

Question 3 is a bonus.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS  
MATH 1503

Paper Assignment 2

**Instructions:** Complete each of the following tasks.

**Homework** problems to be handed in can be found in part **C** below.

**A.** Read the text, sections 1.1 and 1.2. And look at the first part of *Things I Must Remember* on page 615. It will also be helpful to read chapter 12 in the Stewart calculus text. (Copies are on reserve in the libraries.)

**B.** Try some of the following problems from the text for practice (not to be handed in). It will be a few days or more before we cover all these topics.

**Page 19** – 2a, 3, 8c, 9a, 12b, 13a, 15, 18a, 20a, 26a, 27, 32, 41, 48a

**Page 37** – True/False questions

**Page 38** – 1, 3, 5, 7(a,b), 8, 11(a), 13(a), 15, 24, 25

**Page 59** – True/False questions

**Page 60** – 2, 3, 4(a), 6, 13(a), 14(a), 18(a), 19, 21, 22, 23(a), 24, 25(a), 28(a)

**C.** Hand in the following problems, as instructed in class.

**Points**

1. In this question, let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (5)

- (a) Draw  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in standard position, that is, as arrows starting from the origin.
- (b) In the same picture, draw  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  by shifting the tail of  $\mathbf{v}$  to the head of  $\mathbf{u}$ , and so forth. Clearly indicate your arrow for  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ .
- (c) In the same picture still, draw  $\frac{-1}{2} \mathbf{u}$  in standard position.

– this question continues on reverse side –

– same  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  as before –

(d) Find scalars  $a, b$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}.$$

(e) What simple geometrical property of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  guarantees here that any vector can somehow be written as a linear combination of them? This means that what you did for  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in the previous part can actually be done for any vector  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Find scalars  $a, b$ , neither of them 0, and a scalar  $c$ , such that (2)

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{o}.$$

Note that  $\mathbf{o}$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Bonus 3. Determine the exact angle in degrees between these vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ : (2)

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Find a unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (1)