Practice Problems

Introduction to Vectors

- Let A(7, 1, -1), B(4, -2, -1), C(3, 0, -5), and D(-6, -9, -5) be points in 3-space.
 - (a) Find the vector \overrightarrow{AB} .
 - (b) Find a vector equation for the line L that passes through C and is parallel to \overrightarrow{AB} .
 - (c) Is the point D on the line L?
- 2. Let A(5, -2, 1), B(0, -3, 4), C(1, -1, 2), and D(7, 2, 1) be points in 3-space.
 - (a) Find the magnitude of the vector \overrightarrow{AB} .
 - (b) Find the unit vector in the same direction as $A\dot{B}$.
 - (c) Find *parametric equations* for the line L that passes through C and is parallel to \overrightarrow{AB} .
 - (d) Is the point D on the line L? Justify your answer.
- 3. Let A(3, 0, −2), B(5, 1, −3), C(−1, −2, 0), and D(−2, 3, −9) be points.
 - (a) Find *parametric equations* for the line L that passes through A and B.
 - (b) Determine if C is on the line containing A and B. Justify your answer.
 - (c) Show that triangle ABD is a right triangle.
- 4. Let A(-3, 6, 1), B(4, 1, -1), and C(7, -2, -3).
 (a) Find ||BC||.
 - (b) Find the unit vector in the opposite direction of \overrightarrow{BC} .
 - (c) Find *parametric equations* for the line L that passes through A and is parallel to \overrightarrow{BC} .
 - (d) Find a point on the line L other that A.
 - (e) Find a *vector equation* for the plane containing the three points *A*, *B*, and *C*.
- 5. Let L be the line with vector equation
 - (x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3) + t(4, 5, 6).

For each equation below, determine if it is also a vector equation for the line L.

- (a) (x, y, z) = (2, 4, 6) + t(8, 10, 12)
- (b) (x, y, z) = (-3, -3, -3) + t(8, 10, 12)
- (c) (x, y, z) = (-3, -3, -3) + t(4, 5, 6)
- (d) (x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3) + t(3, 3, 3)

- 6. Find an equation of the line passing through (1, -4) and (3, 7):
 (a) in standard form Ax + By = C;
 - (b) in vector form;
 - (c) in parametric form.
- 7. Find an equation of the line through (1, -5) with slope = -²/₃:
 (a) in standard form Ax + By = C;
 - (b) in vector form;
 - (c) in parametric form.
- 8. Find a vector equation of the line L which:
 - (a) is parallel to (2, -1, 0) and passes through P(1, -1, 3).
 - (b) passes through P(3, -1, 4) and Q(1, 0, -1).
 - (c) is parallel to (1, 2, -7) and passes through O(0, 0, 0).
 - (d) passes through P(1, 0, -3) and parallel to the line $\begin{cases}
 x = -1 + 2t \\
 y = 2 - t \\
 z = 3 + 3t
 \end{cases}$
 - (e) passes through P(2,-1,1) and parallel to the line (x,y,z)=(2,1,0)+t(-1,0,1)
- For each set of planes determine if the intersection is a plane, a line, a point, or the empty set Ø.

(a)
$$\begin{cases} 20x + 30y - 30z = 5\\ -16x - 24y + 24z = -4 \end{cases}$$
 (d)
$$\begin{cases} x + y = 1\\ x + 2y + 3z = 4\\ 4x + 3y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

(b)
$$\begin{cases} 20x + 30y - 30z = 4\\ -16x - 24y + 24z = -5 \end{cases}$$
 (e)
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1\\ x + 2y + 3z = 4\\ 4x + 3y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

(c)
$$\begin{cases} 20x + 30y - 20z = 5\\ -16x - 24y + 24z = -4 \end{cases}$$
 (f)
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 0\\ x + 2y + 3z = 4\\ 4x + 3y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

