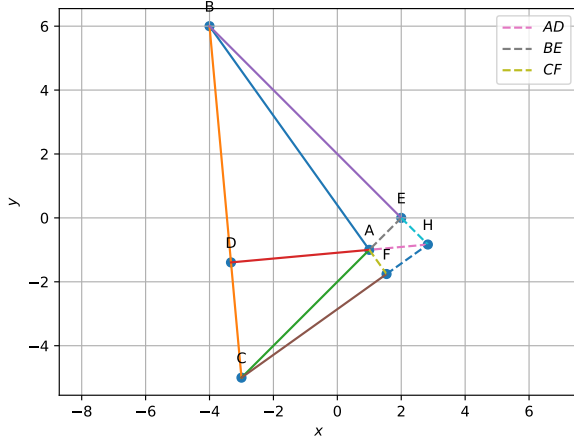


Fig. 1.3.4.1: Altitudes BE_1 and CF_1 intersect at \mathbf{H}

1.3.5. Verify that

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

Solution: From (1.3.4.4),

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

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

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/altitude.py

1.4 Perpendicular Bisector

1.4.1. The equation of the perpendicular bisector of BC is

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(1.4.1.5)$$

yielding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

substituted in the above equation,

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

1.4.4. Verify that

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

1.4.5. Draw the circle with centre at O and radius

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

This is known as the *circumradius*.

Solution: See Fig. 1.4.5.1.

1.4.6. Verify that

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

Thus,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus,

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

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

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

From (1.4.6.13) and (1.4.6.7),

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

1.4.7. Let

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

where

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

Verify that

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

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/perp-bisect.py

1.5 Angle Bisector

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

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

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

Solution: From the given information,

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

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

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

which can be expressed as

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

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

Using row reduction,

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

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

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

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

yielding

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

Therefore,

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

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

1.5.2. Using section formula, find

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

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

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

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

Solution: See Fig. 1.5.4.1

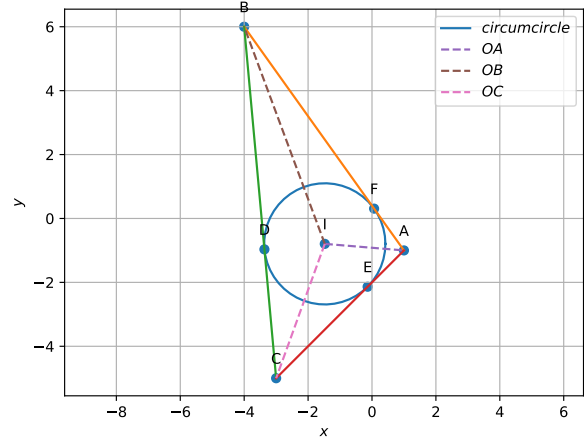


Fig. 1.5.4.1: Incircle of $\triangle ABC$

1.5.5. Using (1.1.7.1) verify that

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

AI is the bisector of $\angle A$.

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

codes/triangle/ang-bisect.py

1.6 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

The equation of the incircle is given by

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

where

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

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

1.6.1. Compute

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

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

1.6.2. Find the roots of the equation

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

These are known as the eigenvalues of Σ .

1.6.3. Find \mathbf{p} such that

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

using row reduction. These are known as the eigenvectors of Σ .

1.6.4. Define

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

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

1.6.5. Verify that

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

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

1.6.6. Verify that

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

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

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

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

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

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

where

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

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

All codes for this section are available at

codes/triangle/tangpair.py

1.7 Addition and Subtraction

1.7.1 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 $\mathbf{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$.

1.7.2 In triangle ABC (Fig. 1.7.2.1), 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) $\vec{AB} - \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{0}$

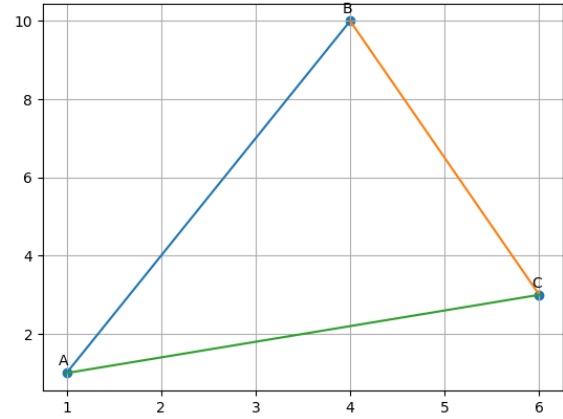


Fig. 1.7.2.1

Solution:

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \quad (1.7.2.1)$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (1.7.2.2)$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{AC} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = 2(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (1.7.2.3)$$

$$\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \quad (1.7.2.4)$$

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

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 60^\circ \\ \sin 60^\circ \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7.3.2)$$

which is the displacement. See Fig. 1.7.3.1.

1.7.4 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:

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7.4.1)$$

Hence, ABCD is a parallelogram. See Fig. 1.7.4.1.

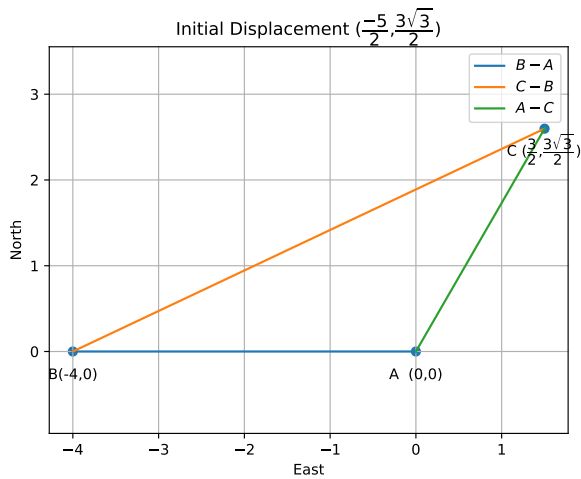


Fig. 1.7.3.1

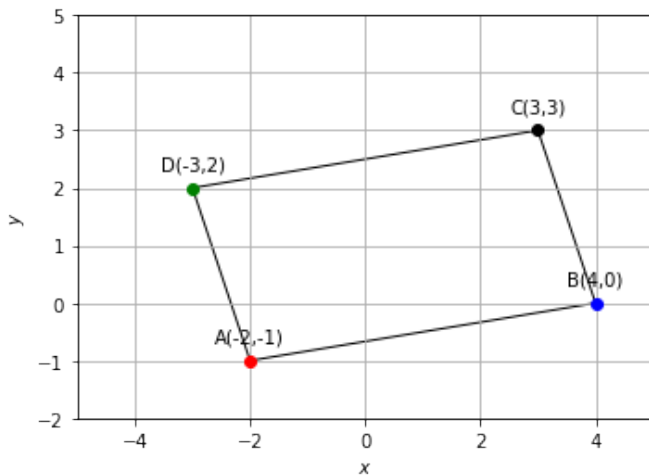


Fig. 1.7.4.1

1.7.5 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)

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

1.8 Section Formula

1.8.1 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 (1.2.1.1), the desired point is

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{2}} \left(\left(\begin{matrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{matrix} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(\begin{matrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{matrix} \right) \right) = \left(\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \right) \quad (1.8.1.1)$$

See Fig. 1.8.1.1

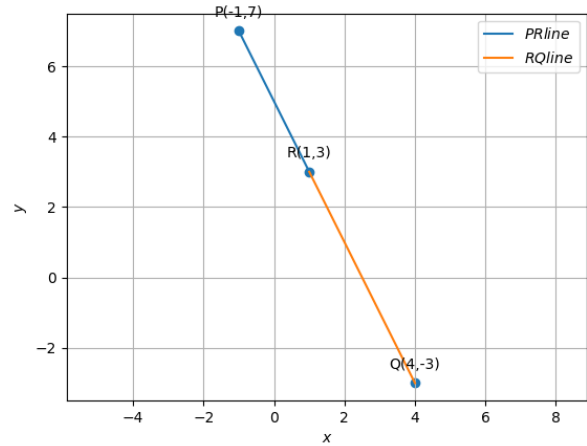


Fig. 1.8.1.1

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

Solution: Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} \left(\left(\begin{matrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{matrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \right) \right) = \left(\begin{matrix} 2 \\ -5/3 \end{matrix} \right) \quad (1.8.2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{1}} \left(\left(\begin{matrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \right) + \frac{2}{1} \left(\begin{matrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \right) \right) = \left(\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -7/3 \end{matrix} \right) \quad (1.8.2.2)$$

which are the desired points of trisection. See Fig. 1.8.2.1

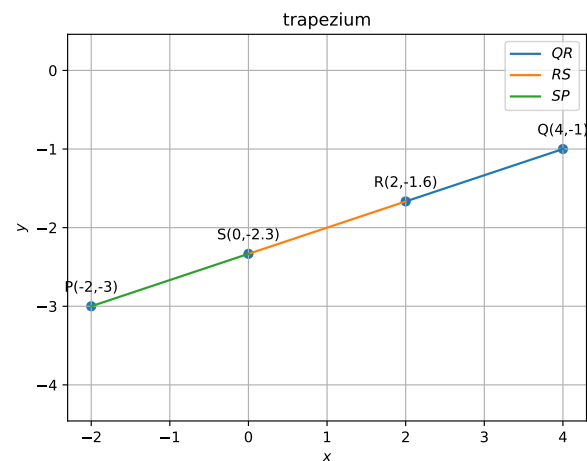


Fig. 1.8.2.1

- 1.8.3 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,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}}{1 + k} \quad (1.8.3.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 7k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.3.2)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{2}{7} \quad (1.8.3.3)$$

See Fig. 1.8.3.1.

