



Mathematics Specialist Units 3 & 4
Test 3 2016

Section 1 Calculator Free

Vectors in Two & Three Dimensions and Systems of Equations

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

SOLUTIONS

DATE: Thursday 28th April

TIME: 20 minutes

MARKS: 23

INSTRUCTIONS:

Standard Items: Pens, pencils, pencil sharper, eraser, correction fluid/tape, ruler, highlighters, Formula Sheet.

Questions or parts of questions worth more than 2 marks require working to be shown to receive full marks.

1. (7 marks)

Solve the following system of equations, explaining what the equations and their solution represent in space:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z = 19 & R_1 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 4 & R_2 \\ 2x + 4y - 5z = 32 & R_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\sim \begin{cases} 11x + 3z = 27 & R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 2R_2 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 4 & R_2 \\ 18x + 3z = 48 & R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 4R_2 \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sim \begin{cases} 11x + 3z = 27 & R_1 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 4 & R_2 \\ 7x = 21 & R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \underline{x = 3}, \quad 3z = 27 - 33, \quad y = 4(3) + 2(-2) - 4 \\ \Rightarrow 3z = -6 \quad = 12 - 4 - 4 \\ \therefore \underline{z = -2} \quad = \underline{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore x = 3, y = 4, z = -2$$

i.e. (3, 4, -2) represents the ^{unique} point of intersection of three planes \checkmark

2. (7 marks)

By considering the value(s) of λ , determine the number of points of intersection of the line, $\mathbf{r} = (1-3\lambda)\mathbf{i} + (4+9\lambda)\mathbf{j}$, with the circle, $|\mathbf{r} - (8\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})| = \sqrt{50}$. Hence state the coordinates of any point(s) of intersection.

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 1-3\lambda \\ 4+9\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{50} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{pmatrix} -3\lambda - 7 \\ 9\lambda + 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3\lambda - 7)^2 + (9\lambda + 1)^2 = 50 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\lambda^2 + 42\lambda + 49 + 81\lambda + 18\lambda + 1 = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow 90\lambda^2 + 60\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 30\lambda(3\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{\lambda = 0}} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{\lambda = -\frac{2}{3}}} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

i.e. There are two distinct values of λ

\therefore Two points of intersection \checkmark

When $\lambda = 0$, $\mathbf{r} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}}}$ i.e. point (1, 4) \checkmark

When $\lambda = -\frac{2}{3}$, $\mathbf{r} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{3i} - 2j}}$ i.e. point (3, -2) \checkmark

3. (9 marks)

Given the three points: $P(0, -2, 1)$, $Q(4, 1, 3)$ and $R(-1, 0, 2)$

- (a) (i) State the vector equation of the line through points P and Q in terms of λ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{r} &= (0, -2, 1) + \lambda(4, 3, 2) \\ &= -2\underline{j} + \underline{k} + \lambda(4\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 2\underline{k})\end{aligned}$$

- (ii) What will be the impact of restricting λ such that $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$? [1]

\underline{r} will be points on the line segment PQ. ✓

- (iii) Hence determine the Cartesian form of the equation of the line stated in part (i). [2]

$$\frac{x}{4} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-1}{2}$$

✓✓

- (b) (i) Calculate the normal $\underline{n} = \underline{PR} \times \underline{PQ}$ [2]

Hint: $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)\underline{i} + (a_3b_1 - a_1b_3)\underline{j} + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)\underline{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{n} &= (-1, 2, 1) \times (4, 3, 2) \\ &= (1, 6, -11) \\ &= \underline{i} + 6\underline{j} - 11\underline{k}\end{aligned}$$

✓✓

- (ii) Hence determine the Cartesian equation of the plane that contains the three points P, Q and R. [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} &= c \\ \Rightarrow \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} &= (0, -2, 1) \cdot \underline{n} \\ \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \cdot (1, 6, -11) &= -12 - 11 \\ \Rightarrow x + 6y - 11z &= -23 \\ \therefore x + 6y - 11z + 23 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

✓✓

End of Questions

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Section 2 Calculator Assumed

Vectors in Two & Three Dimensions and Systems of Equations

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TIME: 25 minutes

MARKS: 27

INSTRUCTIONS:

Standard Items: Pens, pencils, pencil sharper, eraser, correction fluid/tape, ruler, highlighters, Formula Sheet retained from Section 1.

Special Items: Drawing instruments, templates, three calculators, notes on one side of a single A4 page (these notes to be handed in with this assessment).

