

MATH 251 (Winter, 2022)
Test 1

1. (6 marks) Consider the parallelogram formed by vectors $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Find the area of the parallelogram. Give an exact, simplified answer.
 (b) Find the angle $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} . Round your answer to two decimal places.
 (c) Find vectors representing each of the diagonals of the parallelogram.

$$a) \quad \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-2\hat{j} - 15\hat{k}) - (-4\hat{k} + 5\hat{i}) = -5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Area} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-11)^2} = \sqrt{150} = 5\sqrt{6}$$

$$b) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{29}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{16}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{29}} \right) \approx 37.43^\circ$$

$$c) \quad \text{diagonals are } \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{u} - \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{v} - \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. (6 marks) Consider the points $A = (1, 2, 3)$, $B = (3, 5, -3)$ and $C = (11, 10, -6)$.

(a) Find a unit vector that points in the direction of \vec{AB} .

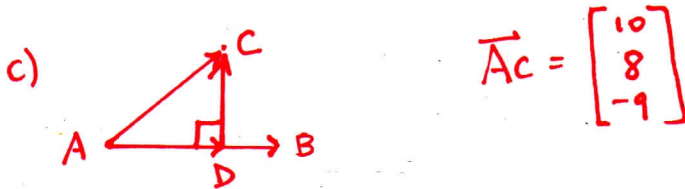
(b) Find an equation, in vector form, of the line passing through points A and B .

(c) Find the distance between point C and the line in part (b).

$$\text{a) } \vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|\vec{AB}\| = \sqrt{49} = 7 \quad \therefore \text{unit vector is } \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/7 \\ 3/7 \\ -6/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } \vec{x} = \vec{A} + t \vec{AB} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑
or \vec{B}



$$\vec{AD} = \text{proj}_{\vec{AB}}(\vec{AC}) = \left(\frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AB}} \right) \vec{AB} = \frac{98}{49} \vec{AB} = 2\vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{DC} = \vec{AC} - \vec{AD} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{distance} = \|\vec{DC}\| = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

3. (4 marks) Consider the line defined parametrically by

$$\begin{cases} x = 7 - 2t \\ y = 1 + 5t \\ z = -6 + 3t. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point where the line intersects the xy -plane.
(b) Find an equation, in general form, of the plane passing through the point $P = (1, 2, -1)$ that is perpendicular to the given line.

a) $z = 0 \Rightarrow -6 + 3t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 2$
 $\therefore x = 7 - 2(2) = 3$ and $y = 1 + 5(2) = 11$
So, point is $(3, 11, 0)$

b) direction vector of line, $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, is \perp to the plane and is a normal vector to the plane, i.e. $\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Equation of plane is $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}$ where $\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Expanding gives $-2x + 5y + 3z = 5$

4. (5 marks) Use the Gauss-Jordan Elimination method to find all the solutions of the system of linear equations. Write your answer in column vector form. Clearly show your steps, including your row operations.

$$\begin{cases} 2x_2 - 4x_3 - 12x_4 = 14 \\ x_1 + 3x_3 + 6x_4 = -9 \\ 2x_2 - 3x_3 - 11x_4 = 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -4 & -12 & | & 14 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 6 & | & -9 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & -11 & | & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 6 & | & -9 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & -12 & | & 14 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & -11 & | & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

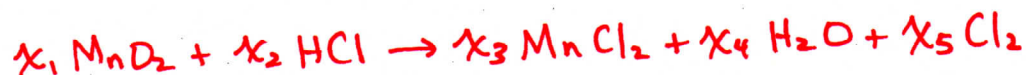
$$\rightarrow \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ R_3 - R_2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 6 & | & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 & | & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} R_1 - 3R_3 \\ R_2 + 2R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

x_1, x_2, x_3 leading
 x_4 free \Rightarrow Let $x_4 = t$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_4 = 6 &\Rightarrow x_1 = -3t + 6 \\ x_2 - 4x_4 = -3 &\Rightarrow x_2 = 4t - 3 \\ x_3 + x_4 = -5 &\Rightarrow x_3 = -t - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (2 marks) Set up, **but do not solve**, a homogenous system of linear equations that could be used to balance the following unbalanced chemical equation involving the elements Mn, O, H and Cl.



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Mn} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{Cl} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_3 \\ 2x_1 = x_4 \\ x_2 = 2x_4 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 + 2x_5 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 - 2x_5 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

6. (2 marks) Consider the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -9 \\ -2 \\ -4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

and suppose

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 & -9 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

If possible, express \mathbf{v}_4 as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 . If not possible, explain why.

Need to find x_1, x_2, x_3 so that $x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_4$.

From RREF we see $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 2, x_3 = -4$.

$$\therefore \vec{v}_4 = 3\vec{v}_1 + 2\vec{v}_2 - 4\vec{v}_3$$