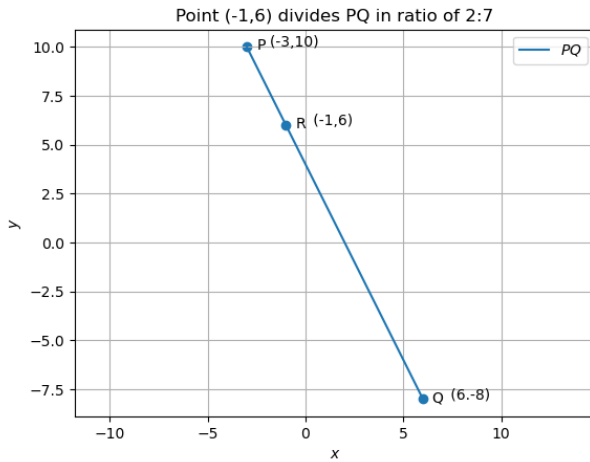


Fig. 1.8.3.1

- 1.8.4 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,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ y - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x - 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.4.2)$$

$$\text{or, } x = 6, y = 3. \quad (1.8.4.3)$$

See Fig. 1.8.4.1.

- 1.8.5 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:

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.5.1)$$

See Fig. 1.8.5.1.

- 1.8.6 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,

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}} \left(\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{7} \\ -\frac{20}{7} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.6.1)$$

See Fig. 1.8.6.1.

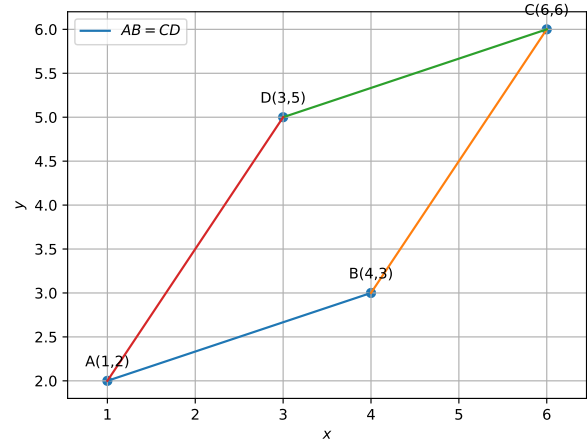


Fig. 1.8.4.1

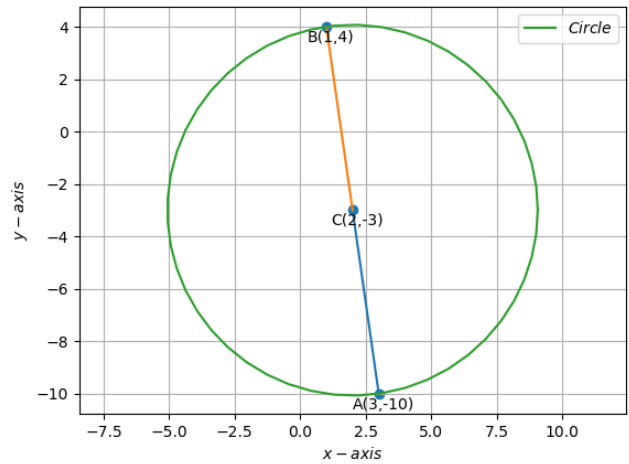


Fig. 1.8.5.1

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

Solution: Using section formula,

$$\mathbf{R}_k = \frac{\mathbf{B} + k\mathbf{A}}{1 + k} \quad (1.8.7.1)$$

See Table 1.8.7 and Fig. 1.8.7.1

TABLE 1.8.7

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

- 1.8.8 Find the position vector of a point \mathbf{R} which divides the

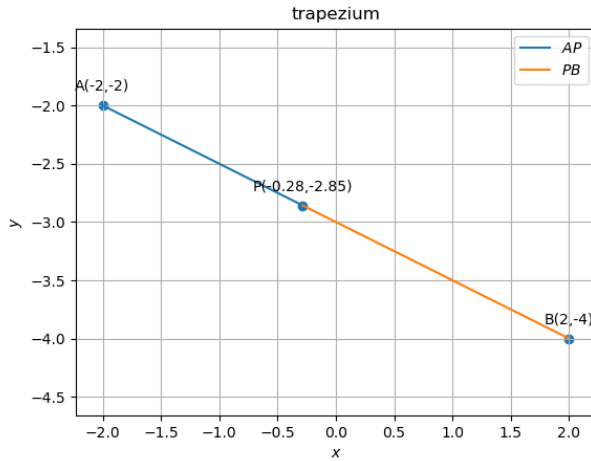


Fig. 1.8.6.1

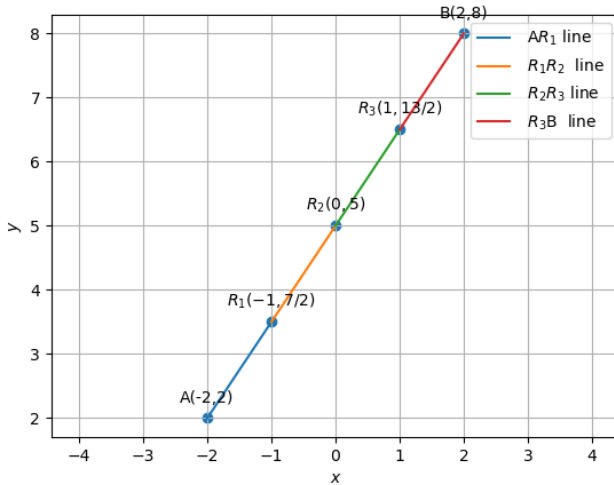


Fig. 1.8.7.1

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

- internally
- externally

Solution: See Table 1.8.8.

TABLE 1.8.8

k	R_k
2	$\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
-2	$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

1.8.9 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

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.9.1)$$

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

Solution: The given equation can be expressed as

$$(2 \ 1)\mathbf{x} = 4 \quad (1.8.10.1)$$

Using section formula in (1.8.10.1),

$$\mathbf{n}^T \left(\frac{k\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{k+1} \right) = c \quad (1.8.10.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{c - \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{B} - c} \quad (1.8.10.3)$$

upon simplification. Substituting numerical values,

$$k = \frac{2}{9} \quad (1.8.10.4)$$

See Fig. 1.8.10.1.

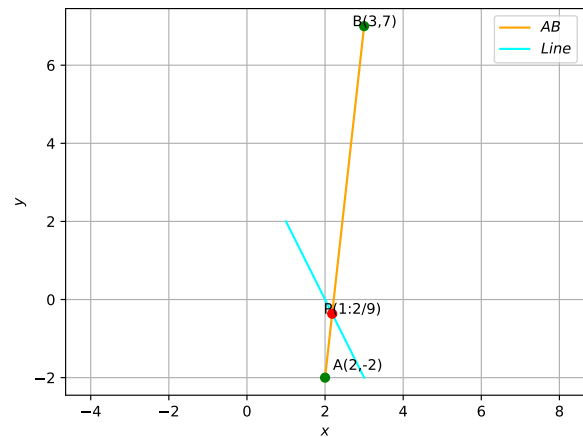


Fig. 1.8.10.1

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

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\right) \quad (1.8.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \left(\frac{5}{2}, 3\right) \quad (1.8.11.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right) \quad (1.8.11.3)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.11.4)$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.8.11.5)$$

is the centroid. See Fig. 1.8.11.1.

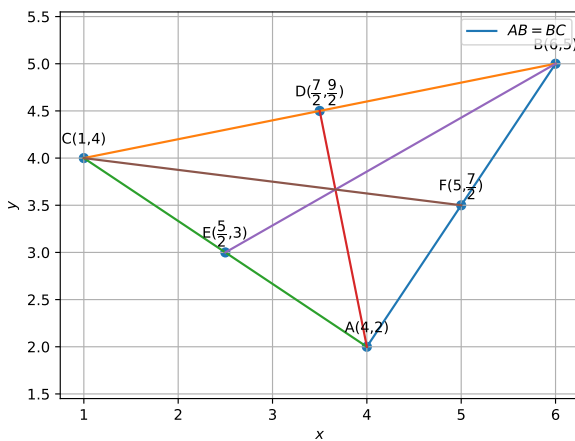


Fig. 1.8.11.1

- 1.8.12 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:

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{Q} - 2\mathbf{P}}{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.8.12.1)$$

$$\frac{(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q})}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}. \quad (1.8.12.2)$$

See Fig. 1.8.12.1.

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

- I quadrant
- II quadrant
- III quadrant
- IV quadrant

- 1.8.14 If the point $\mathbf{P}(2, 1)$ lies on the line segment joining points $\mathbf{A}(4, 2)$ and $\mathbf{B}(8, 4)$, then

- $AP = \frac{1}{3}AB$
- $AP = PE$
- $PB = \frac{1}{3}AB$

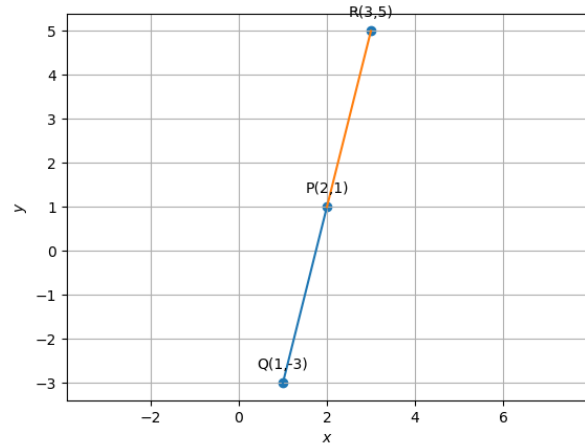


Fig. 1.8.12.1

d) $AP = \frac{1}{2}AB$

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

- 4
- 12
- 12
- 6

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

- $(0, -5)$ and $(2, 0)$
- $(0, -10)$ and $(-4, 0)$
- $(0, 4)$ and $(-10, 0)$
- $(0, -10)$ and $(4, 0)$

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

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

- 1.8.19 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.

