

Points and Vectors

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Abstract—This manual provides an introduction to vectors and their properties, based on the CBSE question papers, year 2020, from Class 10 and 12.

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 2×1 vectors

1.1.1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} \equiv \vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.1)$$

$$\equiv a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j}, \quad (1.1.1.2)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1.1.3)$$

be 2×1 vectors. Then, the determinant of the 2×2 matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.4)$$

is defined as

$$|\mathbf{M}| = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.1.5)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \quad (1.1.1.6)$$

1.1.2. The value of the cross product of two vectors is given by (1.1.1.5).

1.1.3. The area of the triangle with vertices A, B, C is given by the absolute value of

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.1.3.1)$$

1.1.4. The transpose of \mathbf{A} is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.4.1)$$

1.1.5. The *inner product* or *dot product* is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B} \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \quad (1.1.5.1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \quad (1.1.5.2)$$

1.1.6. *norm* of \mathbf{A} is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| \equiv |\vec{A}| \quad (1.1.6.1)$$

$$= \sqrt{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}} = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} \quad (1.1.6.2)$$

Thus,

$$\|\lambda \mathbf{A}\| \equiv |\lambda \vec{A}| \quad (1.1.6.3)$$

$$= |\lambda| \|\mathbf{A}\| \quad (1.1.6.4)$$

1.1.7. The distance between the points \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is given by

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \quad (1.1.7.1)$$

1.1.8. Let \mathbf{x} be equidistant from the points \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} . Then

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \quad (1.1.8.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 \quad (1.1.8.2)$$

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which can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) &= (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}) \\ \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} + \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{B} + \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1.1.8.3)$$

which can be simplified to obtain

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top \mathbf{x} = \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{B}\|^2}{2} \quad (1.1.8.4)$$

1.1.9. The angle between two vectors is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|} \quad (1.1.9.1)$$

1.1.10. If two vectors are orthogonal (perpendicular),

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (1.1.10.1)$$

1.1.11. The *direction vector* of the line joining two points \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} is given by

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \quad (1.1.11.1)$$

1.1.12. The unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{m} is defined as

$$\frac{\mathbf{m}}{\|\mathbf{m}\|} \quad (1.1.12.1)$$

1.1.13. If the direction vector of a line is expressed as

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1.13.1)$$

the m is defined to be the slope of the line.

1.1.14. The *normal vector* to \mathbf{m} is defined by

$$\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (1.1.14.1)$$

1.1.15. The point \mathbf{P} that divides the line segment AB in the ratio $k : 1$ is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{k\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{k + 1} \quad (1.1.15.1)$$

1.1.16. The standard basis vectors are defined as

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.16.1)$$

1.2 3×1 vectors

1.2.1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j} + a_3 \vec{j}, \quad (1.2.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2.1.2)$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ a_j \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ b_j \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2.1.3)$$

1.2.2. The *cross product* or *vector product* of \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} is defined as

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{23} & \mathbf{B}_{23} \\ \mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{B}_{31} \\ \mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{B}_{12} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2.2.1)$$

1.2.3. Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} \quad (1.2.3.1)$$

1.3 *Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors*

1.3.1. The eigenvalue λ and the eigenvector \mathbf{x} for a matrix \mathbf{A} are defined as,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad (1.3.1.1)$$

1.3.2. The eigenvalues are calculated by solving the equation

$$f(\lambda) = |\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| = 0 \quad (1.3.2.1)$$

The above equation is known as the characteristic equation.

1.3.3. According to the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

$$f(\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (1.3.3.1)$$

1.3.4. The trace of a square matrix is defined to be the sum of the diagonal elements.

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ii}. \quad (1.3.4.1)$$

where a_{ii} is the i th diagonal element of the matrix \mathbf{A} .

1.3.5. The trace of a matrix is equal to the sum of the eigenvalues

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \quad (1.3.5.1)$$

1.4 Determinants

1.4.1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.4.1.1)$$

be a 3×3 matrix. Then,

$$|\mathbf{A}| = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + a_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}. \quad (1.4.1.2)$$

1.4.2. Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of a matrix \mathbf{A} . Then, the product of the eigenvalues is equal to the determinant of \mathbf{A} .

