

Linear Algebra 1—Exercise 3.5 (optional): Distances and Angles in \mathbb{R}^3

- 1) Given the points: $A = (2, 1, 3)$, $B = (-4, 1, -3)$, $C = (-16, 4, 1)$, $D = (0, 0, -4)$, the plane $P: x - 4y + 8z - 1 = 0$, and the line $l = \{(5, 1, -2) + t(-1, -3, 3) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$. What is the distance...
1. ... from A to the line BC ?
 2. ... from the line AB to the line l ?
 3. ... from the line AB to the line BC ?
 4. ... from A to the plane P ?
 5. ... from the line AC to the plane P ?
 6. ... from the line BD to the plane P ?
 7. ... from the plane ABC to the plane P ?
 8. ... from the plane ABC to the plane whose equation is $3x + 8y + 9z = 5$?
 9. ... between the planes whose equations are $2x - 3y + 4z = 5$ and $4x - 2z = 1$?
 10. ... between the plane containing both A and the line $\{(0, 0, 2) + t(0, -3, 3) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$, and the plane $x - y - z = 4$?
 11. ... between the lines l and $l_1 = \{(0, 1, -2) + t(2, 0, 1) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$?
 12. What is the area of triangle $\triangle ABC$?
 13. What is the volume of the tetrahedron (pyramid with triangular base) $ABCO$ (where O is the origin)?

[Reminder (for q. 1.13, q. 2): a. The volume of a pyramid is $\frac{1}{3}$ the product of the area of the base and the height. b. $\|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}\| = \|\underline{u}\| \cdot \|\underline{v}\| \cdot \sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between \underline{u} and \underline{v} .]

- 2) Given a tetrahedron $PQRS$, where $P = (3, 1, 5)$, $Q = (7, 2, -1)$, $R = (4, 3, -2)$, $D = (-4, 1, 2)$.
- a. What is the angle between the faces PQR and PRS ?
 - b. What is the angle between edge PQ and the face QRS ?
 - c. What is the distance between edges PQ and RS ?
 - d. What is the volume of the tetrahedron?
- 3) Given a pyramid (with a quadrilateral base) $ABCDS$, where S is the apex and:
 $A = (-1, 2, 4)$, $B = (5, 5, -2)$, $C = (7, 3, -1)$, $D = (1, 0, 5)$, $S = (6, 8, 7)$.
- a. Is the base of the pyramid a square, rhombus, rectangle, parallelogram, or trapezoid? Prove!
 - b. What is the angle between the faces ABS and BCS ?
 - c. What is the angle between the faces ABS and CDS ?
 - d. What is the angle between the face ABS and the base $ABCD$?
 - e. What is the volume of the pyramid?
 - f. What is the angle between edge AS and the base $ABCD$?
- 4) Given tetrahedron $ABCS$ with $A = (1, 2, 3)$, $B = (-3, 5, 6)$, $C = (8, -3, -1)$, $S = (11, 8, t)$ where $t < 0$. SM is an altitude of $ABCS$ (M is on the plane ABC) of length $2\sqrt{35}$.

- a. Find the coordinates of M .
 - b. What is the length of the perpendicular segment from S to the edge AC ?
 - c. What is the volume of the tetrahedron?
- 5) What are the equations of the planes perpendicular to the plane $3x - 7y + 4z = 0$ and whose distance from the line $\{(8, 6, 5) + t(2, 3, -5) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is $3\sqrt{3}$?