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

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

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

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

- 1.8.24 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,

- 1.8.25 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 $BC=1.5BA$.

- 1.8.26 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
- $\frac{3\mathbf{a}-2\mathbf{b}}{4}$
 - $\frac{7\mathbf{a}-8\mathbf{b}}{4}$
 - $\frac{3\mathbf{a}}{4}$
 - $\frac{5\mathbf{a}}{4}$
- 1.8.27 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.
- 1.8.28 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 $2\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{a}-3\mathbf{b}$ externally in the ratio 1 : 2.

1.9 Rank

- 1.9.1 Determine if the points $(1, 5)$, $(2, 3)$ and $(-2, -11)$ are collinear.
Solution: Use (A.4.5).
- 1.9.2 Show that the points $\mathbf{A}(1, 2, 7)$, $\mathbf{B}(2, 6, 3)$ and $\mathbf{C}(3, 10, -1)$ are collinear.
Solution:
- 1.9.3 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:
- 1.9.4 Show that the points $(2, 3, 4)$, $(-1, -2, 1)$, $(5, 8, 7)$ are collinear.
Solution:
- 1.9.5 In each of the following, find the value of 'k', for which the points are collinear.
- $(7, -2)$, $(5, 1)$, $(3, k)$
 - $(8, 1)$, $(k, -4)$, $(2, -5)$
- Solution:**
- 1.9.6 Find a relation between x and y if the points (x, y) , $(1, 2)$ and $(7, 0)$ are collinear.
Solution:
- 1.9.7 If three points $(x, -1)$, $(2, 1)$ and $(4, 5)$ are collinear, find the value of x .
- 1.9.8 If three points $(h, 0)$, (a, b) and $(0, k)$ lie on a line, show that

$$\frac{a}{h} + \frac{b}{k} = 1 \quad (1.9.8.1)$$

- 1.9.9 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 .
- 1.9.10 If the points $\mathbf{A}(1, 2)$, $\mathbf{O}(0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{C}(a, b)$ are collinear, then
- $a=b$
 - $a=2b$
 - $2a=b$
 - $a=-b$

True/false

- 1.11 $\triangle ABC$ with vertices $\mathbf{A}(-2, 0)$, $\mathbf{B}(2, 0)$ and $\mathbf{C}(0, 2)$ is similar to $\triangle DEF$ with vertices $\mathbf{D}(-4, 0)$, $\mathbf{E}(4, 0)$ and $\mathbf{F}(0, 4)$
- 1.12 Point $(-4, 2)$ lies on the line segment joining the points $\mathbf{A}(-4, 6)$ and $\mathbf{B}(-4, -6)$

- 1.13 The points $(0, 5)$, $(0, -9)$ and $(3, 6)$ are collinear
- 1.14 Points $\mathbf{A}(3, 1)$, $\mathbf{B}(12, -2)$ and $\mathbf{C}(0, 2)$ cannot be the vertices of a triangle
- 1.15 Find the value of m if the points $(5, 1)$, $(-2, -3)$ and $(8, 2m)$ are collinear.
- 1.16 Find the values of k if the points $\mathbf{A}(k+1, 2k)$, $\mathbf{B}(3k, 2k+3)$ and $\mathbf{C}(5k-1, 5k)$ are collinear
- 1.17 Using vectors, find the value of k such that the points $(k, -10, 3)$, $(1, -1, 3)$ and $(3, 5, 3)$ are collinear.

1.10 Length

- 1.10.1 Compute the magnitude of the following vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad (1.10.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad (1.10.1.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \quad (1.10.1.3)$$

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.10.1.4)$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}} = \sqrt{3}, \quad (1.10.1.5)$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}} = \sqrt{62}, \quad (1.10.1.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{c}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{c}} = 1 \quad (1.10.1.7)$$

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

Solution:

$$\because \mathbf{x} = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \implies x\sqrt{3} = 1 \quad (1.10.2.1)$$

$$\text{or, } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (1.10.2.2)$$

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

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.10.3.1)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.10.3.2)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{11}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{14}, \|\mathbf{c}\| = 3. \quad (1.10.3.3)$$

Thus

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \neq \|\mathbf{b}\| + \|\mathbf{c}\| \quad (1.10.3.4)$$

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

- a) $\lambda = 1$
 b) $\lambda = -1$
 c) $a = |\lambda|$
 d) $a = 1/|\lambda|$
- 1.10.5 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} .
- 1.10.6 Find the unit vector in the direction of sum of vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
- 1.10.7 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) $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$
- 1.10.8 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.
- 1.10.9 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) $9(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
- 1.10.10 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) $[8, 12]$
- 1.10.11 The values of k for which $|\mathbf{ka}| < |\mathbf{a}|$ and $k\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$ is parallel to \mathbf{a} holds true are _____.
- 1.10.12 If $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}|$, then necessarily it implies $\mathbf{a} = \pm\mathbf{b}$.
- 1.10.13 The direction cosines of the vector $(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ are _____.
- 1.10.14 Position vector of point P is a vector whose initial point is origin.

1.11 Direction

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

Solution: The mid point of PB is

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}) = \left(\frac{4}{-2} \right) \quad (1.11.1.1)$$

which is equal to the direction vector of OM .

$$\therefore \mathbf{M} \equiv \left(\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right), m = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (1.11.1.2)$$

which is the desired slope. See Fig. 1.11.1.1.

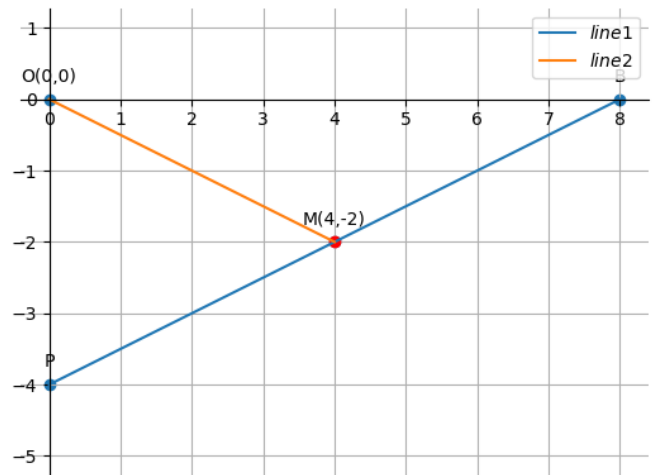


Fig. 1.11.1.1

- 1.11.2 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

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} h - x_1 \\ k - y_1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{k - y_1}{h - x_1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.2.1)$$

- 1.11.3 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:

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.11.3.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (1.11.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.3.3)$$

which is the desired the unit vector.

- 1.11.4 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 $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
- 1.11.5 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:

$$2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}}{\|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{22}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.5.1)$$

- 1.11.6 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

$$c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.11.6.1)$$

From the given information,

$$\left\| c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 8 \quad (1.11.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| = \frac{4\sqrt{30}}{15} \quad (1.11.6.3)$$

- 1.11.7 Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.
- 1.11.8 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.
- 1.11.9 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:

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.9.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{10} \quad (1.11.9.2)$$

From problem 1.11.3, the unit vector in the direction of $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ is

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.9.3)$$

The desired vector can then be expressed as

$$\pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.9.4)$$

- 1.11.10 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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 90^\circ \\ \cos 135^\circ \\ \cos 45^\circ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.10.1)$$

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

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

$$\frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.11.1)$$

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

- 1.11.12 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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.12.1)$$

are equal, it is equally inclined to the axes.

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

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -18 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.13.1)$$

Then the unit direction vector of the line is

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{9}{11} \\ \frac{6}{11} \\ -\frac{2}{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.13.2)$$

- 1.11.14 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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.14.1)$$

The direction vectors of the sides are,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_2, \quad (1.11.14.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -10 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{m}_3, \quad (1.11.14.3)$$

The corresponding unit vectors are then obtained as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{-3}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-4}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{-5}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.14.4)$$

- 1.11.15 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

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.15.1)$$

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

Solution: Let α be the angle made by the line with the axes. The unit direction vector can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \quad (1.11.16.1)$$

$$\text{or, } \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (1.11.16.2)$$

Thus the unit direction vector of the given line is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.11.16.3)$$

1.11.17 Write down a unit vector in XY-plane, making an angle of 30° with the positive direction of x-axis.

1.12 Scalar Product

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

Solution: From the given information,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{3}, \|\mathbf{b}\| = 2, \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{6} \quad (1.12.1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.12.1.2)$$

$$\text{or, } \theta = 45^\circ \quad (1.12.1.3)$$

1.12.2 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

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.12.2.1)$$

From problem 1.12.1,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{14}} = \frac{5}{7} \quad (1.12.2.2)$$

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

Solution:

$$\therefore (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 8, \|\mathbf{a}\| = 8 \|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (1.12.3.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (1.12.3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|8\mathbf{b}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 = 8 \quad (1.12.3.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (1.12.3.4)$$

Thus,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = 8 \|\mathbf{b}\| = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} \quad (1.12.3.5)$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (3\mathbf{a} - 5\mathbf{b})^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) &= 3\mathbf{a}^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) - 5\mathbf{b}^T (2\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}) \\ &= 6\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - 35\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 11\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \end{aligned} \quad (1.12.4.1)$$

1.12.5 Find the magnitude of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is 60° and their scalar product is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Solution: Given

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|, \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (1.12.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (1.12.5.2)$$

by using the definition of the scalar product.

