

Math 226, 2022 : Solutions for Assignment 1

Section 10.1, Question 10

The distance to the origin of the vector $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^n is

$$\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + \dots + 1^2} = \sqrt{n}.$$

Section 10.1, Question 22

$z \geq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ represents every point whose distance above the xy-plane is not less than its horizontal distance from the z-axis. It therefore consists of all points inside and on a circular cone with axis along the positive z-axis, vertex at the origin, and semi-vertical angle 45 degrees.

Section 10.1, Question 31

The points in \mathbb{R}^3 that satisfy $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ and $z \geq y$ are those that are inside or on the vertical cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, and are additionally above or on the plane $z = y$.

Section 10.1, Question 36

If $S = \{(x, y) : |x| + |y| \leq 1\}$, then the boundary of S is the set of points on the edge of the square with vertices $(\pm 1, 0)$ and $(0, \pm 1)$. The interior of S is all the points inside this square. S is closed since it contains all its boundary points. It is also bounded since every point in it is at most distance 1 from the origin.

Section 10.2, Question 9

Choose the vector \vec{i} to point East and \vec{j} to point North, and write the wind velocity as

$$\vec{v}_{\text{wind}} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}.$$

Then

$$\vec{v}_{\text{wind}} = \vec{v}_{\text{wind rel car}} + \vec{v}_{\text{car}}$$

When $\vec{v}_{\text{car}} = 50\vec{j}$, the wind appears to come from the west, so that

$$\vec{v}_{\text{wind rel car}} = \kappa\vec{i},$$

for some real number κ . We thus have

$$a\bar{i} + b\bar{j} = \kappa\bar{i} + 50\bar{j},$$

so that $a = \kappa$ and $b = 50$. Since we also know that when $\bar{v}_{\text{car}} = 100\bar{j}$, the wind appears to come from the the northwest, it follows that

$$\bar{v}_{\text{wind rel car}} = \omega(\bar{i} - \bar{j}),$$

for some real number ω . We thus have

$$a\bar{i} + b\bar{j} = \omega(\bar{i} - \bar{j}) + 100\bar{j},$$

whence $a = \omega$ and $b = 100 - \omega$. It follows that

$$\omega = a = b = 50,$$

whereby we can conclude that the wind is from the southwest at $50\sqrt{2}$ km/hr.

Section 10.2, Question 21

If we have

$$\bar{r} \cdot \bar{a} = b,$$

then the vector projection of \bar{r} along \bar{a} is given by

$$\frac{\bar{r} \cdot \bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|} \frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|} = \frac{b}{|\bar{a}|^2} \bar{a}.$$

We conclude that the equation $\bar{r} \cdot \bar{a} = b$ is satisfied by all points on the plane through the vector $\frac{b}{|\bar{a}|^2} \bar{a}$, that is normal to \bar{a} .

Section 10.2, Question 25

A unit vector in the direction of \bar{u} is given by $\frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|}$, while a unit vector in the direction of \bar{v} is given by $\frac{\bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|}$. It follows that $\frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|} + \frac{\bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|}$ bisects the angle between \bar{u} and \bar{v} . To find a unit vector with this property, normalize to get the vector

$$\frac{\frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|} + \frac{\bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|}}{\left| \frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|} + \frac{\bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|} \right|}.$$

Section 10.2, Question 33

Since the vector \bar{a} satisfies $|\bar{a}|^2 > 4rst$, there exists a positive real number κ such that we may write

$$|\bar{a}|^2 = 4rst + \kappa^2.$$

Since $r\bar{x} + s\bar{y} = \bar{a}$, we have

$$|\bar{a}|^2 = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} = (r\bar{x} + s\bar{y}) \cdot (r\bar{x} + s\bar{y}) = r^2|\bar{x}|^2 + s^2|\bar{y}|^2 + 2rs\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}.$$

From the fact that $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = t$, it follows that

$$\kappa^2 = r^2|\bar{x}|^2 + s^2|\bar{y}|^2 - 2rs\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = |r\bar{x} - s\bar{y}|^2$$

and so $\kappa = |r\bar{x} - s\bar{y}|$. We thus can write $r\bar{x} - s\bar{y} = \kappa\bar{u}$, where \bar{u} is a **unit** vector. We thus have the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{cases} r\bar{x} + s\bar{y} = \bar{a} \\ r\bar{x} - s\bar{y} = \kappa\bar{u}. \end{cases}$$

Add and subtract these and use the fact that $r \neq 0$ and $s \neq 0$ to conclude that

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\bar{a} + \kappa\bar{u}}{2r} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{a} - \kappa\bar{u}}{2s}.$$

Here, again, $\kappa = \sqrt{|\bar{a}|^2 - 4rst}$ and \bar{u} is (any) unit vector.