

## TUTORIAL #2 SOLUTIONS

Q1:

3 POINTS IN THE PLANE ARE:

$$P_1(a, 0, 0)$$

$$P_2(0, b, 0)$$

$$P_3(0, 0, c)$$

2 VECTORS IN THE PLANE ARE:

$$\vec{P_1P_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{P_1P_3} = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

CROSS PRODUCT OF THESE TWO VECTORS WILL PRODUCE A NORMAL TO THE PLANE:

$$\vec{n} = \vec{P_1P_2} \times \vec{P_1P_3} = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} bc \\ ac \\ ab \end{bmatrix}$$

SCALAR EQUATION OF THE PLANE:

$$bcx + acy + abz + d = 0$$

SUBSTITUTE ONE POINT TO FIND  $d$ :

$$P_1 \rightarrow bca + ac(0) + ab(0) + d = 0$$

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$$\circ \quad d = -abc$$

$$\circ \quad bcx + acy + abz = abc$$

Assuming  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$

$$\div abc \quad \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$$

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Q2:

ANY LINE THAT IS PARALLEL TO TWO PLANES IS ORTHOGONAL TO THEIR TWO NORMALS.

$$\text{Plane 1: } 2x + y - 4z = 0 \quad \vec{n}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Plane 2: } -x + 2y + 3z + 1 = 0 \quad \vec{n}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

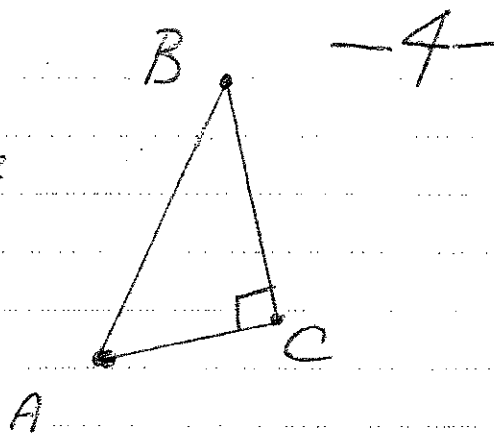
$$\vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ A DIRECTION VECTOR FOR THE LINE IS  $\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

VECTOR EQUATION OF THE LINE:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \text{ IS A SCALAR}$$

Q3:



GIVEN  $\vec{AB} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{AC} = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $s$  AND  $t$  SCALARS

BY VECTOR ADDITION:

$$\vec{AC} + \vec{CB} = \vec{AB}$$

$$\vec{CB} = \vec{AB} - \vec{AC} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{CB} = \begin{bmatrix} t-2s \\ -t \\ t+s \end{bmatrix}$$

WE ALSO KNOW THAT  $\vec{CB}$  IS ORTHOGONAL TO  $\vec{AC}$ .

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} t-2s \\ -t \\ t+s \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$2(t-2s) - (t+s) = 0$$

$$2t - 4s - t - s = 0$$

$$t = 5s$$

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$$\therefore \vec{CB} = \begin{bmatrix} 3s \\ -5s \\ 6s \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  THE EQUATION OF THE LINE THROUGH B AND C IS:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} s \text{ IS A} \\ \text{SCALAR} \end{array}$$

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Q4:

A VECTOR PARALLEL TO THE  $yz$ -PLANE IS ORTHOGONAL TO A NORMAL OF THIS PLANE.

A NORMAL TO THE  $yz$ -PLANE IS  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

NOW WE NEED TO FIND A VECTOR ORTHOGONAL TO BOTH  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  AND  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

USE CROSS PRODUCT OF THESE TWO VECTORS:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

NOW WE WANT TO FIND ALL UNIT VECTORS

PARALLEL TO  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{UNIT VECTOR} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ANOTHER VALID UNIT VECTOR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Q5:

AREA OF BASE = AREA OF TRIANGLE DEFINED  
BY  $\vec{b}$  AND  $\vec{c}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\text{AREA OF PARALLELOGRAM DEFINED BY } \vec{b} \text{ AND } \vec{c})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\|$$

HEIGHT CAN BE OBTAINED BY FINDING  
PROJECTION OF  $\vec{a}$  ON A VECTOR ORTHOGONAL  
TO THE BASE, e.g.  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$

$$\text{HEIGHT} = \left| \text{proj}_{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}} \vec{a} \right| = \left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}{\|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\|^2} \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|}{\|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\|}$$

$$\therefore \text{VOLUME} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\| \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|}{\|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$$

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Q6:

(DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN THE ONE PRESENTED IN CLASS)

FIND A NORMAL TO THE PLANE:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

FIND THE LINE THROUGH P IN THE DIRECTION OF THE NORMAL:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \text{ SCALAR}$$