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

Solution: From the given information,

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}) = 12 \quad (1.12.6.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = 12 \quad (1.12.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{13} \quad (1.12.6.3)$$

1.12.7 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,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.7.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \cos^{-1} \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \|\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}\|} \quad (1.12.7.2)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \frac{10}{\sqrt{102}} \quad (1.12.7.3)$$

$$(1.12.7.4)$$

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

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

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (1.12.8.1)$$

$$(1.12.8.2)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.8.3)$$

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.12.8.4)$$

(1.12.8.2) can be expressed as

$$\left\{ (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (1.12.8.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (1.12.8.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (1.12.8.7)$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (1.12.8.8)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 = \frac{R_2}{4}]{R_2 = 3R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.8.9)$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_1 = \frac{R_1}{3}]{R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.8.10)$$

yielding

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.8.11)$$

Thus, the desired unit vector is

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.8.12)$$

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

Solution: From the given information,

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.9.1)$$

$$\therefore \|\mathbf{a}\| = 1, \quad (1.12.9.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad (1.12.9.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad (1.12.9.4)$$

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

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.9.5)$$

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

a) $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

b) $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

c) $0 < \theta < \pi$

d) $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

Solution:

$$\therefore \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \cos \theta \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|, \quad (1.12.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0 \quad (1.12.10.2)$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \quad (1.12.10.3)$$

1.12.11 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

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.11.1)$$

Hence, the desired angle is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{e}_1}{\|\mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{e}_1\|} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.12.11.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ \quad (1.12.11.3)$$

1.12.12 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

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2m \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.12.1)$$

If the angle between the lines be θ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \quad (1.12.12.2)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} &= \frac{\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_1\| \|\mathbf{m}_2\|} \\ &= \frac{2m^2 + 1}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1} \sqrt{4m^2 + 1}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{9}{10} &= \frac{4m^4 + 4m^2 + 1}{4m^4 + 5m^2 + 1} \\ \text{or, } 4m^4 - 5m^2 + 1 &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (1.12.12.3) \quad (1.12.12.4)$$

yielding

$$m = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1 \quad (1.12.12.7)$$

- 1.12.13 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

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.12.13.1)$$

The angle between the lines can then be expressed as

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\| \|\mathbf{n}_2\|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (1.12.13.2)$$

or, $\theta = 30^\circ$ (1.12.13.3)

- 1.12.14 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 λ .

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

- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

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

- 0
- $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- π

- 1.12.17 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.

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

- 1.12.19 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

- 0
- 1
- 19
- 38

- 1.12.20 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

- 1
- 3
- $-\frac{3}{2}$
- None of these

- 1.12.21 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

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

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

- 1.12.23 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 _____.

- 1.12.24 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 _____.

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

- 1.12.26 Find the angle between the lines

$$\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad (1.12.26.1)$$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \quad (1.12.26.2)$$

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

- 1.12.28 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

$$\delta\theta^2 = \delta l^2 + \delta m^2 + \delta n^2 \quad (1.12.28.1)$$

- 1.12.29 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

- $\frac{10}{6\sqrt{5}}$
- $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}$
- $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$

- 1.12.30 The plane $2x - 3y + 6z - 11 = 0$ makes an angle $\sin^{-1}(\alpha)$ with x-axis. The value of α is equal to

- $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$
- $\frac{2}{7}$
- $\frac{3}{7}$

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

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

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

- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

1.12.34 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

1.12.35 If θ is the angle between any two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , then

$$|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| \text{ when } \theta \text{ is equal to}$$

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

1.12.36 Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be two unit vectors and θ 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:

$$\because \|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 1 \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$$

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

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

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

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

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

1.12.38 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

1.12.39 If θ is the angle between any two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , then

$$|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| \text{ when } \theta \text{ is equal to}$$

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

1.12.40 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.

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

1.12.42 If $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are the three vectors such that $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ 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

1.12.43 If $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are unit vectors such that $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$, 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

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

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

1.12.46 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 _____.

1.12.47 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 _____.

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

1.12.49 Find the angle between the lines

$$(1.12.36.1) \quad \vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$(1.12.36.2)$$

$$(1.12.36.3)$$

$$(1.12.36.4)$$

$$(1.12.36.5)$$

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

1.12.51 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

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

1.12.52 The sine of the angle between the straight line $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{5}$ and the plane $2x - 2y + z = 5$ is

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

1.12.53 The plane $2x - 3y + 6z - 11 = 0$ makes an angle $\sin^{-1}(\alpha)$ with x-axis. The value of α is equal to

- a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
b) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$
c) $\frac{2}{3}$
d) $\frac{3}{7}$

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

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

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

1.12.57 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

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

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

1.13 Orthogonality

1.13.1 Name the type of quadrilateral formed, if any, by the following points, and give reasons for your answer

- a) $A(-1, -2), B(1, 0), C(-1, 2), D(-3, 0)$
- b) $A(-3, 5), B(-3, 1), C(0, 3), D(-1, -4)$
- c) $A(4, 5), B(7, 6), C(4, 3), D(1, 2)$

Solution: See Table 1.13.1, Fig. 1.13.1.1, Fig. 1.13.1.2, and Fig. 1.13.1.3. In b), forming the collinearity matrix

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{2}{3}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.1.1)$$

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

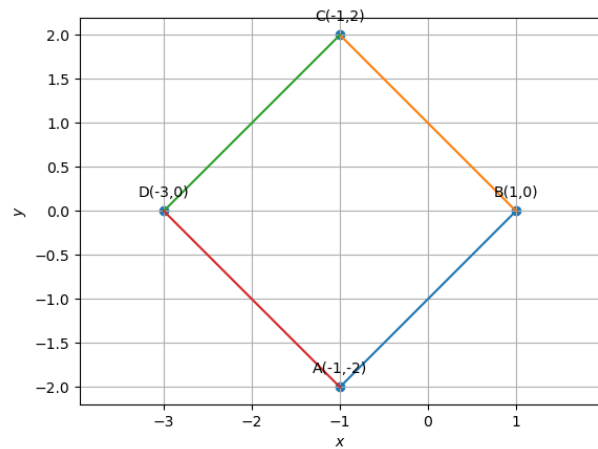


Fig. 1.13.1.1

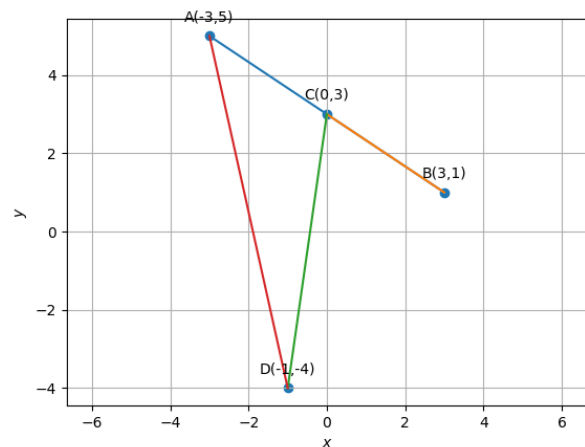


Fig. 1.13.1.2

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

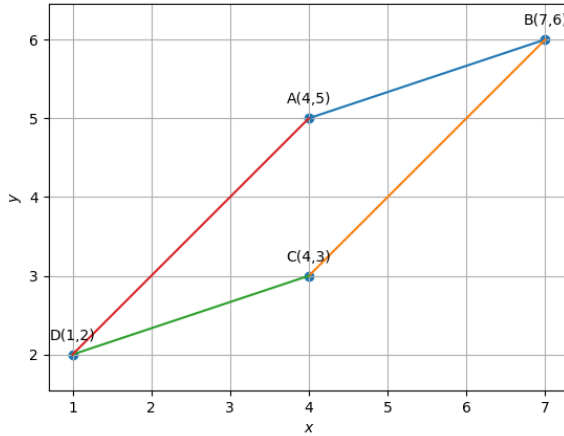


Fig. 1.13.1.3

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

TABLE 1.13.1

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.2.1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{10}{19} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.2.2)$$

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

Solution: The given points are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.3.1)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (1.13.3.2)$$

from (D.1.3), the projection vector is the origin. See Fig. 1.13.3.1.

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.4.1)$$

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

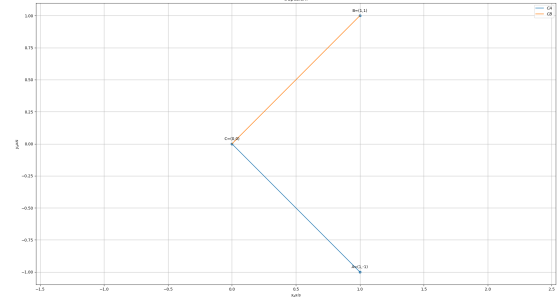


Fig. 1.13.3.1

the given conditions.

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

Solution:

$$\therefore (\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{c} = 0, \quad (1.13.5.1)$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c}} = 8, \quad (1.13.5.2)$$

upon substituting numerical values.

1.13.6 Show that $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| + |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$ is perpendicular to $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| - |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$,

for any two nonzero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Solution:

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} + \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (1.13.6.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} - \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) \quad (1.13.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a})^T (\|\mathbf{a}\| \mathbf{b} - \|\mathbf{b}\| \mathbf{a}) = 0 \quad (1.13.6.3)$$

from (D.2.1).

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}\|^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{c}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3 + 2(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a} &= -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.13.7.1)$$

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.8.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (1.13.8.2)$$

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.13.9.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.13.9.2) \quad 1.13.10$$

$$\text{or, } (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.13.9.3)$$

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.13.10.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.13.10.2)$$

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

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

Solution: From the given information,

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (1.13.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0 \quad (1.13.11.2)$$

$$\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{d} = 15 \quad (1.13.11.3)$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^\top \\ \mathbf{b}^\top \\ \mathbf{c}^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.11.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.11.5)$$

Forming the augmented matrix,

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{9}{14}R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{14} & 15 \end{array} \right) \quad (1.13.11.6)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{160}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{70}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.11.7)$$

upon back substitution.