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \quad (1.4.2.1)$$

1.4.3.

$$|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \quad (1.4.3.1)$$

1.4.4. If \mathbf{A} be an $n \times n$ matrix,

$$|k\mathbf{A}| = k^n |\mathbf{A}| \quad (1.4.4.1)$$

1.5 Rank of a Matrix

1.5.1. The rank of a matrix is defined as the number of linearly independent rows. This is also known as the row rank.

1.5.2. Row rank = Column rank.

1.5.3. The rank of a matrix is obtained as the number of nonzero rows obtained after row reduction.

1.5.4. An $n \times n$ matrix is invertible if and only if its rank is n .

1.6 Inverse of a Matrix

1.6.1. For a 2×2 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.6.1.1)$$

the inverse is given by

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} \begin{pmatrix} b_2 & -b_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.6.1.2)$$

1.6.2. For higher order matrices, the inverse should be calculated using row operations.

2 GEOMETRY

2.1 Two Dimensions

2.1.1. The equation of a line is given by

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

where \mathbf{n} is the normal vector of the line.

2.1.2. The equation of a line with normal vector \mathbf{n} and passing through a point \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (2.1.2.1)$$

2.1.3. The parametric equation of a line is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \quad (2.1.3.1)$$

where \mathbf{m} is the direction vector of the line and \mathbf{A} is any point on the line.

2.1.4. The distance from a point \mathbf{P} to the line in (2.1.1.1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P} - c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (2.1.4.1)$$

Solution: Without loss of generality, let \mathbf{A} be the foot of the perpendicular from \mathbf{P} to the line in (2.1.3.1). The equation of the normal to (2.1.1.1) can then be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{n} \quad (2.1.4.2)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A} = \lambda \mathbf{n} \quad (2.1.4.3)$$

$\therefore \mathbf{P}$ lies on (2.1.4.2). From the above, the desired distance can be expressed as

$$d = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}\| = |\lambda| \|\mathbf{n}\| \quad (2.1.4.4)$$

From (2.1.4.3),

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}) = \lambda \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{n} = \lambda \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \quad (2.1.4.5)$$

$$\implies |\lambda| = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A})|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \quad (2.1.4.6)$$

Substituting the above in (2.1.4.4) and using the fact that

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} = c \quad (2.1.4.7)$$

from (2.1.1.1), yields (2.1.4.1).

2.1.5. The distance from the origin to the line in (2.1.1.1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (2.1.5.1)$$

2.1.6. The distance between the parallel lines

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} &= c_1 \\ \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} &= c_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.6.1)$$

is given by

$$d = \frac{|c_1 - c_2|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (2.1.6.2)$$

2.1.7. The equation of the line perpendicular to (2.1.1.1) and passing through the point \mathbf{P} is given by

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (2.1.7.1)$$

2.1.8. The foot of the perpendicular from \mathbf{P} to the line in (2.1.1.1) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{P} \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.8.1)$$

Solution: From (2.1.1.1) and (2.1.2.1) the foot of the perpendicular satisfies the equations

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (2.1.8.2)$$

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (2.1.8.3)$$

where \mathbf{m} is the direction vector of the given line. Combining the above into a matrix equation results in (2.1.8.1).

2.2 Three Dimensions

2.2.1. The area of a triangle with vertices $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})\| \quad (2.2.1.1)$$

2.2.2. Points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are on a line if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (2.2.2.1)$$

2.2.3. Points $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$ form a parallelogram if

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} = 1, \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = 2 \quad (2.2.3.1)$$

2.2.4. The equation of a line is given by (2.1.3.1)

2.2.5. The equation of a plane is given by (2.1.1.1)

2.2.6. The distance from the origin to the line in (2.1.1.1) is given by (2.1.5.1)

2.2.7. The equation of the line perpendicular to (2.1.1.1) and passing through the point \mathbf{P} is given by

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (2.2.7.1)$$

2.2.8. The foot of the perpendicular from \mathbf{P} to the line in (2.1.1.1) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{P} \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.8.1)$$

