

Assignment 2

This assignment is graded out of 10 marks. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

Question 1. (1 mark) Write the equation of the plane $-3x + 2y - 7z = 21$ in parametric form.

let $x=0, y=0 \Rightarrow -3(0) + 2(0) - 7z = 21 \Rightarrow z = -3$ $\therefore P_0(0, 0, -3)$

let $x=0, z=0 \Rightarrow -3(0) + 2y - 7(0) = 21 \Rightarrow y = \frac{21}{2}$ $\therefore P_1(0, \frac{21}{2}, 0)$

let $y=0, z=0 \Rightarrow -3x + 2(0) - 7(0) = 21 \Rightarrow x = -7$ $\therefore P_2(-7, 0, 0)$

$\vec{P_0P_1} = P_1 - P_0 = (0, \frac{21}{2}, 0) - (0, 0, -3) = (0, \frac{21}{2}, 3)$

$\vec{P_0P_2} = P_2 - P_0 = (-7, 0, 0) - (0, 0, -3) = (-7, 0, 3)$ $\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{21}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Question 2. (1 mark) Write the equation of the plane $(x, y, z) = (2, -1, 4) + s(3, 1, 3) + t(-2, -1, 2)$ where $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ in general form.

$\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (5, -12, -1)$

$\therefore 5x - 12y - z = d$ sub $(2, -1, 4)$ into eqn to solve for d.

$5(2) - 12(-1) - 4 = d$
 $18 = d$

$\therefore 5x - 12y - z = 18$

Question 3. (3 marks) Find the distance between the point $P(3, 4, 5)$ and the plane $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 3) + s(2, -1, 0) + t(3, 0, -1)$ where $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (1, 2, 3)$ $\therefore x + 2y + 3z = d$

sub $(1, 0, 3)$ into above to solve in d

$(1) + 2(0) + 3(3) = d$
 $4 = d$

$\therefore x + 2y + 3z = 4$

and $\vec{n} = (1, 2, 3)$

$\vec{P_0P} = P - P_0 = (3, 4, 5) - (1, 0, 3) = (2, 4, 2)$

$\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P} = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0P}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \vec{n}$

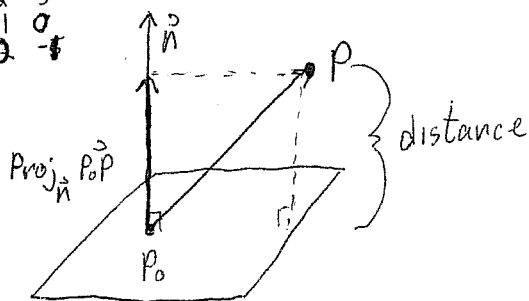
$= \frac{(1, 2, 3) \cdot (2, 4, 2)}{(1, 2, 3) \cdot (1, 2, 3)} (1, 2, 3)$

$= \frac{16}{14} (1, 2, 3)$

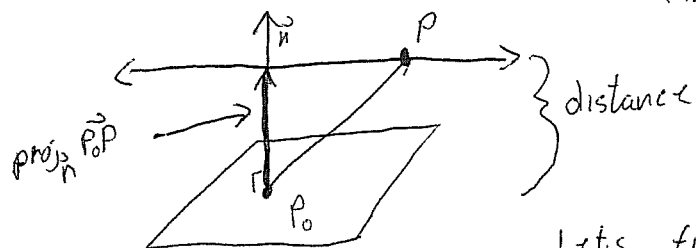
$= \left(\frac{16}{14}, \frac{32}{14}, \frac{48}{14} \right)$

$\|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{16}{14}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{32}{14}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{48}{14}\right)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{256}{14}}$

$= \frac{16}{\sqrt{14}}$



Question 4. (2 marks) Find the distance between the line $(x,y,z) = (2+t, 2, 5+3t)$ and the plane $3x-4y-z=20$.



the normal is $\vec{n} = (3, -4, -1)$

a point on the line is when $t=0$

$P(2, 2, 5)$

Let's find a point on the plane, let $x=0, z=0$

$$3(0) - 4y - 0 = 20 \quad \therefore y = -5 \quad \therefore P_0(0, -5, 0)$$

$$\text{and } \vec{P_0P} = P - P_0 = (2, 2, 5) - (0, -5, 0) = (2, 7, 5)$$

$$\text{so } \text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P} = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0P}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \vec{n} = \frac{(3, -4, -1) \cdot (2, 7, 5)}{(3, -4, -1) \cdot (3, -4, -1)} (3, -4, -1)$$

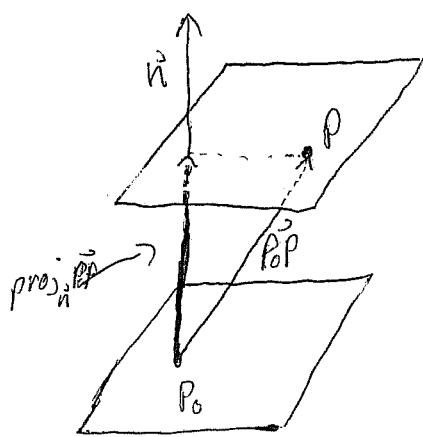
$$\therefore \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-81}{26}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-108}{26}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{27}{26}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{729}{26}}$$

$$= \frac{-27}{26} (3, -4, -1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-81}{26}, \frac{-108}{26}, \frac{27}{26}\right)$$

Question 5. (3 marks) Find the distance between the two parallel planes: $2x - y + z = 1$ and $-4x + 2y - 2z = -1$.



Let's find a point P on plane ①, let $x=0, y=0$
 $2(0) - 0 + z = 1 \quad \therefore z = 1 \quad \therefore P(0, 0, 1)$

Let's find a point P_0 on plane ②, let $x=0, z=0$
 $-4(0) + 2y - 2(0) = -1 \quad \therefore y = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore P_0(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

$$\text{so } \vec{P_0P} = P - P_0 = (0, 0, 1) - (0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0) = (0, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$$

and we know $\vec{n} = (2, -1, 1)$

$$\therefore \text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P} = \frac{\vec{P_0P} \cdot \vec{n}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \vec{n} = \frac{(0, \frac{1}{2}, 1) \cdot (2, -1, 1)}{(2, -1, 1) \cdot (2, -1, 1)} (2, -1, 1)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{6} (2, -1, 1) = \left(\frac{2}{12}, -\frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{12}\right)$$

$$\text{and } \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{12}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{12}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{6}{12^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{12}$$