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

Solution:

$$\because (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^\top (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2, \quad (1.13.12.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (1.13.12.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (1.13.12.3)$$

1.13.13 $ABCD$ is a rectangle formed by the points $A(-1, -1), B(-1, 4), C(5, 4)$ and $D(5, -1)$. P, Q, R and S are the mid-points of AB, BC, CD and DA respectively. Is the quadrilateral $PQRS$ a square? a rectangle? or a rhombus? Justify your answer.

Solution: See Fig. 1.13.13.1. From (D.4.3), $PQRS$ is a parallelogram.

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{3}{2}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.13.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}) \neq 0 \quad (1.13.13.2)$$

$$(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P})^\top (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \quad (1.13.13.3)$$

Therefore $PQRS$ is a rhombus.

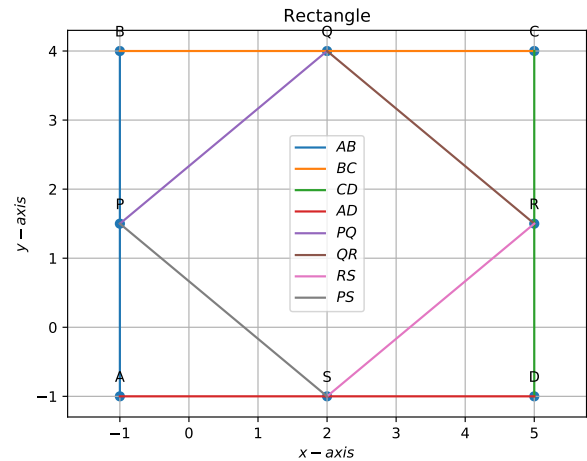


Fig. 1.13.13.1

- 1.13.14 Without using the Baudhayana theorem, show that the points $A(4, 4), B(3, 5)$ and $C(-1, -1)$ are the vertices of a right angled triangle. See Fig. 1.13.14.1.

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.14.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (1.13.14.2)$$

Thus, $AB \perp AC$.

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

Solution: The direction vectors of the given lines are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 - h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.15.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 - h \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.13.15.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{22}{9} \quad (1.13.15.3)$$

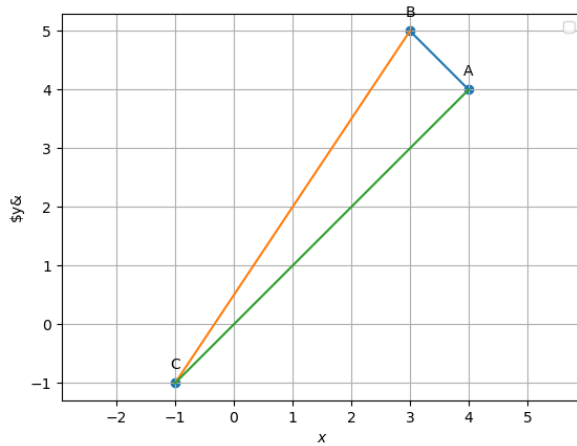


Fig. 1.13.14.1

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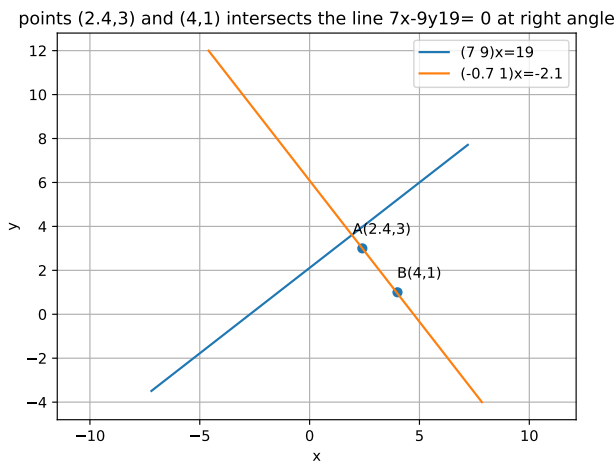


Fig. 1.13.15.1

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

- $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$ and $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$
- $2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0$ and $x - 2y + 5 = 0$
- $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$
- $2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0$ and $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$
- $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$ and $y + z - 4 = 0$

Solution: See Table 1.13.16.

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

Solution:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \square \quad (1.13.17.1)$$

1.13.18 If l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 are the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines, show that the direc-

TABLE 1.13.16

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

tion 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:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1 \\ n_1 & n_2 & l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.18.1)$$

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

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

Solution: From the given information,

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2k \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3k \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.13.19.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2k & 2 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 3k \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.13.19.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{10}{7} \quad (1.13.19.3)$$

See Fig. 1.13.19.1

1.13.20 If $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the vector $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 15$ is equally inclined to \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} .

1.13.21 If $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$ is equally inclined to \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} .

1.13.22 Check whether $(5, -2), (6, 4)$ and $(7, -2)$ are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.

1.13.23 The perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points $\mathbf{A}(1, 5)$ and $\mathbf{B}(4, 6)$ cuts the y-axis at

- $(0, 13)$
- $(0, -13)$
- $(0, 12)$
- $(13, 0)$

1.13.24 The point which lies on the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points $\mathbf{A}(-2, -5)$ and $\mathbf{B}(2, 5)$ is

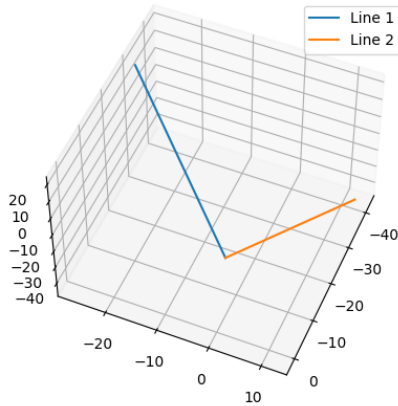


Fig. 1.13.19.1: lines represented for the given points and direction vector with $k = \frac{-10}{7}$

- a) (0, 0)
b) (0, 2)
c) (2, 0)
d) (-2, 0)
- 1.13.25 The points $(-4, 0), (4, 0), (0, 3)$ are the vertices of
a) right triangle
b) isosceles triangle
c) equilateral triangle
d) scalene triangle
- 1.13.26 The point $A(2, 7)$ lies on the perpendicular bisector of line segment joining the points $P(6, 5)$ and $Q(0, -4)$.
- 1.13.27 The points $A(-1, -2), B(4, 3), C(2, 5)$ and $D(-3, 0)$ in that order form a rectangle.
- 1.13.28 Name the type of triangle formed by the points $A(-5, 6), B(-4, -2)$, and $C(7, 5)$.
- 1.13.29 What type of a quadrilateral do the points $A(2, -2), B(7, 3), C(11, -1)$, and $D(6, -6)$ taken in that order, form?
- 1.13.30 Find the coordinates of the point Q on the x -axis which lies on the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points $A(-5, -2)$ and $B(4, -2)$. Name the type of triangle formed by points Q, A and B .
- 1.13.31 The points $A(2, 9), B(a, 5)$ and $C(5, 5)$ are the vertices of a triangle ABC right angled at B . Find the values of a and hence the area of $\triangle ABC$.
- 1.13.32 Find a vector of magnitude 6, which is perpendicular to both the vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$.
- 1.13.33 If A, B, C, D are the points with position vectors $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, respectively, find the projection of \overrightarrow{AB} along \overrightarrow{CD} .
- 1.13.34 Find the value of λ 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.
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\frac{3}{2}$
d) $-\frac{5}{2}$
- 1.13.35 Projection vector of \mathbf{a} on \mathbf{b} is
a) $\left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|^2}\right)$
b) $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$
c) $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$
d) $\left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2}\right)$
- 1.13.36 The vectors $\lambda\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ are coplanar if
a) $\lambda = -2$
b) $\lambda = 0$
c) $\lambda = 1$
d) $\lambda = -1$
- 1.13.37 The number of vectors of unit length perpendicular to the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is
a) one
b) two
c) three
d) infinite
- 1.13.38 If $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0, \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ and $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$ for some non-zero vector \mathbf{r} , then the value of $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ is _____.
- 1.13.39 If $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$, then the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are orthogonal.
- 1.13.40 Prove that the lines $x = py + q, z = ry + s$ and $x = p'y + q', z = r'y + s'$ are perpendicular if $pp' + rr' + 1 = 0$.
- 1.13.41 Find the equation of a plane which bisects perpendicularly the line joining the points $A(2, 3, 4)$ and $B(4, 5, 8)$ at right angles.
- 1.13.42 $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{CD} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ 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.
- 1.13.43 Show that the straight lines whose direction cosines are given by $2l + 2m - n = 0$ and $mn + nl + lm = 0$ are at right angles.
- 1.13.44 If $l_1, m_1, n_1; l_2, m_2, n_2; l_3, m_3, n_3$ are the direction cosines of the three mutually perpendicular lines, prove that the line whose direction cosines are proportional to $l_1 + l_2 + l_3, m_1 + m_2 + m_3, n_1 + n_2 + n_3$ make angles with them.
- 1.13.45 The intercepts made by the plane $2x - 3y + 5z + 4 = 0$ on the co-ordinate axis are $\left(-2, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{5}\right)$.
- 1.13.46 The line $\overrightarrow{r} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ lies in the plane $\overrightarrow{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 2 = 0$.