2.2.9. The distance from a point \mathbf{P} to the line in (2.1.3.1) is given by

$$d = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 - \frac{\{\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})\}^2}{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2} \quad (2.2.9.1)$$

Solution:

$$d(\lambda) = \|\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{P}\| \quad (2.2.9.2)$$

$$\implies d^2(\lambda) = \|\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 \quad (2.2.9.3)$$

which can be simplified to obtain

$$d^2(\lambda) = \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 + 2\lambda \mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 \quad (2.2.9.4)$$

which is of the form

$$d^2(\lambda) = a\lambda^2 + 2b\lambda + c \quad (2.2.9.5)$$

$$= a \left\{ \left(\lambda + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 + \left[\frac{c}{a} - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad (2.2.9.6)$$

with

$$a = \|\mathbf{m}\|^2, b = \mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}), c = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 \quad (2.2.9.7)$$

which can be expressed as From the above, $d^2(\lambda)$ is smallest when upon substituting from (2.2.9.7)

$$\lambda + \frac{b}{2a} = 0 \implies \lambda = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})}{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2} \quad (2.2.9.8)$$

and consequently,

$$d_{\min}(\lambda) = a \left(\frac{c}{a} - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \right) \quad (2.2.9.9)$$

$$= c - \frac{b^2}{a} \quad (2.2.9.10)$$

yielding (2.2.9.1) after substituting from (2.2.9.7).

2.2.10. The distance between the parallel planes (2.1.6.1) is given by (2.1.6.2).

2.2.11. The plane

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (2.2.11.1)$$

contains the line

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \quad (2.2.11.2)$$

if

$$\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (2.2.11.3)$$

Solution: Any point on the line (2.2.11.2) should also satisfy (2.2.11.1). Hence,

$$\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}) = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} = c \quad (2.2.11.4)$$

which can be simplified to obtain (2.2.11.3)

2.2.12. Let a plane pass through the points \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} and be perpendicular to the plane

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (2.2.12.1)$$

Then the equation of this plane is given by

$$\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (2.2.12.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{n})^{-\top} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.12.3)$$

Solution: From the given information,

$$\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{A} = d \quad (2.2.12.4)$$

$$\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{B} = d \quad (2.2.12.5)$$

$$\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (2.2.12.6)$$

\therefore the normal vectors to the two planes will also be perpendicular. The system of equations in (2.2.12.6) can be expressed as the matrix equation

$$(\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{n})^\top \mathbf{p} = d \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.12.7)$$

which yields (2.2.12.3) upon normalising with d .

2.2.13. The intersection of the line represented by (2.1.3.1) with the plane represented by (2.1.1.1) is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \frac{c - \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m}} \mathbf{m} \quad (2.2.13.1)$$

Solution: From (2.1.3.1) and (2.1.1.1),

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \quad (2.2.13.2)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (2.2.13.3)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m}) = c \quad (2.2.13.4)$$

which can be simplified to obtain

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m} = c \quad (2.2.13.5)$$

$$\implies \lambda = \frac{c - \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m}} \quad (2.2.13.6)$$

Substituting the above in (2.2.13.4) yields (2.2.13.1).

2.2.14. The foot of the perpendicular from the point \mathbf{P} to the line represented by (2.1.3.1) is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \frac{\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A})}{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2} \mathbf{m} \quad (2.2.14.1)$$

Solution: Let the equation of the line be

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{m} \quad (2.2.14.2)$$

The equation of the plane perpendicular to the given line passing through \mathbf{P} is given by

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \quad (2.2.14.3)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{P} \quad (2.2.14.4)$$

The desired foot of the perpendicular is the intersection of (2.2.14.2) with (2.2.14.3) which can be obtained from (2.2.13.1) as (2.2.14.1)

2.2.15. The foot of the perpendicular from a point \mathbf{P} to a plane is \mathbf{Q} . The equation of the plane is given by

$$(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \quad (2.2.15.1)$$

Solution: The normal vector to the plane is given by

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \quad (2.2.15.2)$$

Hence, the equation of the plane is (2.2.15.1). (Affine Transformation) Let \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C} , be opposite sides of a square. The other two points can be obtained as

