

# VECTOR ASSIGNMENT

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## 1 PROBLEM 1

1. If either vector  $\mathbf{a}=\mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{b}=\mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 0$ . But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example.

SOLUTION:

Let,

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = (1 \quad 1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.4)$$

Here,  $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Therefore, the converse need not be true.