1.14 Vector Product

1.14.1 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 (D.6.3),

$$|\mathbf{A}_{23} \quad \mathbf{B}_{23}| = \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -2 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (1.14.1.1)$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_{31} \quad \mathbf{B}_{31}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -19 \quad (1.14.1.2)$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_{12} \quad \mathbf{B}_{12}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 19, \quad (1.14.1.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{A}_{23} \quad \mathbf{B}_{23}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{31} \quad \mathbf{B}_{31}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{12} \quad \mathbf{B}_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 19\sqrt{2} \quad (1.14.1.4)$$

from (D.7.1).

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

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -2R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 0 & 2\lambda - 6 & 2\mu - 27 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.2.1)$$

$$R_2 = 0 \implies \mu = \frac{27}{2}, \lambda = 3. \quad (1.14.2.2)$$

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

Solution:

$$\therefore \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.14.3.1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{\sqrt{61}}{2} \quad (1.14.3.2)$$

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

1.14.4 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

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 15\sqrt{2} \quad (1.14.4.1)$$

1.14.5 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

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 24 \quad (1.14.5.1) \quad 1.14.8$$

See Fig. 1.14.5.1.

1.14.6 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

- a) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

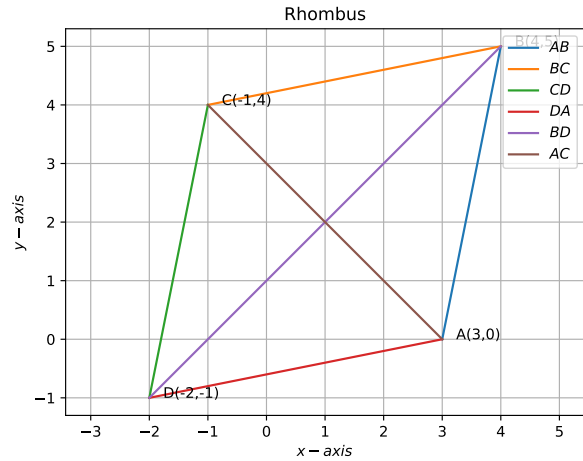


Fig. 1.14.5.1

- c) $\frac{\pi}{3}$
- d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta = 1 \quad (1.14.6.1)$$

$$\implies \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.14.6.2)$$

$$\implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (1.14.6.3)$$

1.14.7 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

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

Solution: Since

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.7.1)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.7.2)$$

area of the rectangle is

$$\|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\| = 2 \quad (1.14.7.3)$$

See Fig. 1.14.7.1

1.14.8 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 1.14.8.

1.14.9 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 (1.2.1.1), the mid point coordinates are

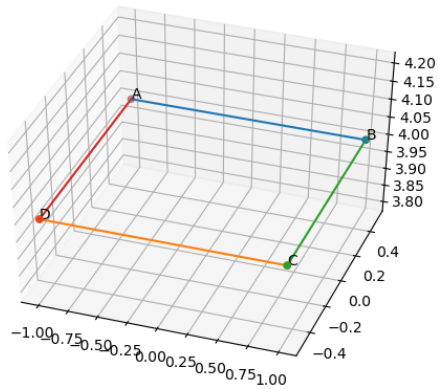


Fig. 1.14.7.1

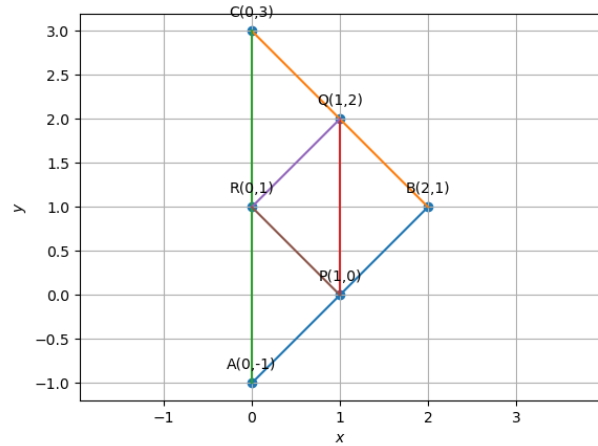


Fig. 1.14.9.1

TABLE 1.14.8

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

given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.9.1)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.9.2)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.9.3)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.9.4)$$

$$ar(PQR) = \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}) \times (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{R}) \| = 1 \quad (1.14.9.5)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.9.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \| = 4 \quad (1.14.9.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(PQR)}{ar(ABC)} = \frac{1}{4} \quad (1.14.9.8)$$

See Fig. 1.14.9.1

1.14.10 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. 1.14.10.1

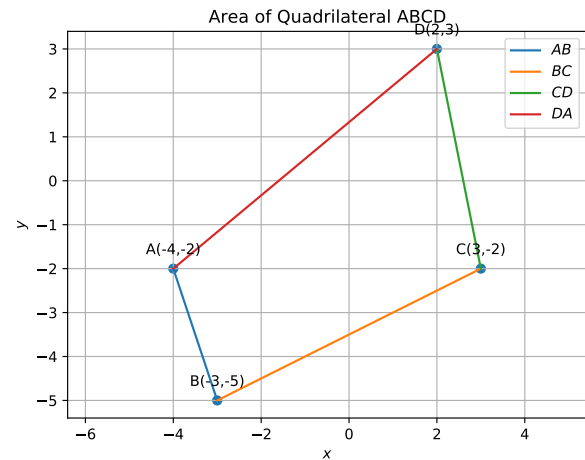


Fig. 1.14.10.1

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.14.10.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.14.10.2)$$

$$ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \| = \frac{23}{2} \quad (1.14.10.3)$$

$$ar(BCD) = \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{D}) \| = \frac{33}{2} \quad (1.14.10.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABCD) = ar(ABD) + ar(BCD) = 28 \quad (1.14.10.5)$$

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

Solution:

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.14.11.1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.11.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| = 3 \quad (1.14.11.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.11.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ACD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})\| \quad (1.14.11.5)$$

$$= 3 = ar(ABD) \quad (1.14.11.6)$$

See Fig. 1.14.11.1.

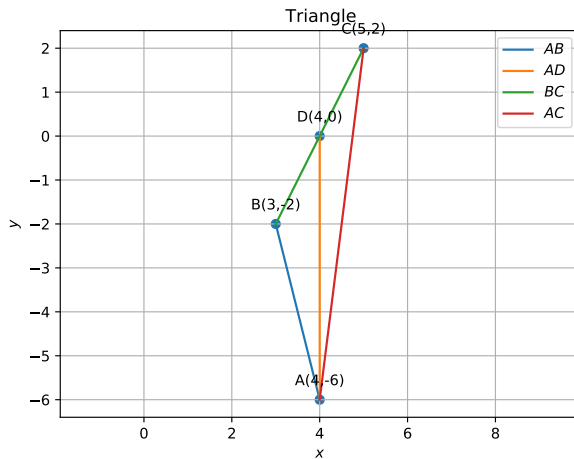


Fig. 1.14.11.1

1.14.12 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 by

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.12.1)$$

and the corresponding unit vectors are

$$\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{45}} \\ -\frac{6}{\sqrt{45}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{45}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{69}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{69}} \\ \frac{8}{\sqrt{69}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.12.2)$$

The area of the parallelogram is given by

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ -11 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{605} \quad (1.14.12.3)$$

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. 1.14.13.1. Using section formula

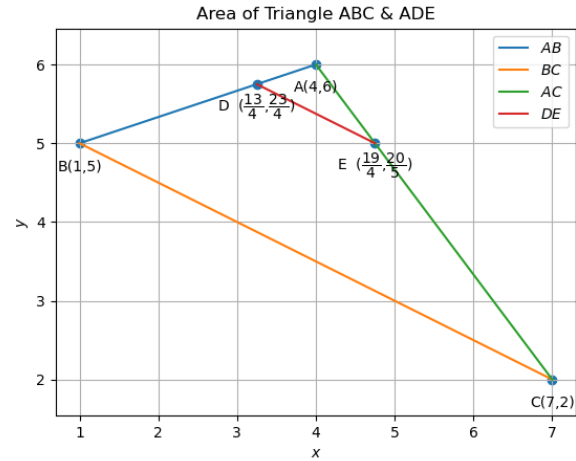


Fig. 1.14.13.1

(1.2.1.1),

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 23 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.13.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.13.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.13.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.13.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E})\| = \frac{15}{32} \quad (1.14.13.5)$$

$$ar(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})\| = \frac{15}{2} \quad (1.14.13.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(ADE)}{ar(ABC)} = \frac{1}{16} \quad (1.14.13.7)$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.14.14.1)$$

Also, find its area.

Solution: See Fig. 1.14.14.1. From (D.11.2),

$$ar(ABCD) = \frac{121}{2} \quad (1.14.14.2)$$

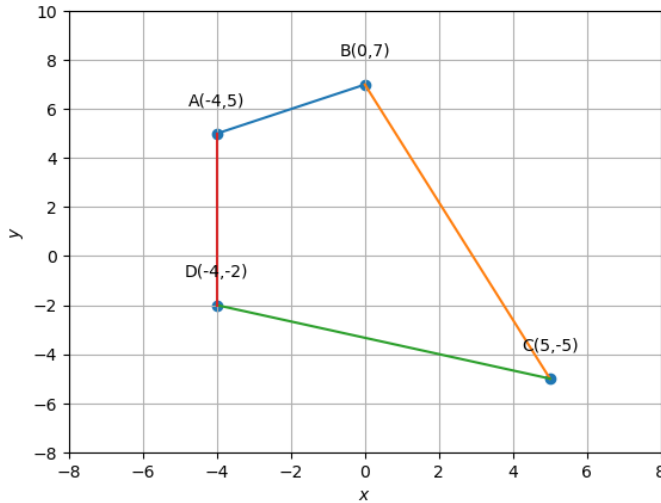


Fig. 1.14.14.1: Plot of quadrilateral $ABCD$

- 1.14.15 Find the area of region bounded by the triangle whose vertices are $(1, 0)$, $(2, 2)$ and $(3, 1)$.
- 1.14.16 Find the area of region bounded by the triangle whose vertices are $(-1, 0)$, $(1, 3)$ and $(3, 2)$.
- 1.14.17 Find the area of the $\triangle ABC$, coordinates of whose vertices are $A(2, 0)$, $B(4, 5)$, and $C(6, 3)$.
- 1.14.18 Show that

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) &= \vec{a} \times \vec{a} - \vec{b} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a} \\ &= 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.14.18.1)$$

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

- 1.14.19 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

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.14.19.1)$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}. \quad (1.14.19.2)$$

- 1.14.20 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} ?

