Key

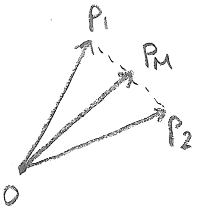
TEST 1

(Math 250 A)

1. (a) Show that the midpoint of $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ is given by: (20 pts)

$$P_M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

(*Hint*: Consider any of the triangles generated by the position vectors OP_1, OP_2 and OP_M)

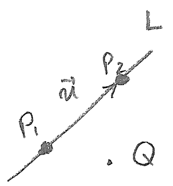


Let $\vec{OP_1}, \vec{OP_2}$ and $\vec{OP_M}$ be the pos. vectors of P_1, P_2 and P_M.
Want to find $\vec{OP_M} = (x, y)$ (ie, $x = ?$, $y = ?$)
We have $\vec{P_1P_M} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{P_1P_2}$, bec. P_M is the midpoint.
$\Rightarrow \vec{OP_M} = \vec{OP_1} + \vec{P_1P_M} = \vec{OP_1} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{P_1P_2} = \vec{OP_1} + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{OP_2} - \vec{OP_1}) = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{OP_1} + \vec{OP_2})$
$= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$
ie, $P_M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$ //

(b) Use the above formula to find the midpoint of $P_1 = (1, -2)$ and $P_2 = (-3, 4)$.

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

2. (a) Find the equation of the line L through the points $P_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ and $P_2 = (2, 3, -1)$. Does the point $Q = (0, 1, -1)$ lie on L? (20 pts)

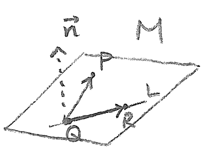


$\vec{u} = \vec{P_1P_2} = \vec{OP_2} - \vec{OP_1} = (1, 3, 0)$ is parallel to L.

So, $L: \begin{cases} x = 1 + t \\ y = 3t \\ z = -1 \end{cases}$

$Q \notin L$, bec. $\begin{matrix} 0 = 1 + t \to t = -1 \\ 1 = 3t \to t = 1/3 \\ -1 = -1 \end{matrix} \Big\} \neq$, ie $\nexists\, t$ st $L(t) = Q$. //

(b) Find the equation of the plane M that contains the point $P = (1, -1, 2)$ and the line $L: x = t, y = t + 1, z = -3 + 2t$.



A point Q on L is: For $t = 0 \to Q = (0, 1, -3)$
Another is R: For $t = 1 \to R = (1, 2, -1)$

Now, $\vec{QP} = \vec{OP} - \vec{OQ} = (1, -1, 5)$
$\vec{QR} = \vec{OR} - \vec{OQ} = (1, 1, 2)$ $\Rightarrow \vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e_1} & \vec{e_2} & \vec{e_3} \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \ldots = (-1, 3, -1)$

So, M is: $(-1)(x-1) + (3)(y+1) + (-1)(z-2) = 0$
$\Rightarrow x - 3y + z = 6$ //

3. The set $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$, equipped with the following *addition* and *scalar multiplication*: (20 pts)

$$x + y = xy$$
$$\lambda \cdot x = x^\lambda$$

becomes a vector space. In this vector space, show that:

(a) $1 + 2 = 2$

$1 + 2 = (1)(2) = 2$

(b) $0 \cdot 2 = 1$

$0.2 = 2^0 = 1$ //

4. Let $W = \{p(x) \in P_2[x] \mid p(3) = 0\}$. Show that W is a subspace of $P_2[x]$. (10 pts)

(*Note*: W is the set of all quadratic polynomials that have 3 as a root)

Let $p(x), q(x) \in W \Rightarrow p(3) = 0$ and $q(3) = 0$.

Then, $(p+q)(3) = p(3) + q(3) = 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow (p+q)(x) \in W$

Also, $(\lambda p)(3) = \lambda p(3) = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda p)(x) \in W$

ie, $W \underset{\text{Subsp.}}{\subset} P_2[x]$ //

5. Let $W = \{A \in M_{2\times2}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 0\}$. Is W a subspace of $M_{2\times2}(\mathbb{R})$? (10 pts)

If your answer is *no*, provide a counterexample.

(*Note*: W is the set of all non-invertible matrices)

W is not a subspace of $M_{2\times2}(\mathbb{R})$, bec. is not closed under +.

Indeed, take $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$.

Then, $A_1 + A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin W$ (bec. $\det(A_1 + A_2) = 1 \neq 0$) //

6. Show that the vectors $x^2 + x^3, x, 2x^2 + 1, 3$ span the vector space $P_3[x]$. (10 pts)

Let $\lambda_1(x^2 + x^3) + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3(2x^2 + 1) + \lambda_4(3) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 x^3 + (\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_3)x^2 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 + 3\lambda_4 = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$\Rightarrow \left.\begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = a \\ \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_3 = b \\ \lambda_2 = c \\ \lambda_3 + 3\lambda_4 = d \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = a,\ \lambda_2 = c,\ \lambda_3 = \frac{b-a}{2},\ \lambda_4 = \frac{2d - b + a}{6}$, ie $\exists\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ st any vector in $P_3[x]$ is a lin. comb. of the vectors $x^2 + x^3, x, 2x^2 + 1$ and 3. //

7. Show that the vectors $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are linearly independent in $M_{2\times2}(\mathbb{R})$. (10 pts)

Let $\lambda_1 A_1 + \lambda_2 A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \left.\begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 = 0 \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0.$ //