

3.5 Exercises

~~3.1~~ Let \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} be two unit vectors such that $\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 60^\circ$. Determine the length of the diagonals in the parallelogram spanned by the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} - 2\mathbf{n}$.

~~3.2~~ Let \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} be two unit vectors such that $\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 120^\circ$. Determine the angle between the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{m} + 4\mathbf{n}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}$.

~~3.3~~ You are given two vectors $\mathbf{a}(2, 1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{b}(0, -2, 1)$ with respect to an orthonormal basis. Determine the angles between the diagonals of the parallelogram spanned by \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

~~3.4~~ Let $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k})$ be an orthonormal basis. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{q} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \lambda\mathbf{k}$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine λ such that the cosine of the angle $\angle(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ is $5/12$.

3.5. Using the scalar product, prove the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality, i.e. show that for any $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$(a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + \dots + b_n^2).$$

3.6. Let ABC be a triangle. Show that

$$\overrightarrow{AB}^2 + \overrightarrow{AC}^2 - \overrightarrow{BC}^2 = 2\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC}$$

and deduce the law of cosines in a triangle.

~~3.7~~ Let $ABCD$ be a tetrahedron. Show that

$$\cos(\angle(\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{CD})) = \frac{AD^2 + BC^2 - AC^2 - BD^2}{2 \cdot AB \cdot CD}.$$

This is a 3D-version of the law of cosine.

3.8. Let $ABCD$ be a rectangle. Show that for any point O

$$\overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \overrightarrow{OC} = \overrightarrow{OB} \cdot \overrightarrow{OD} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OA}^2 + \overrightarrow{OC}^2 = \overrightarrow{OB}^2 + \overrightarrow{OD}^2.$$

~~3.9~~ Consider the vector \mathbf{v} which is perpendicular on $\mathbf{a}(4, -2, -3)$ and on $\mathbf{b}(0, 1, 3)$. If \mathbf{v} describes an acute angle with Ox and $|\mathbf{v}| = 26$ determine the components of \mathbf{v} .

3.10 In an orthonormal basis, consider the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1(0, 1, 0)$, $\mathbf{v}_2(2, 1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{v}_3(-1, 0, 1)$. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis containing \mathbf{v}_1 .

3.11. Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{V}^n$ be a vector. Show that the set \mathbf{v}^\perp is an $(n-1)$ -dimensional vector subspace of \mathbb{V}^n . Deduce that there is a basis $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ of \mathbb{V}^n with $\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1}$ a basis of \mathbf{v}^\perp . (Hint. use Steinitz Theorem - Algebra, Lecture 6).

3.12. Determine a Cartesian equations for the line ℓ in the following cases:

a) ℓ contains the point $A(-2, 3)$ and has an angle of 60° with the Ox -axis,

b) ℓ contains the point $B(1, 7)$ and is orthogonal to $\mathbf{n}(4, 3)$.

3.13. For the lines ℓ in the previous exercise

- a) give parametric equations for ℓ ,
- b) describe $D(\ell)$.

3.14. Consider a line ℓ . Show that

- c) if $\mathbf{v}(v_1, v_2)$ is a direction vector for ℓ then $\mathbf{n}(v_2, -v_1)$ is a normal vector for ℓ ,
- d) if $\mathbf{n}(n_1, n_2)$ is a normal vector for ℓ then $\mathbf{v}(n_2, -n_1)$ is a direction vector for ℓ .

3.15. Consider the points $A(1, 2)$, $B(-2, 3)$ and $C(4, 7)$. Determine the medians of the triangle ABC .

3.16. Let $M_1(1, 2)$, $M_2(3, 4)$ and $M_3(5, -1)$ be the midpoints of the sides of a triangle. Determine Cartesian equations and parametric equations for the lines containing the sides of the triangle.

3.17. Let $A(1, 3)$, $B(-4, 3)$ and $C(2, 9)$ be the vertices of a triangle. Determine

- a) the length of the altitude from A ,
- b) the line containing the altitude from A .

3.18. Determine the circumcenter and the orthocenter of the triangle with vertices $A(1, 2)$, $B(3, -2)$, $C(5, 6)$.

3.19. Determine the angle between the lines $\ell_1 : y = 2x + 1$ and $\ell_2 : y = -x + 2$.

3.20. Let $A(1, -2)$, $B(5, 4)$ and $C(-2, 0)$ be the vertices of a triangle. Determine the equations of the angle bisectors for the angle $\angle A$.