- 1.14.21 The area of a triangle with vertices $A(3, 0)$, $B(7, 0)$ and $C(8, 4)$ is

- 14
- 28
- 8
- 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 340
- $\sqrt{25}$
- $\sqrt{229}$
- $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{229}$

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

- a
- $3a$
- $4a$
- $2a$

- 1.14.33 If $|\vec{a}| = 10$, $|\vec{b}| = 2$ and $\vec{a}, \vec{b} = 12$, then value of $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ is

- 5
- 10
- 14
- 16

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

- 1.14.35 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

- 9 sq. units
- 18 sq. units
- 27 sq. units
- 81 sq. units

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

1.15 Miscellaneous

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

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.15.1.1)$$

The given square is available in Fig. 1.15.1.1. Shifting \mathbf{A}

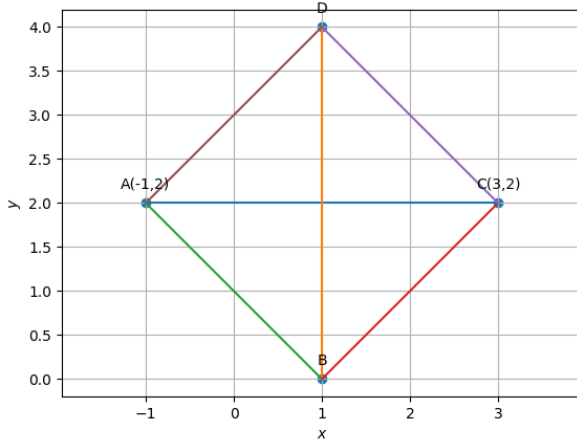


Fig. 1.15.1.1

to origin with reference to Fig. 1.15.1.2,

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C}_1 = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.15.1.2)$$

Since

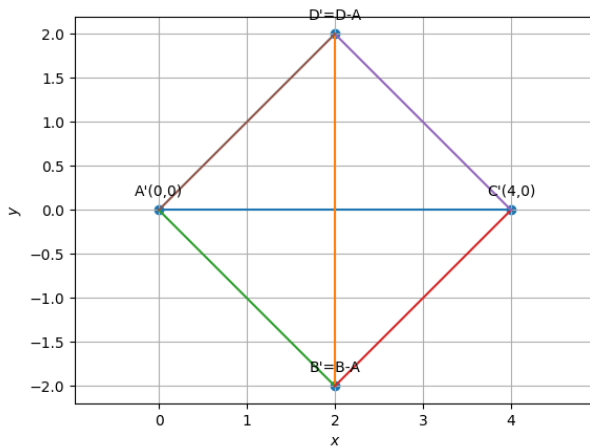


Fig. 1.15.1.2

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \theta = 0^\circ \quad (1.15.1.3)$$

where θ is the angle made by AC with the x -axis. Considering the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) & -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.15.1.4)$$

From Fig. 1.15.1.3,

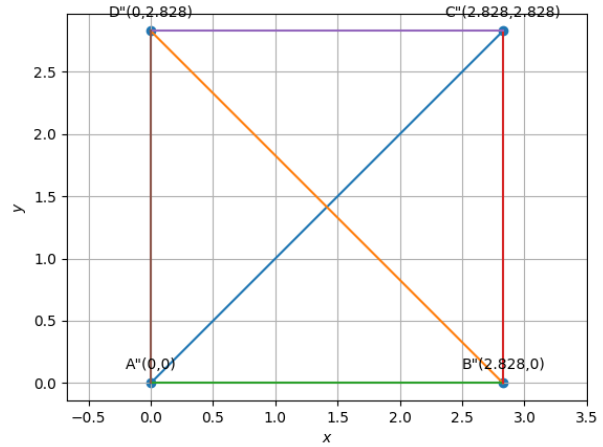


Fig. 1.15.1.3

$$\mathbf{C}_2 = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (1.15.1.5)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{C}_2 \quad (1.15.1.6)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = (\mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{e}_2) \mathbf{C}_2 \quad (1.15.1.7)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{B}_2 + \mathbf{A} \quad (1.15.1.8)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{D}_2 + \mathbf{A} \quad (1.15.1.9)$$

by reversing the process of translation and rotation. Thus, from (1.15.1.8) (1.15.1.6), (1.15.1.9) and (1.15.1.7)

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \quad (1.15.1.10)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^T (\mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{e}_2) \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \quad (1.15.1.11)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.15.1.12)$$

1.15.2 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 information,

$$\mathbf{B} = a\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{C} = -a\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (1.15.2.1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} = k\mathbf{e}_1 \quad (1.15.2.2)$$

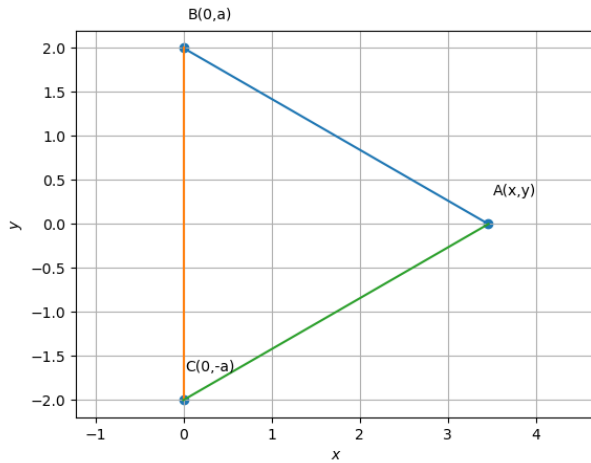


Fig. 1.15.2.1

and

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = (2a)^2 \quad (1.15.2.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{C}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C} = 4a^2 \quad (1.15.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 + a^2 = 4a^2 \quad (1.15.2.5)$$

$$\text{or, } k = \pm a\sqrt{3} \quad (1.15.2.6)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{A} = \pm \sqrt{3}a\mathbf{e}_1$$

Fig. 1.15.2.1 is plotted for $a = 2$.

1.16 Triangle

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

Solution: From (D.12.3) and (D.12.4), we obtain Fig. 1.16.1.1. See

codes/triangle/const-aBsum.py

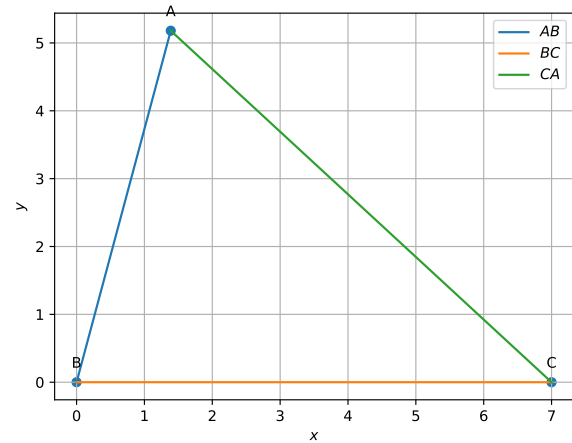


Fig. 1.16.1.1

(1.15.2.7) 1.16.2 Construct a triangle ABC in which $BC = 8\text{cm}$, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $AB - AC = 3.5\text{cm}$.

Solution: See Fig. 1.16.2.1.

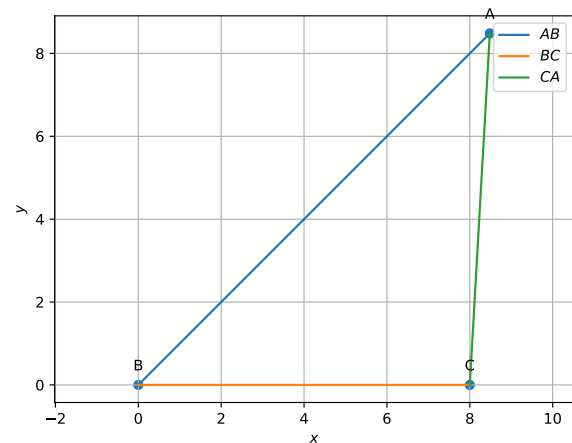


Fig. 1.16.2.1

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

Solution: See Fig. 1.16.3.1 obtained by substituting $K = -2$.

1.16.4 Construct a right triangle whose base is 12cm and sum of its hypotenuse and other side is 18cm .

Solution: For $a = 12$, $\angle B = 90^\circ$, $b + c = 18$, we obtain Fig. 1.16.4.1.

