

Quiz 3

Please answer the following questions in complete sentences in a clearly prepared manuscript. (No credits for the answer without necessary explanation.)

Problem 0: Quiz checklist

Please write the section number, your name and special number on the **back**.

Problem 1: Find vector by cross product

(10 points) Find two vectors perpendicular to the plane through the points $P(1, 1, 1)$, $Q(2, -1, 4)$ and $R(1, -2, -3)$.

Step 1: Convert the points to vectors

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = (1, -2, -3) - (1, 1, 1) = (0, -3, -4),$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (2, -1, 4) - (1, 1, 1) = (1, -2, 3).$$

Step 2: Compute the determinant

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \overrightarrow{PR} \times \overrightarrow{PQ} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} \\ &= -17\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Consider the opposite direction by multiplying -1 .

$$\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{a} = -(-17\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = 17\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

Thus, there are two vectors $\mathbf{a} = (-17, -4, 3)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (17, 4, -3)$

Problem 2: Find area by cross product

(10 points) Find the area of triangle PQR: $P(1, -1)$, $Q(0, -2)$ and $R(3, 0)$.

Step 1: Convert the points to vectors

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = (3, 0) - (1, -1) = (2, 1)$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (0, -2) - (1, -1) = (-1, -1).$$

Step 2: Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 defining the triangle by $\overrightarrow{PR} = (2, 1, 0)$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-1, -1, 0).$$

Step 3:

Compute the determinant

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \overrightarrow{PR} \times \overrightarrow{PQ} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} \\ &= 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} - 1\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Step 4: We know the area of the parallelogram is $|(0, 0, -1)| = 1$, and the area of triangle is half of it.

$$A = \frac{1}{2}$$

Method 2:

Step 1: Convert the points to vectors

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = (3, 0) - (1, -1) = (2, 1)$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (0, -2) - (1, -1) = (-1, -1).$$

Step 2: Compute the absolute value of this determinate

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \left| \frac{\overrightarrow{PR}}{\overrightarrow{PQ}} \right| \\ &= \left| \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= |-2 - (-1)| \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: This value is area of the parallelogram, so the area A_2 of triangle PQR is A_1 divided by 2.

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{2}A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$