

## Example Technology Exercise 11

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□ 1 **See Word Document** ← [Use F8 for numbered headings]

□ 2 **Section 11.5**

Load the "vect" utility file so we have access to cross products.  
Define the norm and projection

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```
(%i1) load("vect")$  
      norm(u):=sqrt(u.u)$  
      proj(u,v):=(u.v)/(v.v)*v$
```

□ 2.1 **Problem 11.5.99** ← [Use F7 for sub-parts]

Find the distance between (2, 8, 4) and  $2x+y+z=5$

```
(%i4) n:[2,1,1];  
      Q:[2,8,4];  
(%o4) [2,1,1]  
(%o5) [2,8,4]
```

Find a point P in plane by letting  $y=z=0$  and solving for x

```
(%i6) solve(2*x+y+z=5,x),y=0,z=0$  
      P:[rhs(%[1]),0,0];  
(%o7) [5/2,0,0]
```

Find the vector PQ

```
(%i8) PQ:Q-P;  
(%o8) [-1/2,8,4]
```

The distance is the norm of the projection of PQ onto n

(%i9)  $\text{norm}(\text{proj}(PQ,n));$

(%o9)  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{6}}$

## □ 2.2 Problem 11.5.101

Find the distance between two parallel planes

(%i10)  $\text{plane1}: x-3*y+4*z-10;$   
 $\text{plane2}: x-3*y+4*z-6;$   
 $n: [1,-3,4];$

(%o10)  $4z - 3y + x - 10$

(%o11)  $4z - 3y + x - 6$

(%o12)  $[1, -3, 4]$

Let P be a point in plane1  
and Q be a point in plane2

(%i13)  $\text{solve}(\text{plane1}=0,x),y=0,z=0\$$   
 $P:[\text{rhs}(\%[1]),0,0];$   
 $\text{solve}(\text{plane2}=0,x),y=0,z=0\$$   
 $Q:[\text{rhs}(\%[1]),0,0];$

(%o14)  $[10, 0, 0]$

(%o16)  $[6, 0, 0]$

Find the vector PQ

(%i17)  $\text{PQ}:Q-P;$

(%o17)  $[-4, 0, 0]$

The distance is the norm of the projection of PQ onto n

```
(%i18) norm(proj(PQ,n));  
(%o18)  $\frac{2^{3/2}}{\sqrt{13}}$ 
```

## □ 2.3 Problem 11.5.105

Find the distance between a point and a line

```
(%i19) Q:[1,5,-2];  
P:[-2,3,1];  
u:[4,0,-1];  
PQ:Q-P;  
(%o19) [1,5,-2]  
(%o20) [-2,3,1]  
(%o21) [4,0,-1]  
(%o22) [3,2,-3]
```

The distance is  $\text{norm}(PQ \text{ cross } u)/\text{norm}(u)$

```
(%i23) express(PQ~u);  
norm(%)/norm(u);  
(%o23) [-2,-9,-8]  
(%o24)  $\frac{\sqrt{149}}{\sqrt{17}}$ 
```

## □ 2.4 Problem 11.5.109

Define points and vectors

```
(%i25) P:[2,3,4]$  
u:[-1,2,1]$  
Q:[0,1,4]$  
v:[3,-6,-3]$
```

Find the vector PQ

[%i29) PQ:Q-P;  
[%o29) [-2,-2,0]

Find the cross product  
The distance is the norm of the cross product  
over the norm of the directional vector for the line

[%i30) express(PQ~u);  
norm(%)/norm(u);  
[%o30) [-2,2,-6]  
[%o31)  $\frac{2\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{6}}$