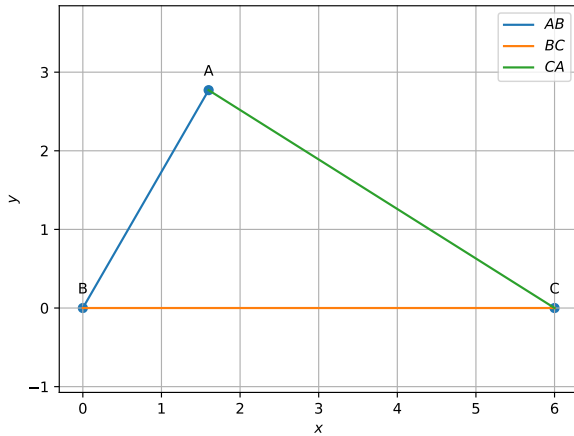


Fig. 1.16.3.1

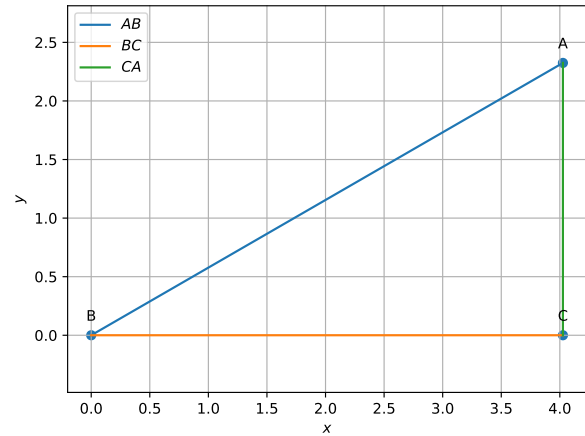


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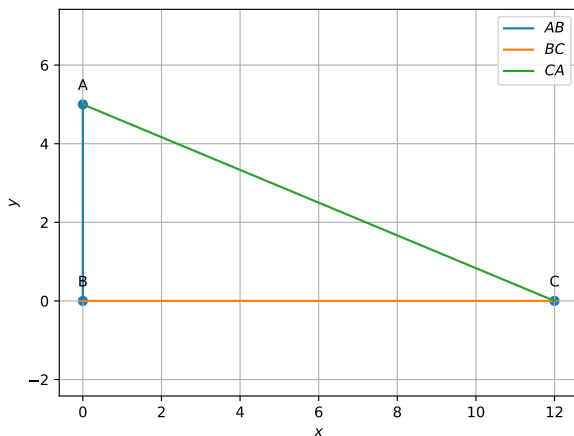


Fig. 1.16.4.1

its sides as 9cm , 7cm and 17cm ? Give reason for your answer.

1.16.14 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of its sides as 8cm , 7cm and 4cm ? Give reason for your answer.

1.16.15 Two sides of a triangle are of lengths 5cm and 1.5cm . The length of the third side of the triangle cannot be

- 3.6cm
- 4.1cm
- 3.8cm
- 3.4cm

1.16.16 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

- 6.9cm
- 5.2cm
- 5.0cm
- 4.0cm

1.16.17 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

- 3.2cm
- 3.1cm
- 3cm
- 2.8cm

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

Solution: From (D.13.4) and (D.13.5), Fig. 1.16.5.1 is generated.

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

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

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

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

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

1.16.11 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 .

1.16.12 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of its sides as 4cm , 3cm and 7cm ? Give reason for your answer.

1.16.13 Is it possible to construct a triangle with lengths of

1.16.18 Construct a triangle whose sides are 3.6cm , 3.0cm and 4.8cm . Bisect the smallest angle and measure each part.

1.16.19 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 :

1.20 A triangle if its perimeter is 10.4cm and two angles are 45° and 120° .

1.21 A triangle PQR given that $QR = 3\text{cm}$, $\angle PQR = 45^\circ$ and $QP - PR = 2\text{cm}$.

1.22 A right triangle when one side is 3.5cm and sum of other sides and the hypotenuse is 5.5cm .

1.23 An equilateral triangle if its altitude is 3.2cm .

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

your answer:

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

2 MATRICES

The matrix of the vertices of the triangle is defined as

$$\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.1)$$

2.1 Vectors

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

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

Solution:

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (2.1.1.2)$$

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

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

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

Solution: Considering the rotation matrix

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

the normal matrix is obtained as

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{RM} \quad (2.1.2.2)$$

- 2.3. Obtain a, b, c .

Solution: The sides vector is obtained as

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

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

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

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

2.2 Median

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

Solution:

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

- 2.2.2. Obtain the median direction matrix.

Solution: The median direction matrix is given by

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

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

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

- 2.2.3. Obtain the median normal matrix.

- 2.2.4. Obtain the median equation constants.
 2.2.5. Obtain the centroid by finding the intersection of the medians.

2.3 Altitude

- 2.3.1. Find the normal matrix for the altitudes

Solution: The desired matrix is

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

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

- 2.3.2. Find the constants vector for the altitudes.

Solution: The desired vector is

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

2.4 Perpendicular Bisector

- 2.4.1. Find the normal matrix for the perpendicular bisectors

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

- 2.4.2. Find the constants vector for the perpendicular bisectors.

Solution: The desired vector is

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

2.5 Angle Bisector

- 2.5.1. Find the points of contact.

Solution: The points of contact are given by

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

All codes for this section are available at

`codes/triangle/mat-alg.py`

3 LINEAR FORMS

3.1 Equation of a Line

Find the equation of line

3.1

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

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

Solution:

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

Solution:

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

Solution:

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

Solution:

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

Solution:

3.8 Find the equation of line whose perpendicular distance from the origin is 5 units and the angle made by the perpendicular with the positive x-axis is 30° .

Solution:

3.9

3.10

3.11

3.12

3.13

3.14

3.15

3.16 $P(a, b)$ is the mid-point of the line segment between axes. Show that the equation of the line is $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 2$

Solution:

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

3.18

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

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

Solution:

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

Solution:

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

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \quad \text{and} \quad (3.22.1)$$

$$\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5} \quad (3.22.2)$$

Solution:

- 3.23 Find the vector equation of the line passing through $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and parallel to the planes $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = 5$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = 6$.

Solution:

3.24

3.25

3.26

- 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:

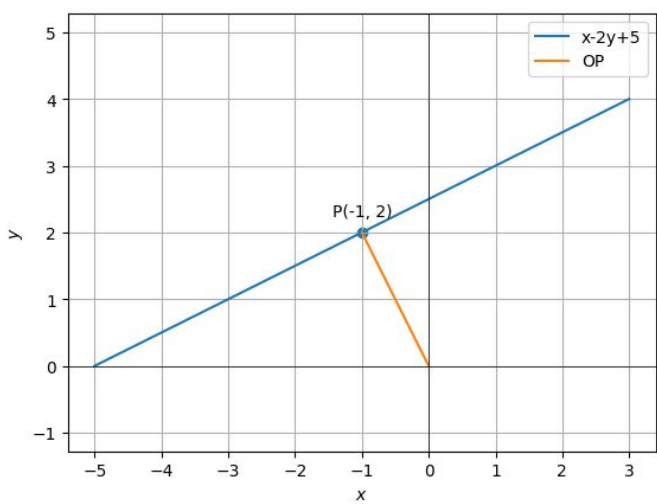


Fig. 3.27.1: Graph

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

Solution:

- 3.29 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. 3.29.1

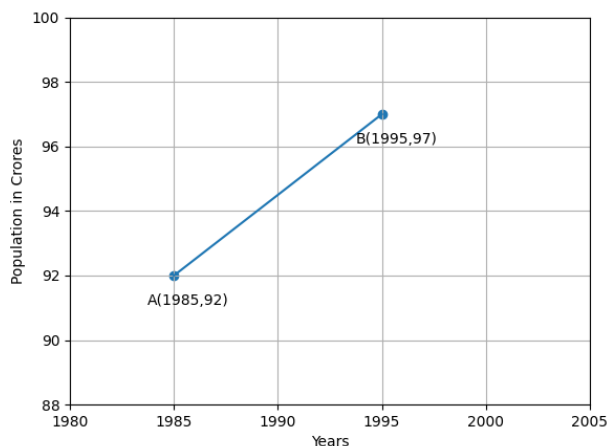


Fig. 3.29.1

is

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.29.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.29.2)$$

The equation of the line is then given by

$$\mathbf{n}^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (3.29.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1801 \quad (3.29.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2010 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1801 \quad (3.29.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{209}{2} \quad (3.29.6)$$

APPENDIX A

POINTS ON A LINE

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

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

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

yielding (1.1.4.1).

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

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

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

yielding (1.1.5.1).

- A.3. From (1.1.4.1), if \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{D} and \mathbf{C} are on the same line,

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

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

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

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

yielding (1.2.1.1) upon substituting

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

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

- A.4. If \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} are collinear, from (1.1.5.1),

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

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

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

which can be expressed as

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

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

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

APPENDIX B
TANGENTS TO A CIRCLE

The equation of the *incircle* is given by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for Σ defined in (B.6). Substituting (1.6.6.1) in (B.6),

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

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

where

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

(B.8) can be expressed as

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

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

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

APPENDIX C
MATRICES

APPENDIX D
 2×1 VECTORS

D.1. Mathematically, the projection of \mathbf{A} on \mathbf{B} is defined as

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

yielding

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

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

D.2. If \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} are unit vectors,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D.5. If

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

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

D.6. Let

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

D.8. Verify that

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

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

D.9. If

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

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

D.10.

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

where θ is the angle between the vectors.

D.11.

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

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

D.12. Construct a $\triangle ABC$ given $a, \angle B$ and $K = b + c$.

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

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad (\text{D.12.1})$$

$$\implies (K - c)^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad (\text{D.12.2})$$

$$\implies c = \frac{K^2 - a^2}{2(K - a \cos B)} \quad (\text{D.12.3})$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} = c \begin{pmatrix} \cos B \\ \sin B \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D.12.4})$$

D.13. Construct a $\triangle ABC$ given $\angle B, \angle C$ and $K = a + b + c$.

Solution:

$$a + b + c = K \quad (\text{D.13.1})$$

$$b \cos C + c \cos B - a = 0 \quad (\text{D.13.2})$$

$$b \sin C - c \sin B = 0 \quad (\text{D.13.3})$$

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ 0 & \sin C & -\sin B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{D.13.4})$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{D.13.5})$$