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.2.16.1)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{A} \quad (2.2.16.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & \sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2.16.3)$$

and

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top \mathbf{e}_1}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \|\mathbf{e}_1\|} \quad (2.2.16.4)$$

3 CLASS 10

3.1. Find the distance between the points $\begin{pmatrix} m \\ -n \end{pmatrix}$

and $\begin{pmatrix} -m \\ n \end{pmatrix}$

Solution: Letting

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} m \\ -n \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} m \\ -n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = 2 \left\| \begin{pmatrix} m \\ -n \end{pmatrix} \right\| \quad (3.1.3)$$

$$= 2 \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} m & -n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ -n \end{pmatrix}} \quad (3.1.4)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{m^2 + n^2} \quad (3.1.5)$$

3.2. Find a point on the x -axis which is equidistant from $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution: Letting the given points be \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} .

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.2.1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.2.2)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{B}\|^2}{2} = -42, \quad (3.2.3)$$

(1.1.8.4), can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} -14 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 42 \quad (3.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -14 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -42 \quad (3.2.5)$$

$$\text{or, } x = 3 \quad (3.2.6)$$

Hence, the desired point is $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

3.3. Find the centre of a circle whose end points of a diameter are $\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

Solution: Using section formula, from (1.1.15.1), the desired point is given by

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \quad (3.3.1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (3.3.2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3.3)$$

3.4. $AOBC$ is a rectangle whose three vertices are $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$, $O = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the length of its diagonal.

Solution: The fourth point is given by

$$OC = \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.4.1)$$

The length of the diagonal is

$$\|\mathbf{C}\| = \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (3.4.2)$$

$$= \sqrt{25} = 5 \quad (3.4.3)$$

3.5. Find the ratio in which the y -axis divides the line segment joining the points $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$. Also find the point of intersection.

Solution: Let the desired point on the y -axis be

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.5.1)$$

Using section formula, from (1.1.15.1),

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{k+1} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (3.5.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 2k = 0 \text{ or, } k = 3 \quad (3.5.3)$$

Also,

$$y = \frac{-4 - 7k}{k+1} \quad (3.5.4)$$

$$= -\frac{25}{4} \quad (3.5.5)$$

Thus, the desired point is $-\frac{25}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- 3.6. Show that the points $\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ are vertices of an isosceles right triangle.

Solution: Let the given points be $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ respectively. Then, the direction vectors of AB, BC and CA are

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = -\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.2)$$

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.3)$$

From the above, we find that

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^\top (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.4)$$

$$= 0 \quad (3.6.5)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^\top (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.6)$$

$$= -106 \quad (3.6.7)$$

$$(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A})^\top (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.6.8)$$

$$= -106 \quad (3.6.9)$$

From the above equations, (1.1.9.1) and (1.1.10.1),

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \perp (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (3.6.10)$$

$$\angle BCA = \angle CAB \quad (3.6.11)$$

Thus, the triangle is right angled and isosceles.

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- 4.1. Find the area of a triangle formed by vertices \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1.1)$$

Solution: \therefore

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 8, \quad (4.1.2)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -10, \quad (4.1.3)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4, \quad (4.1.4)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1.5)$$

and the desired area can be obtained from (1.2.2.1) and (2.2.1.1) as

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 3\sqrt{5} \quad (4.1.6)$$

- 4.2. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ on the y -axis.

Solution: By definition of y -axis, the desired coordinates are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.1)$$

Alternatively, the equation of the y -axis can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.2)$$

The equation of the plane perpendicular to the y -axis and passing through the origin is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4.2.3)$$

From (2.2.14.1), the desired point is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.5)$$

- 4.3. Find the angle between the vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution: \therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -1, \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{2} \quad (4.3.1)$$

From (1.1.9.1), the angle between the given vectors is

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{-1}{2} \quad (4.3.2)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad (4.3.3)$$

4.4. If \mathbf{A} is a non-singular square matrix of order 3 such that $\mathbf{A}^2 = 3\mathbf{A}$, then find the value of $|\mathbf{A}|$

Solution:

$$|\mathbf{A}^2| = |3\mathbf{A}| \quad (4.4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{A}|^2 = 3^3 |\mathbf{A}| \quad (4.4.2)$$

from (1.4.4.1) yielding

$$|\mathbf{A}| = 27 \quad (4.4.3)$$

after simplification.