Questions or parts of questions worth more than 2 marks require working to be shown to receive full marks.

4. (4 marks)

Determine the vector equation of the sphere which has Cartesian equation:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x - 4y + 6z - 11 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 - 4 + z^2 + 6z + 9 - 9 = 11 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 - 1 + (y-2)^2 - 4 + (z+3)^2 - 9 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z+3)^2 = 11 + 1 + 4 + 9 \quad \checkmark$$

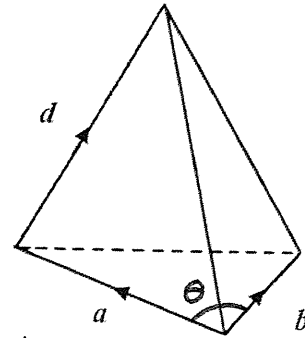
$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z+3)^2 = 5^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5} - (-1, 2, -3) = 5 \quad \checkmark$$

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5. (7 marks)

The diagram shows a tetrahedron with three edges described by vectors a, b and d .



(a) Prove the area of the bottom face is given by:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} |a \times b|$$

Let the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} be θ

Hence, area = $\frac{1}{2} |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$ ✓

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \quad \checkmark \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

[2]

(b) Prove that the volume of the tetrahedron is given by:

$$V = \frac{1}{6} |d \cdot (a \times b)|$$

[5]

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \times \text{Area of Base} \times \text{Height} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times \left| \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right| \times d \cdot \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} |d \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})|$$

✓ Q.E.D.

where the Height
is the scalar
projection of \vec{d}
onto $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$
(i.e. the normal
to the base)

6. (10 marks)

Consider the system of equations:

$$x + y + z = 3, \quad x - 2y + z = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad x - y + kz = m$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & k & m \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1-k & 3-m \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3(1-k) & 3(m-5) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & k-1 & m-5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark \checkmark \quad \text{rref} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & k & m \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(N.B.) Could use classpad

(a) Determine the value(s) of k and m so that the system has:

(i) a unique solution

[3]

$$k \neq 1 \text{ and } m \in \mathbb{R}$$

(ii) more than one solution

[2]

$$k = 1 \text{ and } m = 5$$

(iii) no solution

[2]

$$k = 1 \text{ and } m \neq 5, m \in \mathbb{R}$$

(b) For case (ii) above:

(i) describe the solution in words

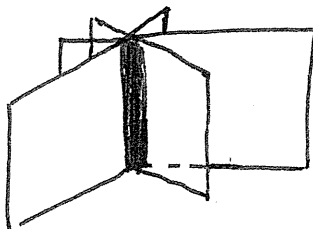
[1]

The three planes intersect along a common line

(ii) illustrate the solution with a small sketch

[1]

Not
orientated
accurately.



(iii) state the solution in parametric form, with parameter, $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

[1]

$$y = -1, \quad x - 1 + z = 3 \\ \Rightarrow \quad z = 4 - x$$

$$\therefore \underline{x = t}, \underline{y = -1}, \underline{z = 4 - t}, t \in \mathbb{R}. \checkmark$$

7. (6 marks)

Consider two aircraft A and B, flying with constant velocities in m/s and initial positions as stated below:

A: $\underline{r_0} = (5, -2, 1) \text{ km}$

$\underline{v_A} = (-30, 50, 5)$

Beware units.

B: $\underline{r_0} = (-8, -4, 2.5) \text{ km}$

$\underline{v_B} = (40, 70, 15)$

State the closest distance these two aircraft come to each other and the time at which this happens.

Consider $\underline{r} = \underline{r_0} + t \underline{v}$ ✓

$$\underline{r_A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 - 0.03t \\ -2 + 0.05t \\ 1 + 0.005t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r_B} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 + 0.04t \\ -4 + 0.07t \\ 2.5 + 0.015t \end{pmatrix}$$

Separation Vector: ✓

$$\underline{r_A} - \underline{r_B} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 - 0.07t \\ 2 - 0.02t \\ -1.5 - 0.01t \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow |\underline{r_A} - \underline{r_B}| = \sqrt{(13 - 0.07t)^2 + (2 - 0.02t)^2 + (-1.5 - 0.01t)^2}$$

Using ClassPad to find the min. separation: ✓

$$\underline{t = 173 \text{ s}}, \text{ Closest distance } \underline{3.65 \text{ km}} \text{ (2d.p.)}$$

(nearest sec) ✓

Note: there are various methods!

End of Questions