

## Linear Algebra 1—Exercise 2: Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

To submit: 2 7 8 9 10b 11a 12a 15 16b

- 1) In rectangle  $ABCD$  denote:  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{v}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \underline{u}$  .
  - a. Express in terms of  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  the following vectors:  $\overrightarrow{BC}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{DC}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{DA}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{BD}$  .
  - b. The point  $F$  satisfies  $\overrightarrow{AF} = \underline{v} - \underline{u}$  . Find where  $F$  is located.
- 2) In the cube  $ABCD A'B'C'D'$  denote:  $\overrightarrow{AD'} = \underline{v}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{D'B} = \underline{w}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \underline{u}$  . Express in terms of  $\underline{u}$ ,  $\underline{v}$ ,  $\underline{w}$  the following vectors:  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{AA'}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{BA'}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{AC'}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{DB}$  ,  $\overrightarrow{DA}$  .
- 3) In the parallelogram  $ABCD$ :  
M is the midpoint of AB, N the midpoint of BC, and P the midpoint of MN  
 $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{v}$  and  $\overrightarrow{BC} = \underline{u}$ 
  - a. Express  $\overrightarrow{BP}$  and  $\overrightarrow{BD}$  using  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  .
  - b. Prove that P is on the diagonal BD and find the ratio into which P splits this diagonal.
- 4) In the trapezoid  $ABCD$  with  $AB \parallel CD$ ,  $CD = 3AB$  ,  $M$  is a point on  $BC$  such that:  $\overrightarrow{BM} = \frac{1}{2} \overrightarrow{MC}$  .
  - a. Express  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  and  $\overrightarrow{DM}$  using  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  , where:
    - i.  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{u}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD} = \underline{v}$
    - ii.  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{u}$  and  $\overrightarrow{BM} = \underline{v}$
    - iii.  $\overrightarrow{AD} = \underline{u}$  and  $\overrightarrow{MC} = \underline{v}$
  - b. Given:  $\angle BAD = 120^\circ$  ,  $AB = 3 \text{ cm}$  ,  $AD = 6 \text{ cm}$   
Calculate:  $\|\overrightarrow{AC}\|$  ,  $\|\overrightarrow{DM}\|$  and the angle between  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  and  $\overrightarrow{DM}$  .
- 5) Given  $\triangle ABC$ .
  - a. Let  $D$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . Prove that:  $\overrightarrow{AD} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC})$ .
  - b. Let  $M$  be the intersection of the medians of  $\triangle ABC$  (it is a theorem in geometry that the three medians always meet at one point). Prove that:  $\overrightarrow{AM} + \overrightarrow{BM} + \overrightarrow{CM} = \underline{0}$  .
  - c. Let P be any point. Prove that:  $\overrightarrow{PM} = \frac{1}{3}(\overrightarrow{PA} + \overrightarrow{PB} + \overrightarrow{PC})$ .
- 6) Given  $\triangle ABC$  with  $M$  and  $N$  the midpoints of the edges  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively.  
Prove that  $\overrightarrow{MN} = \frac{1}{2} \overrightarrow{BC}$  and note which theorem can be proven based on this equation.

- 7) Given the trapezoid  $ABCD$  with:  $AB \parallel CD$ ,  $E$  the midpoint of  $AB$ ,  $F$  the midpoint of  $CD$ , and  $M$  the intersection of the continuations of the legs  $AD$  and  $BC$ .
- Prove that:  $\overrightarrow{ME} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{MA} + \overrightarrow{MB})$  and  $\overrightarrow{MF} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{MD} + \overrightarrow{MC})$
  - Prove that  $E$ ,  $M$ , and  $F$  are all on one line.  
(NOTE: You may use similar triangles.)
- 8) Given points  $A = (2, -4, -3)$ ,  $B = (7, 2, 7)$ ,  $C = (4, 5, 9)$ ,  $D = (-1, -1, -1)$   
Prove using vectors that  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.
- 9) Given the three points:  $A = (3, 1, 0)$ ,  $B = (-4, 5, 3)$ ,  $C = (1, -4, 6)$ .
- Prove that these points are the vertices of a triangle.
  - Calculate the angles of this triangle.
- 10) Find a vector orthogonal to both  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ :
- $\underline{u} = (1, 2, 6)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (0, 2, 3)$
  - $\underline{u} = (4, 2, 3)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (0, 0, 2)$
- 11)  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  are two vectors of equal length.
- If  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  are orthogonal, calculate the angle between  $\underline{u} + 2\underline{v}$  and  $\underline{v} - \underline{u}$ .
  - If the angle between  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  is  $30^\circ$ , calculate the angle between  $\underline{u} + 3\underline{v}$  and  $4\underline{u} - 2\underline{v}$ .
- 12) Find the area of the triangle  $\Delta PQR$  with the vertices:
- $P = (1, 5, -2)$ ,  $Q = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $R = (3, 5, 1)$
  - $P = (2, 1, 3)$ ,  $Q = (-1, 4, 5)$ ,  $R = (4, 2, 0)$
- 13) True or False: Given  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :
- If  $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$  and  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = c$
  - $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
  - $a \cdot b + c \cdot b = a \cdot c + b$
- 14) Prove that if the vector  $\underline{u}$  is orthogonal to vectors  $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$  then  $\underline{u}$  is orthogonal to the vector  $4\underline{v} - 2\underline{w}$
- 15) Let  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  be two vectors representing two adjacent sides of a parallelogram. Use them to prove the following geometric statements:
- The length of all sides of a parallelogram are equal if and only if the diagonals are perpendicular to one another.
  - The lengths of the diagonals of a parallelogram are equal if and only if the adjacent sides of the parallelogram are perpendicular to one another.

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- a. Find a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the positive  $x$ -axis.
- b. In three-dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , find two (non-parallel) unit vectors at an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with the positive  $x$ -axis.
- c. In three-dimensional space, find two (non-parallel) vectors of length 4, at an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with the positive  $y$ -axis.

17) Given the trapezoid  $ABCD$  with:  $AB \parallel CD$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AB} = k\overrightarrow{DC}$  (for some  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ),  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{u}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AD} = \underline{v}$ .

- a. Express the vectors:  $\overrightarrow{BC}, \overrightarrow{AC}, \overrightarrow{DC}, \overrightarrow{DB}$  using  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, k$ .
- b. Find  $k$  if  $\overrightarrow{BC} = \underline{v} - \frac{2}{3}\underline{u}$ .

18) Show using vectors that:  $A = (2, -1, 1)$ ,  $B = (3, 2, 1)$ ,  $C = (-1, 0, -2)$  are the vertices of a right triangle.