- 10. Find a standard equation (ax + by = c) for the line in \mathbb{R}^2 that fits each description:
 - (a) Through (1,3) and perpendicular to $\langle 7,-2\rangle$.
 - (b) Through (1,3) and parallel to $\langle 7, -2 \rangle$.
 - (c) Through (2, 0) and (0, 9).
- 11. Find a standard equation (ax + by + cz = d) of the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 that fits each description:
 - (a) Through (4, 0, -1) and parallel to both (5, 1, -1) and (-2, 3, 0).
 - (b) Through (6, 6, -2), (1, 6, 1), and (2, 9, 1)
 - (c) Through (1, 1, 4), (2, -3, 1), and (-1, 5, 2)
 - (d) Through (2, 1, 1), (3, 2, 3),and (-2, -1, 3)

12. Consider the system:

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$x + y + 2z = 0$$

$$x + 2y + z = 0$$

the planes

For what value(s) of k do the planes...

- (a) intersect at a point?
- (b) intersect in a line?
- (c) have no points of intersection?

- 13. Consider the system: $\begin{cases} 2x 4y + 6z = 2\\ 3x 6y + hz = k \end{cases}$ For what value(s) of h and k do the planes...

 - (a) intersect in a plane?
 - (b) intersect in a line?

5. (a) No. (b) Yes.

- (c) have no points of intersection?
- (d) intersect at a right angle? (perpendicular)

ANSWERS:

1. (a)
$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (-3, -3, 0)$$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
(c) Yes. *D* occurs when $t = 3$ in the vector equation above.

2. Let A(5, -2, 1), B(0, -3, 4), C(1, -1, 2), and D(7, 2, 1) be points in 3-space.

(a)
$$\|\overrightarrow{AB}\| = \sqrt{35}$$
.
(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{35}}(-5, -1, 3)$
(c) $\begin{cases} x = 1 - 5t \\ y = -1 - t \\ z = 2 + 3t \end{cases}$
(d) *D* is not on the line since $\begin{cases} 7 = 1 - 5t \\ 2 = -1 - t \\ 1 = 2 + 3t \\ has no solution. \end{cases}$
($x = 3 + 2t$

3. (a)
$$\begin{cases} y = \\ z = -2 - \end{cases}$$

(b) Yes, when t = -2 in the equation above.

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(c) Angle
$$A = 90^{\circ}$$

- 4. Let A(-3, 6, 1), B(4, 1, -1), and C(7, -2, -3). (a) $\|\overrightarrow{BC}\| = \sqrt{22}$. (b) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{22}}(3,-3,-2)$ (c) $\begin{cases} x = -3 + 3t \\ y = 6 - 3t \\ z = 1 - 2t \end{cases}$

 - (d) In the equation above, t = 1 gives (0, 3, -1) for example.

(e)
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
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Note: Many answers possible, we chose one that uses \overrightarrow{BC} .

(c) Yes. (d) No. 6. (a) 11x - 2y = 19(b) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$. $OR\begin{bmatrix}x\\y\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}3\\7\end{bmatrix} + t\begin{bmatrix}2\\11\end{bmatrix}.$ (c) $\begin{cases} x = 1 + 2t \\ y = -4 + 11t \end{cases} \text{ OR } \begin{cases} x = 3 + 2t \\ y = 7 + 11t \end{cases}$ 7. (a) 2x + 3y = -13(b) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. (c) $\begin{cases} x = 1 + 3t \\ y = -5 - 2t \end{cases}$ 8. (a) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. (b) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\operatorname{OR} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$ (c) $\begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{vmatrix}$. (d) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$ (e) $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

9.	(a)	Plane.	11.	(a) $3x + 2y + 17z = -5$
	(b)	Ø.		(b) $3x - y + 5z = 2$
	(c)	Line.		(c) $5x + 2y - z = 3$ (d) $3x - 5y + z = 2$
	(d)	Point.	12.	(a) $k \neq 2/3$
	(e)	Line.		(b) $k = 2/3$
	(f)	Ø.		(c) None.
10.	(a)	7x - 2y = 1	13.	(a) $h = 9, k = 3$
	(h)	2m + 7a = 22		(b) $h \neq 9$
	(0)	2x + iy = 25		(c) $h = 9, k \neq 3$
	(c)	9x + 2y = 18		(d) $h = -5$