3.21. Let A' be the orthogonal reflection of $A(10, 10)$ in the line $\ell : 3x + 4y - 20 = 0$. Determine the coordinates of A' .

3.22. Determine Cartesian equations for the lines passing through $A(-2, 5)$ which intersect the coordinate axes in congruent segments.

3.23. Determine Cartesian equations for the lines situated at distance 4 from the line $12x - 5y - 15 = 0$.

3.24. Determine the values k for which the distance from the point $(2, 3)$ to the line $8x + 15y + k = 0$ equals 5.

3.25. Consider the points $A(3, -1)$, $B(9, 1)$ and $C(-5, 5)$. For each pair of these three points, determine the line which is equidistant from them.

3.26. The point $A(3, -2)$ is the vertex of a square and $M(1, 1)$ is the intersection point of its diagonals. Determine Cartesian equations for the sides of the square.

3.27. Determine a point on the line $5x - 4y - 4 = 0$ which is equidistant to the points $A(1, 0)$ and $B(-2, 1)$.

- 3.28. The point $A(2, 0)$ is the vertex of an equilateral triangle. The side opposite to A lies on the line $x + y - 1 = 0$. Determine Cartesian equations for the lines containing the other two sides.
- 3.29. Determine an equation for each plane passing through $P(3, 5, -7)$ and intersecting the coordinate axes in congruent segments.
- 3.30. Let $A(2, 1, 0)$, $B(1, 3, 5)$, $C(6, 3, 4)$, $D(0, -7, 8)$ be vertices of a tetrahedron. Determine a Cartesian equation of the plane containing $[AB]$ and the midpoint of $[CD]$.
- 3.31. Show that a parallelepiped with faces in the planes $2x + y - 2z + 6 = 0$, $2x - 2y + z - 8 = 0$ and $x + 2y + 2z + 1 = 0$ is rectangular.
- 3.32. Determine a Cartesian equation of the plane π if $A(1, -1, 3)$ is the orthogonal projection of the origin on π .
- 3.33. Determine the distance between the planes $x - 2y - 2z + 7 = 0$ and $2x - 4y - 4z + 17 = 0$.
- 3.34. Solve Exercise 2.16 using normal vectors.
- 3.35. Let $A(1, 2, -7)$, $B(2, 2, -7)$ and $C(3, 4, -5)$ be vertices of a triangle. Determine the equation of the internal angle bisector of $\angle A$.
- 3.36. Determine the angles between the plane $\pi_1 : x - \sqrt{2}y + z - 1 = 0$ and the plane $\pi_2 : x + \sqrt{2}y - z + 3 = 0$.
- 3.37. Determine the values a and c for which the line $3x - 2y + z + 3 = 0 \cap 4x - 3y + 4z + 1 = 0$ is perpendicular to the plane $ax + 8y + cz + 2 = 0$.
- 3.38. Determine the orthogonal projection of the point $A(2, 11, -5)$ on the plane $x + 4y - 3z + 7 = 0$.
- 3.39. Determine the orthogonal reflection of the point $P(6, -5, 5)$ in the plane $2x - 3y + z - 4 = 0$.
- 3.40. Consider the point $A(1, 3, 5)$ and the line $\ell : 2x + y + z - 1 = 0 \cap 3x + y + 2z - 3 = 0$.
- Determine the orthogonal projection of A on ℓ .
 - Determine the orthogonal reflection of A in ℓ .
- 3.41. Determine the planes which pass through $P(0, 2, 0)$ and $Q(-1, 0, 0)$ and which form an angle of 60° with the z -axis.
- 3.42. Determine the orthogonal projection of the line $\ell : 2x - y - 1 = 0 \cap x + y - z + 1 = 0$ on the plane $\pi : x + 2y - z = 0$.
- 3.43. Determine the coordinates of a point A on the line $\ell : \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ which is at distance $\sqrt{3}$ from the plane $x + y + z + 3 = 0$.
- 3.44. The vertices of a tetrahedron are $A(-1, -3, 1)$, $B(5, 3, 8)$, $C(-1, -3, 5)$ and $D(2, 1, -4)$. Determine the height of the tetrahedron relative to the face ABC .