4.5. If $\|\mathbf{a}\| = 4$ and $-3 \leq \lambda \leq 2$ then find the range of values that $\|\lambda\mathbf{a}\|$ can satisfy.

Solution: From (1.1.6.3),

$$\|\lambda\mathbf{a}\| = |\lambda| \|\mathbf{a}\| \quad (4.5.1)$$

$$= 4|\lambda| \quad (4.5.2)$$

\therefore

$$0 \leq |\lambda| \leq 3, \quad (4.5.3)$$

$$0 \leq 4|\lambda| \leq 12 \quad (4.5.4)$$

4.6. If

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2x & -9 \\ -2 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (4.6.1)$$

then find the value of x .

Solution: Expanding the above determinants,

$$2x^2 - 18 = 0 \quad (4.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 3 \quad (4.6.3)$$

4.7. Find the distance between parallel planes

$$2x + y - 2z - 6 = 0 \quad (4.7.1)$$

$$4x + 2y - 4z = 0 \quad (4.7.2)$$

Solution: The above planes have parameters

$$\mathbf{n} = (2 \ 1 \ -2), c_1 = 6, c_2 = 0 \quad (4.7.3)$$

Using (2.1.6.1), the distance is obtained as

$$d = \frac{|c_1 - c_2|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (4.7.4)$$

$$= \frac{6}{3} = 2 \quad (4.7.5)$$

4.8. If

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.8.1)$$

is the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane, then find the equation of the plane.

Solution: Let the equation of the plane be

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c \quad (4.8.2)$$

Since \mathbf{P} is a point on the plane, it satisfies the above equation and

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P} = c \quad (4.8.3)$$

The normal vector to the plane is OP . Hence,

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{P} \quad (4.8.4)$$

Substituting the above in (4.8.3),

$$\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P} = c \quad (4.8.5)$$

and the desired equation of the plane is

$$\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P} \quad (4.8.6)$$

$$(1 \ 0 \ -3) \mathbf{x} = 10 \quad (4.8.7)$$

after substituting numerical values.

4.9. Find the coordinates of the point where the line $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z+4}{2}$ cuts the xy -plane.

Solution: The given line can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.1)$$

and the xy -plane is

$$(0 \ 0 \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4.9.2)$$

From (2.2.13.1),

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \frac{c - \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{m}} \mathbf{m} \quad (4.9.3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{0 - (0 \ 0 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}}{(0 \ 0 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9.6)$$

- 4.10. Find a vector \mathbf{r} equally inclined to the three axes and whose magnitude is $3\sqrt{3}$ units.

Solution: From (1.1.9.1),

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}_1^\top \mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{e}_1\| \|\mathbf{r}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{e}_2^\top \mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{e}_2\| \|\mathbf{r}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{e}_3^\top \mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{e}_3\| \|\mathbf{r}\|} = \cos \theta \quad (4.10.1)$$

which can be expressed as the system of equations

$$\mathbf{e}_1^\top \mathbf{r} = \|\mathbf{r}\| \cos \theta \quad (4.10.2)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2^\top \mathbf{r} = \|\mathbf{r}\| \cos \theta \quad (4.10.3)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3^\top \mathbf{r} = \|\mathbf{r}\| \cos \theta \quad (4.10.4)$$

which can be combined to obtain the matrix equation

$$(\mathbf{e}_1 \ \mathbf{e}_2 \ \mathbf{e}_3)^\top \mathbf{r} = \|\mathbf{r}\| \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{r}\|} = \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10.6)$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{e}_1 \ \mathbf{e}_2 \ \mathbf{e}_3) = \mathbf{I} \quad (4.10.7)$$

From (4.10.6)

$$\left\| \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 1 \quad (4.10.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (4.10.9)$$

From (4.10.9) and (4.10.6),

$$\mathbf{r} = 3\sqrt{3} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10.10)$$

$$= 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10.11)$$

- 4.11. Find the angle between unit vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} so that $\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ is also a unit vector.

