1.1.14

Let $\mathscr{A}=\{A_1,A_2,\cdots,A_n\}$, $\mathscr{B}=\{B_1,B_2,\cdots,B_n\}$ be subsets of the space. Prove the for any bijection $f:\mathscr{A}\to\mathscr{B}$, the vector

$$\overrightarrow{A_1f(A_1)} + \overrightarrow{A_2f(A_2)} + \cdots + \overrightarrow{A_nf(A_n)}$$

is the same.

Proof: Let $O=A_1$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}\overrightarrow{A_if(A_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\overrightarrow{Of(A_i)} - \overrightarrow{OA_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\overrightarrow{OB_i} - \overrightarrow{OA_i}$$

is independent of f.

1.1.15

Prove that A,B,C are collinear iff there exists λ,μ,ν not identically zero, such that $\lambda+\mu+\nu=0$ and

$$\lambda \overrightarrow{OA} + \mu \overrightarrow{OB} + \nu \overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{0},$$

where O is an arbitrary point.

Proof: Note that for $\lambda + \mu + \nu = 0$,

$$\overrightarrow{\lambda OA} + \overrightarrow{\mu OB} + \overrightarrow{\nu OC} = \mathbf{0} \iff \overrightarrow{\mu AB} + \overrightarrow{\nu AC} = 0.$$

Hence A,B,C are collinear iff $\exists \mu,\nu$ such that $\mu \overrightarrow{AB} + \nu \overrightarrow{AC} = \mathbf{0}$, iff $\exists \mu,\nu$ and $\lambda = -\mu - \nu$ such that $\lambda \overrightarrow{OA} + \mu \overrightarrow{OB} + \nu \overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{0}$.

1.1.20

Suppose D, E, F are on the edges BC, CA, AB respectively, such that AD, BE, CE intersect at O, and

$$(A, B, F) = 1/3, (C, F, O) = 2,$$

determine the values of (A,D,O),(B,C,D),(C,A,E),(B,E,O).

Solution: Let $\alpha = \overrightarrow{AB}, \beta = \overrightarrow{AC}$, then $\overrightarrow{AF} = \frac{1}{4}\alpha$, $\overrightarrow{AO} = \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{AF} + \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{AC} = \frac{1}{6}\alpha + \frac{1}{3}\beta$.

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = \lambda \alpha + (1 - \lambda)\beta = 2\overrightarrow{AO} = \frac{1}{3}\alpha + \frac{2}{3}\beta.$$

$$\overrightarrow{AE} = \mu\beta = \nu\alpha + (1 - \nu)\overrightarrow{AO} = \frac{2}{5}\beta.$$

Hence

$$(A, D, O) = 1, (B, C, D) = 2, (C, A, E) = 3/2, (B, E, O) = 5.$$

1.1.23

Suppose A,B,C are not collinear, and P,Q,R are on the lines AB,BC,CA respectively. Denote

$$\lambda = (A, B, P), \ \mu = (B, C, Q), \nu = (C, A, R).$$

Prove that P,Q,R are collinear iff $\lambda\mu\nu=-1$.

Let $\alpha = \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\beta = \overrightarrow{AC}$, then $\overrightarrow{AP} = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\alpha$, $\overrightarrow{AR} = \frac{1}{1+\nu}\beta$, and $\overrightarrow{AQ} = \frac{1}{1+\mu}\alpha + \frac{\mu}{1+\mu}\beta$. Hence

$$\overrightarrow{AQ} = rac{1+\lambda}{\lambda(1+\mu)}\overrightarrow{AP} + rac{(1+
u)\mu}{1+\mu}\overrightarrow{AR}.$$

P,Q,R are collinear iff

$$\frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda(1+\mu)} + \frac{(1+\nu)\mu}{1+\mu} = 1 \iff 1+\lambda + (1+\nu)\mu\lambda = \lambda(1+\mu) \iff \lambda\mu\nu = -1.$$

1.2.6

Given collinear point A,B,C such that (A,B,C)=5/2, and suppose the coordinates of A,C are (3,7,3),(8,2,3), determine the coordinates of B. Solution:

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = \frac{5}{7}\overrightarrow{OB} + \frac{2}{7}\overrightarrow{OA} \implies \overrightarrow{OB} = \frac{7}{5}\overrightarrow{OC} - \frac{2}{5}\overrightarrow{OA} = (10, 0, 3).$$

1.2.7

Suppose the coordinates of vectors α, β, γ are respectively $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), (x_3, y_3, z_3)$. Prove that if α, β, γ are coplanar, than

$$egin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \ \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

Proof: α, β, γ are coplanar implies $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), (z_3, y_3, z_3)$ are linearly dependent, hence

$$egin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \ \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$