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1. (2.5 points) Prove that the diagonals of a parallelogram have the same midpoint.

2. (2.5 points) Consider the vectors  $\vec{u} = (2, -1, 2)$  and  $\vec{v} = (1, 2, -2)$ . Find scalars  $a, b$  such that  $\vec{w} = a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ .

3. (2.5 points) Let  $B = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$  be a basis. Consider the vectors  $\vec{f}_1 = \vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_3$ ,  $\vec{f}_2 = \vec{e}_1 + 2\vec{e}_2 + \vec{e}_3$  and  $\vec{f}_3 = 2\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 + 4\vec{e}_3$ .

(a) Determine whether or not  $B' = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$  is a new basis.

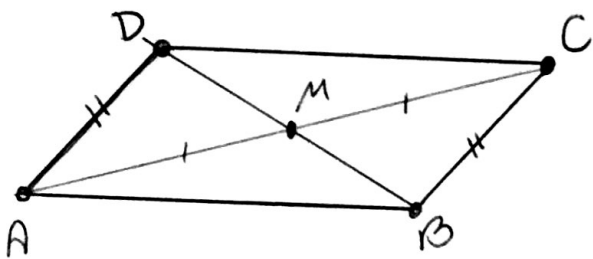
(b) If yes, find the coordinates of  $\vec{v} = 3\vec{e}_1 - 5\vec{e}_2 + 4\vec{e}_3$  with respect to  $B'$ .

4. (2.5 points) Let  $O, A, B, C$  be vertices of a regular tetrahedron with edge length 1. Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{OP} = \vec{OA} + 2\vec{OB} - \vec{OC}$  e  $\vec{OQ} = \vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + 2\vec{OC}$ .

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# 1st Exam - Analytic Geometry - A1

## 1st Question



Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ . We want to prove that  $M$  is also the midpoint of  $\overrightarrow{DB}$ . More precisely, we will prove that

$$\overrightarrow{BM} = \overrightarrow{MD}.$$

Indeed we have

$$\overrightarrow{BM} = \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CM} = \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{MA} = \overrightarrow{MA} + \overrightarrow{AD} = \overrightarrow{MD}.$$

## 2nd Question

$$\vec{w} = a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} = a(2, -1, 2) + b(1, 2, -2) = (2a+b, -a+2b, 2a-2b)$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Rightarrow (2a+b, -a+2b, 2a-2b) \cdot (1, 2, -2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot (2a+b) + 2(-a+2b) - 2(2a-2b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a+b - 2a + 4b - 4a + 4b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9b - 4a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{4a}{9}$$

We may choose any scalars  $a$  and  $b$  satisfying

$$b = \frac{4a}{9}$$

### 3rd Question

(a)  $B'$  is indeed a new basis since we have

$$f_1 = (1, -1, -1)_B$$

$$f_2 = (1, 2, 1)_B$$

$$f_3 = (2, 1, 4)_B$$

and, therefore,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0.$$

(b) We need to find scalars  $a, b, c$  such that

$$\vec{v} = a\vec{f}_1 + b\vec{f}_2 + c\vec{f}_3.$$

In  $B$  coordinates we have

$$\vec{v} = (3, -5, 4)_B = a(1, -1, -1)_B + b(1, 2, 1)_B + c(2, 1, 4)_B.$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} 3 = a + b + 2c & \textcircled{A} \\ -5 = -a + 2b + c & \textcircled{B} \\ 4 = -a + b + 4c & \textcircled{C} \end{cases}$$

$$4 = -a + b + 4c \Rightarrow a = b + 4c - 4 \Rightarrow -5 = -(b + 4c - 4) + 2b + c$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 = b - 3c + 4 \Rightarrow b = -5 + 3c - 4$$

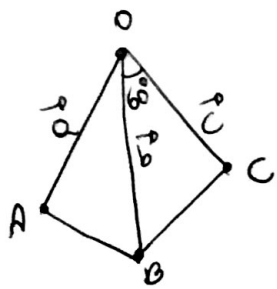
$$\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow 3 = (b + 4c - 4) + b + 2c = 2b + 6c - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 2(-5 + 3c - 4) + 6c - 4 = -22 + 12c \Rightarrow c = \frac{25}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b = -\frac{11}{4}, a = +\frac{19}{12}}$$

### 4th Question

We write  $\vec{OP} = \vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{OC} = \vec{c}$ .



Then, the angle between  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$

satisfies  $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}}{|\vec{p}| |\vec{q}|}$ . First notice that

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos 60^\circ = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} * \vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} &= (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + 2\vec{c}) \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot 2\vec{c} + 2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + 2|\vec{b}|^2 + 4\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \\ &\quad - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} - 2|\vec{c}|^2 \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - 2 = \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * |\vec{p}|^2 &= (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + 2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + 4|\vec{b}|^2 - 2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \\ &\quad - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} - 2\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{c}|^2 \\ &= 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * |\vec{q}|^2 &= (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + 2\vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + 2\vec{c}) \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + 2\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} \\ &\quad + 2\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} + 4|\vec{c}|^2 \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot 1 = 11 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{9/2}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{11}}$$

$$\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{9}{2\sqrt{5}\sqrt{11}} \right)$$