Zewail City of Science and Technology

Physics of Earth and Universe Program



Assignment 1

- 1- Given point P(1,2,3) and vector $\vec{A} = \hat{\imath} + \hat{\jmath}$, find point Q on the x-axis such that \overrightarrow{PQ} & \overrightarrow{A} are orthogonal.
- 2- Find the shortest distance between point P=(3,1,2) and the plane given by x-2y+z=5.
- 3- Find a unit vector that is orthogonal to the line

$$x = 2t - 1, y = -t - 1, z = t + 2$$

and the vector $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$.

- 4- A line is given by $\vec{r}=\vec{a}+\lambda\vec{b}$ where $\vec{a}=\hat{\imath}+2\hat{\jmath}+3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b}=4\hat{\imath}+5\hat{\jmath}+6\hat{k}$. Find the coordinates of the point at which the line intersects the plane 2x+y+3z=6.
- 5- Starting with the vector quadruple product

$$\left(\vec{A}\times\vec{B}\right)\times\left(\vec{C}\times\vec{D}\right)$$

Show that \vec{D} can be expressed as a linear combination of \vec{A} , \vec{B} , \vec{C} .