

Straight Lines Assignment

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to Question 10 of Exercise 2 in Chapter 10 of the class 12 NCERT textbook.

- 1) Find a vector in the direction of the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ which has magnitude 8 units.

Solution: Let the required vector be $c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, where $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Since this vector has magnitude 8,

$$\left\| c \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = c \sqrt{5^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} = 8 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}} = \frac{4\sqrt{30}}{15} \quad (2)$$

Thus, the required vector is $\frac{4\sqrt{30}}{15} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. The solution is verified in the Python code codes/mag.py.