FIND WHERE THE LINE INTERSECTS THE PLANE:

$$5(-3+5t) - 3(1-3t) + (3+t) = -4$$

$$35t = 11$$

$$t = \frac{11}{35}$$

$$\circ \quad x = -3 + 5t = -\frac{50}{35}$$

$$y = 1 - 3t = \frac{2}{35}$$

$$z = 3 + t = \frac{116}{35}$$



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FIND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{DISTANCE} &= \left( \left( -3 + \frac{50}{35} \right)^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{2}{35} \right)^2 + \left( 3 - \frac{116}{35} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{11}{\sqrt{35}} \approx 1.859\end{aligned}$$

Q7:

THE PLANES ARE PARALLEL IF THEIR NORMALS ARE PARALLEL:

$$(-2) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore \text{PLANES ARE } \parallel.$$

FIND A VECTOR  $\vec{V}$  THAT CONNECTS ONE POINT ON EACH PLANE:

$$3x - y + 6z = 7 \quad -6x + 2y - 12z = 1$$

TAKE  $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 0 \\ z &= \frac{7}{6}\end{aligned}$$

TAKE  $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 0 \\ z &= -\frac{1}{12}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 0-0 \\ 0-0 \\ \frac{7}{6} - \left(-\frac{1}{12}\right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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PROJECT  $\vec{v}$  ON THE NORMAL:

TAKE  $\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

MAGNITUDE OF THE PROJECTION:

$$\left| \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|} \right| = \frac{30/4}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + 6^2}} = \frac{7.5}{\sqrt{46}} \approx 1.106$$

GIVES THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PLANES.

Q8:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \text{ SCALAR}$$

Q9:

TO FIND A NORMAL TO THE PLANE, FIND THE CROSS PRODUCT OF THE TWO VECTORS IN THE PLANE:

$$\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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PLANE:

$$3x + 6y + 2z + d = 0$$

USE POINT IN THE PLANE TO FIND  $d$ :

$$3(-1) + 6(5) + 2(6) + d = 0$$

$$d = -39$$

Q10:

THE EQUATION  $ax + by + 0z = 0$  REPRESENTS A PLANE THAT PASSES THROUGH THE LINE  $ax + by = 0$  IN THE  $x-y$  PLANE AND IS ORTHOGONAL TO THE  $x-y$  PLANE WITH A NORMAL VECTOR HAVING A ZERO  $z$ -COMPONENT.

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Q 11: ROW PICTURE CONTAINS 3 PLANES:

→ ONE WITH NORMAL VECTOR  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
THAT PASSES THROUGH  $x=2$ .

→ ANOTHER WITH NORMAL VECTOR  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
THAT PASSES THROUGH  $y=3$ .

→ A THIRD WITH NORMAL VECTOR  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
THAT PASSES THROUGH  $z=4$ .

COLUMN PICTURE CONTAINS THE LINEAR COMBINATION  
OF 3 COLUMN VECTORS THAT ADD UP TO  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

THE SOLUTION TO THE ROW PICTURE CORRESPONDS  
TO THE POINT  $(2, 3, 4)$  WHERE THE 3 PLANES  
INTERSECT.

THE SOLUTION TO THE COLUMN PICTURE CORRESPONDS  
TO THE ONLY VALUES OF  $(x, y, z)$  THAT SATISFY  
THIS VECTOR EQUATION, NAMELY  $(2, 3, 4)$ .

THE SOLUTION TO BOTH PICTURES IS A POINT IN  
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $(2, 3, 4)$  WHICH CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AS  
THE VECTOR  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .



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Q12:

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

TWO LINEAR COMBINATIONS THAT WORK:

$$x=1, y=1, z=0$$

$$x=0, y=1, z=1$$

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x + y + z = 4 \Rightarrow x + z = 4 - y$$

$$x + 2y + z = 6 \Rightarrow x + z = 6 - 2y$$

$$2x + 3y + 2z = C$$

$$\therefore 4 - y = 6 - 2y$$

$$\therefore y = 2$$

$$\therefore 2(x + z) + 3y = C$$

$$2(4 - y) + 3y = C$$

$$8 - 2y + 3y = C$$

$$8 + y = C$$

$$\therefore C = 8 + 2 = 10$$

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LOOKING AT THE ORIGINAL VECTOR EQUATION,  
ONE CAN SEE THAT WITH  $y=1$ ,  $x+z=1$ .  
THIS WOULD SUGGEST A SOLUTION THAT CORRESPONDS  
TO A LINE IN  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\text{LET } P_1 = (1, 1, 0) \\ P_2 = (0, 1, 1)$$

$$\vec{d} = \overrightarrow{P_1 P_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$