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I: Consider the vectors $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

a) (6 points) Calculate $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$.

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (9 points) Calculate $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$.

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{54} = 3\sqrt{6}$$

c) (10 points) Calculate the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}$$

and hence

$$\cos \theta = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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II: a) (8 points) Calculate the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Generally the inverse of a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

is given by

$$\frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant is $3 \times 2 - 5 \times 1 = 1$. Hence the inverse is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (8 points) Compute the matrix product $A^T A$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) (9 points) Let $f : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$ be a linear transformation with

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} , \quad f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the matrix A_f associated with f .

$$A_f = \left[f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]$$

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence

$$A_f = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

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III: a) (10 points) Find the plane in \mathcal{R}^3 , in parametrized form, that passes through the points given by the tips of the vectors $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$.

There are a number of ways of writing a parametrization for this plane. here is one.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \vec{e}_3 - \vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and hence

$$\vec{x}(s, t) = \vec{e}_1 + s\vec{v}_1 + t\vec{v}_2$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

As an aside, note that the equation for this plane is given by

$$x + y + z = 1$$

which provides a check.

b) (15 points) A plane is given in parametrized form by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find an equation for this plane. The equation has to be of the form

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} = d$$

Set

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

we must have

$$a + b = 0$$

and

$$b + c = 0$$

from which we glean that

$$a = -b = c$$

Thus we can choose

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$d = 1 - 2 + 3 = 2$$

and therefore the equation is

$$x - y + z = 2 .$$

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IV: Consider the system of equations

$$x - 2y + az = 2$$

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$3y + z = 2$$

a) (15 points) For which values of a , if any, does this system have a unique solution? Find the solution for any such value of a .

The augmented matrix is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & a & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

First row operation leads to reduction leads to

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & a & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1-a & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Another one leads to

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & a & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1-a & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

which is row reduced.

There is a unique solution for $a \neq 0$.

In this case it can be found by back substitution and is given by

$$z = \frac{4}{a}, \quad y = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{3a}, \quad x = -\frac{2}{3} - \frac{8}{3a}.$$

b) (5 points) For which value of a , if any, does this system have infinitely many solutions?

There is no such value for a .

c) (5 points) For which value of a , if any, does this system have no solutions?

For $a = 0$.