

## Assignment WW-M2-vectors

1. (1 point) Let  $x = (-6, -3, 7)$  and  $y = (-6, 7, 0)$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Compute the following:

$$x + y = (\_, \_, \_)$$

$$-6x = (\_, \_, \_)$$

$$x - y = (\_, \_, \_)$$

$$-6x + 2y = (\_, \_, \_)$$

Correct Answers:

- -12
- 4
- 7
- 36
- 18
- -42
- 0
- -10
- 7
- 24
- 32
- -42

2. (1 point) Let  $x = (-8, 2, -4)$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $a$  be in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $ax = (\_, 12, \_)$ .

Correct Answers:

- -48
- -24

3. (1 point) Use the Gauss-Jordan reduction to solve the following linear system:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 3 \\ 6x_1 - 5x_2 + 5x_3 = 8 \\ -3x_1 + 60x_3 = 21 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \_ \\ \_ \\ \_ \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} \_ \\ \_ \\ \_ \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:** By using the Gauss-Jordan reduction, we can find the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix of our system which turns out to be:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -20 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -25 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Hence,  $x_1, x_2$  are lead variables and  $x_3$  is the only free variable. By writing down the system corresponding to the RRE form, we get that

$$x_1 = -7 + 20x_3 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = -10 + 25x_3,$$

where  $x_3$  is free (can take any value). Therefore every vector of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 25 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} s$$

is a solution, and every solution has that form for some value of  $s$ .

Correct Answers:

- $\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 25 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. (1 point) Express the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{v} = \_ \vec{x} + \_ \vec{y}.$$

Correct Answers:

- -3
- -5

5. (1 point) Let

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -12 \\ h \end{bmatrix}.$$

For what value of  $h$  is  $\vec{y}$  in the plane spanned by  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ?

$$h = \_$$

Correct Answers:

- 1