3.1. Let \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} be two unit vectors such that $\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 60^\circ$. Determine the length of the diagonals in the parallelogram spanned by the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} - 2\mathbf{n}$.

\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} - unit vectors

$$\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 60^\circ$$

$$\vec{a} = 2\vec{m} + \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{b} = \vec{m} - 2\vec{n}$$

diagonals: $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$; $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = 3\vec{m} - \vec{n}$$

$$\|\vec{a} + \vec{b}\|^2 = (\vec{a} + \vec{b})(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = (3\vec{m} - \vec{n})(3\vec{m} - \vec{n}) = 9 - 3\vec{m}\vec{n} - 3\vec{m}\vec{n} + 1 = 10 - 6\vec{m}\vec{n}$$

$$\vec{m}\vec{n} = \|\mathbf{m}\|\|\mathbf{n}\| \cdot \cos(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{a} + \vec{b}\|^2 = 10 - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 10 - 3 = 7 \Rightarrow \|\vec{a} + \vec{b}\| = \sqrt{7}$$

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = \vec{m} + 3\vec{n}$$

$$\|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 = (\vec{a} - \vec{b})(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (\vec{m} + 3\vec{n})(\vec{m} + 3\vec{n}) = 1 + 6\vec{m}\vec{n} + 9 = 10 + 6\vec{m}\vec{n} = 10 + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 13$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \cdot \|\vec{b}\| \cdot \cos(\widehat{a, b})$$

$$\cos(\widehat{a, b}) = \frac{\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

3.2. Let \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} be two unit vectors such that $\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 120^\circ$. Determine the angle between the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{m} + 4\mathbf{n}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}$.

$\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} \rightarrow$ unit vect.

$$\angle(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = 120^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{m} + 4\mathbf{n} \Rightarrow \angle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = ?$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}$$

$$\cos(\widehat{a, b}) = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$

$$\|\vec{a}\|^2 = 4 + 16mn + 16 = 20 + 16mn$$

$$\|\vec{b}\|^2 = 1 - 2mn + 1 - 2 = -2mn$$

$$\vec{m}\vec{n} = \|\mathbf{m}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{n}\| \cdot \cos 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \|\vec{a}\|^2 = 20 - 8 = 12 \Rightarrow \|\vec{a}\| = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\|\vec{b}\|^2 = -2(-1) = 2 \Rightarrow \|\vec{b}\| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\widehat{a, b}) = \frac{(2\mathbf{m} + 4\mathbf{n})(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n})}{2\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 - 2mn + 4mn - 4}{6} = \frac{-2 + 2}{6} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

3.3. You are given two vectors $\mathbf{a}(2, 1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{b}(0, -2, 1)$ with respect to an orthonormal basis. Determine the angles between the diagonals of the parallelogram spanned by \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$$

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})(2, -1, 1)$$

$$(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})(2, 3, -1)$$

$$\cos(\widehat{a+b, a-b}) = \frac{0}{\dots} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 90^\circ$$

* if dot product is 0, then the vectors are \perp

3.4 Let $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k})$ be an orthonormal basis. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{q} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \lambda\mathbf{k}$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine λ such that the cosine of the angle $\angle(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ is $5/12$.

$$\|\mathbf{q}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\|\mathbf{p}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + \lambda^2} = \sqrt{5 + \lambda^2}$$

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot \lambda = 5$$

$$\cos(\angle(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})) = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}}{\|\mathbf{p}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{q}\|} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{5 + \lambda^2} \cdot \sqrt{10}} = \frac{5}{12} \Rightarrow \sqrt{(5 + \lambda^2) \cdot 10} = 12$$

$$(5 + \lambda^2) \cdot 10 = 144$$

$$50 + \lambda^2 \cdot 10 = 144$$

$$\lambda^2 \cdot 10 = 94$$

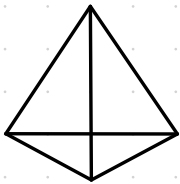
$$\lambda^2 = \frac{94}{10}$$

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{94}{10}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{47}{5}}$$

3.7. Let $ABCD$ be a tetrahedron. Show that

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This is a 3D-version of the law of cosine.



