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Matrix Theory(EE5609) Assignment 1

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Abstract—This Assignment explains the concept of a vector parallel to resultant of two other vectors and finds a vector of given magnitude parallel to resultant vector

Download all python codes from

https://github.com/anshum0302/EE5609/blob/ master/assignment1/solu1.py

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1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Find a vector of magnitude 5 units, and parallel to the resultant of the vectors $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

2 Theory

Resultant \mathbf{R} of two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is the sum of two vectors. So

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a1\\a2\\a3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b1\\b2\\b3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a1 + b1 \\ a2 + b2 \\ a3 + b3 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.0.3}$$

If **R** is a vector of magnitude $||\mathbf{R}||$ then unit vector in the direction of **R** is $\frac{\mathbf{R}}{||\mathbf{R}||}$

And vector of magnitude λ parallel to **R** is $\frac{\lambda \mathbf{R}}{\|\mathbf{R}\|}$

3 Solution

First find resultant **R** of
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \tag{3.0.1}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\\3\\-1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-2\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.2}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+1\\ 3-2\\ -1+1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.3}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.0.4}$$

Magnitude of R is

$$\|\mathbf{R}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} \tag{3.0.5}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{R}\| = \sqrt{10} \tag{3.0.6}$$

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Then unit vector \mathbf{r} along \mathbf{R} is

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\|\mathbf{R}\|} \tag{3.0.8}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.9}$$

Then vector of magnitude 5 units parallel to resultant \mathbf{R} is given by

$$\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{r} \tag{3.0.10}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{u} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.11}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 4.7434 \\ 1.5811 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.12}$$