Solution: From the given information,

$$\|\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (4.11.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|^2 = 1 \quad (4.11.2)$$

which can be expressed as

$$(\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^\top (\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 1 \quad (4.11.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - 2\sqrt{3}\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 1 \quad (4.11.4)$$

and simplified to obtain

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (4.11.5)$$

Thus the desired angle is

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 30^\circ \quad (4.11.6)$$

- 4.12. If $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, Find scalar k so that $\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I} = k\mathbf{A}$.

Solution: Using the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

$$\lambda^2 - k\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad (4.12.1)$$

From (1.3.4.1),

$$k = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = -3 - 1 = -4 \quad (4.12.2)$$

- 4.13. Show that the plane $x - 5y - 2z = 1$ contains the line $\frac{x-5}{3} = y = 2 - z$.

Solution: The plane and line can be expressed in vector form as

$$(1 \ -5 \ -2) \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (4.13.1)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.13.2)$$

\therefore

$$(1 \ -5 \ -2) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.13.3)$$

from (2.2.11.3), the given plain contains the given line.

- 4.14. Find the equation of the plane passing through the points

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.1)$$

and perpendicular to the plane $2x - y + z = 8$. Also find the distance of the plane thus obtained from the origin.

Solution: Let the equation of the desired plane be

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (4.14.2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.3)$$

From the given information,

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (4.14.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \ 0 \ -2) \mathbf{n} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow (3 \ -1 \ 0) \mathbf{n} &= 1 \\ (2 \ -1 \ 1) \mathbf{n} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.14.5)$$

From (4.14.5), we obtain the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.6)$$

Forming the augmented matrix, and choosing the pivot,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.7)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -6 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.8)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.9)$$

yielding

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.14.10)$$

Thus, the equation of the desired plane is

$$(1 \ 2 \ 0) \mathbf{n} = 1 \quad (4.14.11)$$

4.15. If $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$, Find \mathbf{A}^{-1} and use it to

solve the following system of the equations:

$$5x - y + 4z = 5 \quad (4.15.1)$$

$$2x + 3y + 5z = 2 \quad (4.15.2)$$

$$5x - 2y + 6z = -1 \quad (4.15.3)$$

Solution: Forming the augmented matrix and pivoting,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{5} & -1 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.15.4)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{17} & 17 & | & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.15.5)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 0 & 17 & | & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 17 & 17 & | & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{51} & | & -19 & 5 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.15.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 3R_1 - R_3} \\ &\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 3R_2 - R_3} \end{aligned} \quad (4.15.7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 51 & 0 & 0 & | & 28 & -2 & -17 \\ 0 & 51 & 0 & | & 13 & 10 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 & 51 & | & -19 & 5 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.15.8)$$

resulting in

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{51} \begin{pmatrix} 28 & -2 & -17 \\ 13 & 10 & -17 \\ -19 & 5 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.15.9)$$

4.16. If x, y, z are different and $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$, then using properties of determinants show that $1 + xyz = 0$.

Solution: The given determinant can be ex-

pressed as

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$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

(4.16.1)

$$\xrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2]{R_3 \leftarrow R_1 - R_3} \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ x-y & x^2-y^2 & x^3-y^3 \\ x-z & x^2-z^2 & x^3-z^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

(4.16.2)

$$= (x-y)(x-z) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ 1 & x+y & x^2+xy+y^2 \\ 1 & x+z & x^2+xz+z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(4.16.3)

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_2 - R_3}$$

(4.16.4)

$$(x-y)(x-z)(y-z) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ 1 & x+y & x^2+xy+y^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x+y+z \end{vmatrix}$$

(4.16.5)

4.17. The corner points of the feasible region of an LPP are (0,0),(0,8),(2,7),(5,4) and (6,0). The maximum profit $P=3x+2y$ occurs at the point

4.18. A cottage industry manufactures pedestal lamps and wooden shades. Both the products require machine time as well as craftsman time in the making. The number of hours required for producing 1 unit of each and the corresponding profit is given in the following table In a day, the factory has availability of not more than 42 hours of machine time and 24 hours of craftsman time. Assuming that all items manufactured are sold, how should the manufacturer schedule his daily production in order to maximise the profit? Formulate it as an LPP and solve it graphically.

