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## Assignment 1

1. Let  $\underline{u} = [7, 4]$  and  $\underline{v} = [3, 1]$

a. Find the cosine of the angle between  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$

We know that  $|\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}| = \|\underline{u}\| \cdot \|\underline{v}\| \cdot \cos \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \cos \theta &= \frac{|\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}|}{\|\underline{u}\| \cdot \|\underline{v}\|} \\ &= \frac{7 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 1}{\sqrt{7^2 + 4^2} \cdot \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{65} \cdot \sqrt{10}} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{650}} = \frac{25}{5\sqrt{26}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{26}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \cos \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{26}}$$

b. Find the projection of  $\underline{u}$  onto  $\underline{v}$

$$\text{proj}_{\underline{v}} \underline{u} = \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}{\|\underline{v}\|^2} \cdot \underline{v} = \frac{25}{(\sqrt{10})^2} \cdot [3, 1] = \frac{25}{10} [3, 1] = \left[ \frac{75}{10}, \frac{25}{10} \right] = \left[ \frac{15}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right]$$

Therefore, the projection of  $\underline{u}$  onto  $\underline{v}$  is the vector  $\left[ \frac{15}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right]$ .

c. All unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which are orthogonal to  $\underline{v}$

We have  $\underline{v} = [3, 1]$

To find unit vectors that are orthogonal to  $\underline{v}$ , we need to find normal vectors  $\underline{n}$  that are orthogonal to  $\underline{v}$ :

$$[\underline{n}_1, \underline{n}_2]$$

$$\underline{n} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n_1 \cdot v_1 + n_2 \cdot v_2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3n_1 + n_2 = 0$$

Possible coordinates for normal vector  $\underline{n}$  are:  $\underline{n}_1 = [1, -3]$  and  $\underline{n}_2 = [-1, 3]$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Unit vector of } \underline{n}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\underline{n}_1\|} \cdot \underline{n}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2}} \cdot [1, -3] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} [1, -3] = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{10}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Unit vector of } \underline{n}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\underline{n}_2\|} \cdot \underline{n}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2}} \cdot [-1, 3] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot [-1, 3] = \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \right]$$

Therefore, unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that are orthogonal to  $\underline{v}$  are  $\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{10}} \right]$  and  $\left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \right]$

2. Given  $A = (1, 1, 2)$ ,  $B = (-3, 1, 4)$ ,  $C = (-1, -1, 0)$

a. Find point  $T = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$  such that  $\vec{AT} = 3\vec{AB} - \vec{AC}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AT} &= [t_1 - 1, t_2 - 1, t_3 - 2] \\ \vec{AB} &= [-4, 0, 2] \Rightarrow 3\vec{AB} = [-12, 0, 6] \\ \vec{AC} &= [-2, -2, -2]\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{AT} = 3\vec{AB} - \vec{AC}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1 - 1 \\ t_2 - 1 \\ t_3 - 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t_1 - 1 = -10 \\ t_2 - 1 = 2 \\ t_3 - 2 = 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t_1 = -9 \\ t_2 = 3 \\ t_3 = 10 \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $T = (-9, 3, 10)$

b. Given point  $P = (x, x+1, 3)$ . Find all values  $x$  such that the lengths of  $\vec{AP}$  and  $\vec{BP}$  coincide

(meaning that finding all values  $x$  such that  $\|\vec{AP}\| = \|\vec{BP}\|$ )

$$\vec{AP} = [x-1, x, 1] \Rightarrow \|\vec{AP}\| = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + x^2 + 1^2}$$

$$\vec{BP} = [x+3, x, -1] \Rightarrow \|\vec{BP}\| = \sqrt{(x+3)^2 + x^2 + (-1)^2}$$

$$\text{let } \|\vec{AP}\| = \|\vec{BP}\| : \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + x^2 + 1} = \sqrt{(x+3)^2 + x^2 + 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (x-1)^2 + x^2 + 1 \geq 0 \text{ (True)} \\ (x-1)^2 + x^2 + 1 = (x+3)^2 + x^2 + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-1)^2 = (x+3)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 = x^2 + 6x + 9$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -8x = 8$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -1$$

Therefore, the lengths of  $\vec{AP}$  and  $\vec{BP}$  coincide when  $x = -1$ .

c. Given  $u = [2, 14, x]$

Find all values of  $x$  such that  $u$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$

We know that  $\vec{AB} = [-4, 0, 2]$  and  $\vec{AC} = [-2, -2, -2]$

$u$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  when there are scalars  $a$  and  $b$  that satisfy:

$$u = a\vec{AB} + b\vec{AC}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 14 \\ x \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} 2 = -4a - 2b & (1) \\ 14 = -2b & (2) \\ x = 2a - 2b & (3) \end{cases}$$

From equation (2), we have :  $14 = -2b \Leftrightarrow b = -7$

Substitute the value of  $b$  into equation (1), we have:

$$2 = -4a - 2(-7)$$

$$2 = -4a + 14$$

$$4a = 12$$

$$a = 3$$

Substitute the value of  $a$  and  $b$  into equation (3), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2 \cdot 3 - 2(-7) \\ &= 6 + 14 = 20 \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the linear combination: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 14 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 7 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $x = 20$  will result in  $\underline{u}$  the linear combination of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$ .

d. Find the area of the triangle ABC:

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = [4, -12, 8] \Rightarrow \|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}\| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-12)^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{224} = 4\sqrt{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}\| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\sqrt{14} = 2\sqrt{14} \text{ (units squared).}$$

Therefore, the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $2\sqrt{14}$  units squared.

e. Find a vector form and parametric equations for the line passing through A and perpendicular to  $\triangle ABC$

. line perpendicular to  $\triangle ABC$  meaning that its direction vector  $\underline{d}$  is orthogonal to all vectors made up of  $\triangle ABC$  that is,  $\underline{d}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{d} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = [4, -12, 8]$$

. The vector form is 
$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -12 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

. Parametric form: 
$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + 4t \\ y = 1 - 12t \\ z = 2 + 8t \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$