

Problem 1 Consider the points $P_1(0, 2, 1)$ and $P_2(1, 4, -1)$

(a) (1 point). Find the direction of the vector $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$.

Solution: $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$ will be given by $\langle 1 - 0, 4 - 2, -1 - 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, -2 \rangle$.

The length of $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$ will then be $\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$.

Therefore, the direction of $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$ is $\frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{P_1P_2} = \langle 1/3, 2/3, -2/3 \rangle$.

(b) (1 point). Find the midpoint of the line segment P_1P_2 .

Solution: The midpoint of the line segment is given by

$$\left(\frac{0+1}{2}, \frac{2+4}{2}, \frac{1-1}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 3, 0 \right)$$

Problem 2 (3 points). Let $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$. Find the vector projection $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u}$.

Solution: We have that $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2}\mathbf{v}$.

Now $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (1) = -2$.

Also $|\mathbf{v}|^2 = 1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 3$.

So, we have that $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u}$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2}\mathbf{v} &= \frac{-2}{3}[\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}] \\ &= -\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 (3 points). Find the center and radius of the sphere given by the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 4y = -1$.

Solution: To find the center and radius, we must first put the equation in standard form. To do so we complete the square.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 4y + z^2 &= -1 \\ (x^2 - 2x + 1) - 1 + (y^2 + 4y + 4) - 4 + z^2 &= -1 \\ (x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 + z^2 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

So the sphere has center $(1, -2, 0)$ and radius 2.

Problem 4 (2 points). Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be vectors such that $|\mathbf{u}| = |\mathbf{v}|$. Use vector methods to show that the indicated diagonal of the parallelogram determined by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} bisects the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

Solution: We note that the diagonal is given by the vector $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$. Then the cosine of the angle α between \mathbf{v} and the diagonal $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is given by

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}||\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + |\mathbf{v}|^2}{|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}||\mathbf{v}|}$$

The cosine of the angle β between \mathbf{u} and the diagonal $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is given by

$$\cos(\beta) = \frac{(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u}}{|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}||\mathbf{u}|} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + |\mathbf{u}|^2}{|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}||\mathbf{u}|}$$

But since $|\mathbf{u}| = |\mathbf{v}|$, these two expressions are equal, and therefore $\cos(\alpha) = \cos(\beta)$. Since α and β are both between 0 and $\pi/2$, this implies that $\alpha = \beta$.