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

$$\overrightarrow{CB} = \overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{AB}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} = (\overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{CB}) \cdot (\overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{AB}) = -\|\overrightarrow{AC}\|^2 + \overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{AB} &= \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{DB} \\ \overrightarrow{CB} &= \overrightarrow{CD} + \overrightarrow{DB} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} = \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} = \overrightarrow{AD} \cdot \overrightarrow{CD} + \overrightarrow{DB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} = \|\overrightarrow{DB}\|^2$$

$$2\overrightarrow{AD} \cdot \overrightarrow{CD} = -\|\overrightarrow{AC}\|^2 + \overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{CB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AD} \cdot \overrightarrow{CD} + \overrightarrow{AD} \cdot \overrightarrow{DB} + \overrightarrow{DB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB} - \|\overrightarrow{DB}\|^2 =$$

$$= -\|\overrightarrow{AC}\|^2 + \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot (\overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{BD}) + \overrightarrow{BC} \cdot (\overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{DB}) - \|\overrightarrow{DB}\|^2 =$$

$$= -\|\overrightarrow{AC}\|^2 + \|\overrightarrow{AB}\|^2 + \|\overrightarrow{BC}\|^2 - \|\overrightarrow{DB}\|^2$$

$$\cos(\angle(\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{CD})) = \frac{AD^2 + BC^2 - AC^2 - BD^2}{2AB \cdot CD}$$

* another method ↑ ask max

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}^2 - \vec{y}^2 &= \langle \vec{x} - \vec{y}, \vec{x} + \vec{y} \rangle \\ (\vec{x} \pm \vec{y})^2 &= \vec{x}^2 \pm 2\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \vec{y}^2 \end{aligned}$$

3.9 Consider the vector \mathbf{v} which is perpendicular on $\mathbf{a}(4, -2, -3)$ and on $\mathbf{b}(0, 1, 3)$. If \mathbf{v} describes an acute angle with Ox and $|\mathbf{v}| = 26$ determine the components of \mathbf{v} .

$$\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a}) = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos(\angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a})) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b}) = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos(\angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b})) = 0$$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = 26 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 26 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 676$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \cos(\angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a})) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 4x - 2y - 3z$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b} = y + 3z$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4x - 2y - 3z = 0 \\ y + 3z = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$4x - y = 0 \Rightarrow 4x = y$$

$$y - 2y - 3z = 0 \Rightarrow -y = 3z$$

$$\Rightarrow 3z = -4x \Rightarrow z = -\frac{4}{3}x$$

$$x^2 + 16x^2 + \frac{16}{9}x^2 = 646$$

$$x^2 \left(1 + \frac{16}{9} + \frac{16}{9} \right) = 646$$

$$x^2 \cdot \frac{9 + 16 + 16}{9} = 646$$

$$\frac{169}{9} x^2 = 646$$

$$169 x^2 = 6 \cdot 26^2$$

$$x^2 = \frac{6 \cdot 26^2}{169}$$

$$x^2 = 16 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$y = 24$$

$$z = -8$$

3.10 In an orthonormal basis, consider the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1(0,1,0)$, $\mathbf{v}_2(2,1,0)$ and $\mathbf{v}_3(-1,0,1)$. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis containing \mathbf{v}_1 .

$$\mathbf{u}_1' = \mathbf{v}_1 = (0,1,0)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2' = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1'}(\mathbf{v}_2)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1'} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u}_1' \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1', \mathbf{u}_1' \rangle} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1' = \frac{2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0}{0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0} \cdot (0,1,0) = (0,1,0)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2' = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1'}(\mathbf{v}_2) = (2,1,0) - (0,1,0) = (2,0,0)$$

* normalization process

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_2' = 2 \cdot (1,0,0)$$

$$\star \mathbf{u}_2'' = \frac{\mathbf{u}_2'}{\|\mathbf{u}_2'\|} = \frac{(2,0,0)}{2} = (1,0,0)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3' = \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1'}(\mathbf{v}_3) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_2'}(\mathbf{v}_3) =$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1'}(\mathbf{v}_3) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{u}_1' \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1', \mathbf{u}_1' \rangle} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1' = \frac{-1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0}{1} \cdot (0,1,0) = (0,0,0)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_2'}(\mathbf{v}_3) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{u}_2' \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_2', \mathbf{u}_2' \rangle} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2' = \frac{1 \cdot 0}{2} \cdot (1,0,0) = (0,0,0)$$