

Unit IV: Vectors and Three-Dimensional Geometry (Advanced)

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## Solutions

- Solution:** Vectors  $\vec{AB} = (1, \lambda - 2, 4)$ ,  $\vec{AC} = (1, 0, -3)$ ,  $\vec{AD} = (3, 3, -2)$ . Scalar Triple Product  $[AB, AC, AD] = 0$ . Result:  $\lambda = 5$ .
- Solution:** Direction of required line is the cross product of  $(3, -16, 7)$  and  $(3, 8, -5)$ , which is  $(24, 36, 72)$  or  $(2, 3, 6)$ . Result:  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z+4}{6}$ .
- Solution:** Coplanar means  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$ . 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ x & x-2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
. Result:  $x = -4$ .
- Solution:** Lines are  $\vec{r}_1 = (1, 2, 3) + \lambda(2, 3, 4)$  and  $\vec{r}_2 = (2, 4, 5) + \mu(3, 4, 5)$ .  $\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = (-1, 2, -1)$ .  $SD = \frac{|(1, 2, 2) \cdot (-1, 2, -1)|}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ .
- Solution:**  $XY$ -plane means  $z = 0$ . Line:  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-4}{-3} = \frac{z-1}{5}$ . Set  $z = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = -1/5$  and  $\frac{y-4}{-3} = -1/5$ . Result:  $(13/5, 23/5, 0)$ .
- Solution:**  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}||\vec{c}| \sin 90^\circ$  etc. This implies  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = 1$ . Result: 3.
- Solution:** Foot of perpendicular is  $(3, 5, 9)$ . Image =  $2(\text{Foot}) - \text{Point}$ . Result:  $(5, 8, 15)$ .
- Solution:** Diagonals:  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -1)$ .  $\cos \theta = \frac{1+1-1}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}} = 1/3$ . Result:  $\cos^{-1}(1/3)$ .
- Solution:** Mid-points:  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$ . This is a right triangle in the  $XY$ -plane. Result:  $1/2$  sq. units.
- Solution:** Check if they intersect by solving  $a\vec{r}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1 = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$ . The system of equations is inconsistent.
- Solution:** Parallel line:  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ . Distance between parallel lines calculation results in  $\frac{\sqrt{580}}{7}$ .
- Solution:** Volume =  $\frac{1}{6}|[\vec{AB}, \vec{AC}, \vec{AD}]| = 2$ . Vectors  $(2, \lambda - 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1, 4)$ . Result:  $\lambda = 4$  or  $-2$ .
- Solution:** Direction vector:  $(2, 1, -3) \times (1, 2, 1) = (7, -5, 3)$ . Result:  $\frac{x-2}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-5} = \frac{z-3}{3}$ .
- Solution:** Vector  $\vec{PQ} = (3, 0, -4)$ . Line direction  $\vec{n} = (2/7, 3/7, -6/7)$ . Projection =  $|\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}| = |6/7 + 0 + 24/7| = 30/7$ .
- Solution:**  $|\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = 3$ .
- Solution:**  $\vec{a} + \vec{c} = (5, -1, -3)$ . Not a closed loop. Check  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} \neq 0$ . Actually, check dot products.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 6 - 2 - 4 = 0$ . Since  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{c}$ , it is a right-angled triangle.
- Solution:** Section formula:  $\frac{1(\vec{a}-3\vec{b})-2(2\vec{a}+\vec{b})}{1-2} = \frac{-3\vec{a}-5\vec{b}}{-1} = 3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}$ .
- Solution:** Cross product of  $(1, -2, -2)$  and  $(0, 2, 1)$  is  $(2, -1, 2)$ . Magnitude is 3. Result:  $(2/3, -1/3, 2/3)$ .
- Solution:** Point on line  $M(2\lambda + 1, -3\lambda - 1, 8\lambda - 10)$ .  $\vec{PM} \cdot (2, -3, 8) = 0 \Rightarrow 4\lambda + 9\lambda + 3 + 64\lambda - 80 = 0$ .  $\lambda = 1$ . Distance  $PM = \sqrt{2^2 + (-4)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6}$ .
- Solution:** Point  $P(3\lambda - 2, 2\lambda - 1, 2\lambda + 3)$ . Distance from  $(1, 2, 3)$  is  $\sqrt{(3\lambda - 3)^2 + (2\lambda - 3)^2 + (2\lambda)^2} = \sqrt{18}$ . Result:  $\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow (1, 1, 5)$  or  $\lambda = 9/17$  (approx).