Item	Machine Time	Craftsman Time	Profit(in INR)
Pedestal Lamp	1.5 hours	3 hours	30
Wooden shades	3 hours	1 hour	20

TABLE 4.18

4.19. Using integration, Find the area lying above x-axis and included between the circle $x^2+y^2=8x$ and inside the parabola $y^2=4x$.

4.20. Using the method of integration, find the area of the triangle ABC, coordinates of whose vertices are A(2,0), B(4,5) and C(6,3).

5.1. Find the locus of z if

$$\mathbf{e}_1^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{e}_1}{2\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{e}_2} \right) = 1 \quad (5.1.1)$$

5.2. Let α be a root of the equation

$$x^2 + x + 1 = 0 \quad (5.2.1)$$

and the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha \end{pmatrix}^4 \quad (5.2.2)$$

Find \mathbf{A}^{31}

5.3. The line

$$(m \ -1) \mathbf{x} = -4 \quad (5.3.1)$$

is a tangent to the parabolas

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.3.2)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.3.3)$$

Find the value of b .

5.4. If the distance between the foci of an ellipse is 6 and the distance between its directrices is 12, then find the length of its latus rectum.

5.5. Find the area of the region, enclosed by the circle

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (5.5.1)$$

which is not common to the region bounded by the parabola

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (5.5.2)$$

and the straight line

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0. \quad (5.5.3)$$

5.6. Let P be a plane passing through the points

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.6.1)$$

and

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.6.2)$$

be any point. Find the image of \mathbf{R} in the plane \mathbf{P} .

5.7. A vector

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 2 \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.7.1)$$

lies in the plane of the vectors

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.7.2)$$

If \mathbf{a} bisects the angle between \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} , find a condition on \mathbf{a} .

5.8. If the system of linear equations

$$2x + 2ay + az = 1 \quad (5.8.1)$$

$$2x + 3by + bz = 1 \quad (5.8.2)$$

$$2x + 4cy + cz = 1 \quad (5.8.3)$$

where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ are nonzero and distinct; has a nonzero solution, find a condition on a, b, c .

5.9. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.9.1)$$

be the vertices of a triangle. If \mathbf{P} is a point inside the triangle ABC such that the triangles APC, APB and BPC have equal areas, then find the length of the line segment PQ , where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.9.2)$$

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6.1. Find the value of k such that the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & k & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.1.1)$$

is 2.

6.2. Find the LU decomposition of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.2.1)$$

6.3. If a square matrix \mathbf{A} has an eigenvalue λ , then what is the eigenvalue of the matrix $k\mathbf{A}$, where $k \neq 0$ is a scalar.

6.4. If a matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.4.1)$$

then what are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}^2 ?

6.5. Factorize the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.5.1)$$

by the LU decomposition method.

6.6. For what values of λ and μ do the system of equations

$$x + y + z = 6 \quad (6.6.1)$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 10 \quad (6.6.2)$$

$$x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu \quad (6.6.3)$$

have

a) no solution

b) unique solution

c) more than one solution

6.7. Find the value of k for which the system of equations

$$(k+1)x + y = 4k \quad (6.7.1)$$

$$kx + (k-3)y = 3k-1 \quad (6.7.2)$$

has infinitely many solutions.

6.8. Verify Cayley-Hamilton Theorem for the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.8.1)$$

and obtain \mathbf{A}^{-1} and \mathbf{A}^3 .

6.9. Reduce the quadratic form

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 2yz + 2zx + 2xy \quad (6.9.1)$$

to its canonical form.