

Elementary Maths for GMT

Answers

Exercise 1.

(a) *length:5*, $\begin{pmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{pmatrix}$ (b) *length:5*, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (c) *length:5*, $(2/5, 3/5, 2\sqrt{3}/5)^T$

Exercise 2.

(a) $(4, \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2} - 3, 4 - \sqrt{5})^T$
(b) $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -19/4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$

Exercise 3.

(a) $6 + (-6) = 0$
(b) $3 + (-4) + 1 = 0$

Exercise 4. $\Pi/4$

Exercise 5. $-13/21$

Exercise 6. $k = 7$

Exercise 7. $k = -4$

Exercise 8. $u \cdot u = \|u\|^2$

Exercise 9. v and w are perpendicular to each other.

Exercise 10.

(a) $(1, -7, 11)^T$
(b) $(1, 3, -2)^T$
(c) $(0, 0, 0)^T$

Exercise 11.

$(1, 1, 2)^T \times (2, 0, 1)^T = (1, 3, -2)^T$
 $(2, 0, 1)^T \times (1, 1, 2)^T = (-1, -3, 2)^T$

Exercise 12.

$(4, 1, 1)^T \times (-1, 0, 2)^T = (2, -9, 5)^T$.

Exercise 13.

$(-2, -4, -6)^T \times (3, -6, 1)^T = (-40, -16, 24)^T$.

Exercise 14.

There are three equations and two unknowns, i.e t and k .

$$6 + 3t = 3$$

$$2 + t = 1$$

$$7 + 5t = k$$

Solving this system of linear equations, $t = -1$ and $k = 2$ satisfy the three equations.

Exercise 15. The vector $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ is normal to the line. Therefore the required vector is perpendicular to this vector. Swapping the components (works only for 2D) and negating only one of the components, $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is a vector which is parallel to the line. Note that $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$.

Exercise 16. The implicit equation has the form $ax + by - d = 0$. Since the two lines are perpendicular to each other therefore their normals are perpendicular to each other too. Using the technique of the previous exercise, $\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is a vector which is perpendicular to $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$. To find d we use the fact that $(1, -1)$ is on the line. Thus $(-7)(1) + (3)(-1) - d = 0 \implies d = -10$. The line is: $-7x + 3y = -10$.

Exercise 17. If the two lines intersect each other, there should be a value for the parameter s and a value for the parameter t for which both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 give the same point. Therefore there are three equations and two unknowns:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + s &= -5 + 3t \\ -3 - s &= -7 + 6t \\ 6 - 5s &= 2 + 2t \end{aligned}$$

But since there are no values for s and t that satisfy all the equations, it means that the two lines do not intersect each other.

Exercise 18. Since the line passes through the origin, p^T is a vector parallel to the line. Therefore since n is a normal vector for ℓ , $n \cdot p^T = 0$.

Exercise 19. $p^T - p'^T$ is a vector that is parallel to the line. Therefore since n is a normal vector for ℓ , $n \cdot (p^T - p'^T) = 0$. Therefore $n \cdot p^T - n \cdot p'^T = 0$.

Exercise 20. We need two (linearly independent) vectors on the plane. We will choose $p_1^T - p_2^T = (-8, 7, -2)^T$ and $p_1^T - p_3^T = (-12, -3, 6)^T$. Note that we can simplify the second vector by dividing all the components by -3 . Therefore:

$$(x, y, z)^T = (0, 7, 6)^T + s(-8, 7, -2)^T + t(4, 1, -2)^T.$$

Exercise 21. We use the cross product of the vectors computed in the previous exercise to find the normal vector. $(4, 1, -2)^T \times (-8, 7, -2)^T = (12, 24, 36)$ and we simplify it by dividing all the components by 12. Therefore $(a, b, c)^T = (1, 2, 3)$. To find d we substitute one of the points, for example p_1 . $(1)(0) + (2)(7) + (3)(6) = d \implies d = 32$. Thus the implicit equation of the plane is: $x + 2y + 3z = 32$.

Exercise 22.

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 4, -1)^T \times (2, -3, 1)^T &= (1, -3, -11)^T \\ (1)(-1) + (-3)(1) + (-11)(3) &= d \implies d = -37 \\ x - 3y - 11z &= -37 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 23.

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z)^T &= (1, 2, 3)^T + t(1, 1, 1)^T + s(2, 1, 1)^T \\ y - z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 24.

$$z = 0$$

Exercise 25.

$$\begin{aligned} (2)(-1 + 2t) + (2 + 3t) - (3 + 4t) &= 0 \implies t = 1 \\ \text{The intersection point is: } &(1, 5, 7). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 26.

$$\begin{aligned} (-3 - t) - 3(1 + 2t) + 2(2 + 3t) &= 4 \implies t = 0 \\ \text{The intersection point is: } &(-3, 1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 27.

The answer is yes. Find the implicit equations and verify easily that they describe the same plane.