

EMTH1019 Linear Algebra & Statistics for Engineers

Tutorial 6 Vectors & Introduction to Matrices

SOLUTIONS

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{i}((-1)(-2) - (0)(3)) + \mathbf{j}((0)(1) - (2)(-2)) + \mathbf{k}((2)(3) - (-1)(1)) \\ &= \mathbf{i}(2 - 0) + \mathbf{j}(0 + 4) + \mathbf{k}(6 + 1) \\ &= [2, 4, 7]\end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = [2, 4, 7] \cdot [1, 3, -2] = (2)(1) + (4)(3) + (7)(-2) = 2 + 12 - 14 = 0$$

Since $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$, $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and \mathbf{b} are perpendicular.

2. Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ Area of parallelogram

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} \right\|$$

$$\vec{PQ} = [2 - 1, 0 - (-1), -1 - 2] = [1, 1, -3]$$

$$\vec{PR} = [0 - 1, 2 - (-1), 1 - 2] = [-1, 3, -1]$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \mathbf{i}(-1 - (-9)) + \mathbf{j}(3 - (-1)) + \mathbf{k}(3 - (-1)) = [8, 4, 4]$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(8)^2 + (4)^2 + (4)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{64 + 16 + 16} = \frac{\sqrt{96}}{2}$$

3. Area of parallelogram = $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin \theta$

$$\text{Given } \|\mathbf{u}\| = 16, \|\mathbf{v}\| = 4, \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \text{Area} = (16)(4) \sin(60^\circ) = 64 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 32\sqrt{3}$$

4. Coplanar if $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = 0$

$$\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i}(0 - (-12)) + \mathbf{j}(6 - 8) + \mathbf{k}(8 - 0) = [12, -2, 8]$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = [1, 2, -1] \cdot [12, -2, 8] = 12 - 4 - 8 = 0$$

So the vectors $\mathbf{a} = [1, 2, -1]$, $\mathbf{b} = [-2, 0, 3]$ and $\mathbf{c} = [2, -4, -4]$ are coplanar.

5. (i) $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+7 & 0+(-5) & -1+1 \\ 4+1 & -5+(-4) & 2+(-3) \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -5 & 0 \\ 5 & -9 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
- (ii) $-4B = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4(7) & -4(-5) & -4(1) \\ -4(1) & -4(-4) & -4(-3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -28 & 20 & -4 \\ -4 & 16 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$
- (iii) $AC = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ This is not possible. The number of columns in A is not the same as the number of rows in C .
- (iv) $CB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7+2 & -5-8 & 1-6 \\ -14+1 & 10-4 & -2-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -13 & -5 \\ -13 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$
- (v) $AB^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ -5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14+0-1 & 2+0+3 \\ 28+25+2 & 4+20-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 5 \\ 55 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$
- (vi) $C - 3I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
- (vii) $C^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-4 & 2+2 \\ -2-2 & -4+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

6. $A_{6 \times 4} B_{n \times m} = (AB)_{6 \times 8}$

The number of columns in A , 4, equals the number of rows in B , n , $\therefore n = 4$

The number of columns in AB , 8, equals the number of columns in B , m , $\therefore m = 8$

\therefore order of $B = n \times m = 4 \times 8$

7. $B_{n \times m} C_{m \times p} = (BC)_{n \times p}$ Given $n \times p = 4 \times 3$. Hence $n = 4$, i.e., B has 4 rows.

8. $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23 & -10+5k \\ -9 & 15+k \end{bmatrix}$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23 & 15 \\ 6-3k & 15+k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Need } -10+5k = 15 \Rightarrow 5k = 25 \Rightarrow k = 5$$

$$\text{and } 6-3k = -9 \Rightarrow -3k = -15 \Rightarrow k = 5$$

9. $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -14+15 & -10+10 \\ 21-21 & 15-14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -14+15 & -35+35 \\ 6-6 & 15-14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $AB = BA = I$, the matrices A and B are the inverse of one another.

10. $AB = 0$ If A is invertible, A^{-1} exists. Multiply both sides by A^{-1} , from the left:
 $A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}0 \Rightarrow IB = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$