

# Errata in the second edition of No Bullshit Guide to Linear Algebra

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## Mistakes to be fixed in v2.3

- **P4.2a** The correct solution is the line  $\{(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0) + s(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 1), \forall s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
- **P6.13a** The matrix given,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , is not orthogonal so the answer given for **a**) is wrong. I changed the matrix in part **a**) to be  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ , which *is* orthogonal.

## Mistakes fixed in v2.2

- **P3.5b** The particular solution should be  $(\frac{1}{10}, 0, \frac{3}{5}, 0)$  not  $(\frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{5}, 0, 0)$ .
- **P3.6c** The problem as stated had no solution so the answer given in the back was wrong. Problem numbers were changed to fix this.
- **P3.9a** The correct answer is  $M^{-1}L^{-1}MK^2$  and not  $M^{-1}L^{-1}MK$ .
- **P3.16** The answers given for parts **b**) and **c**) were wrong. The correct answer to **b**) is  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ 2\sin(\alpha)-\cos(\alpha) & \sin^2(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$  and the answer to **c**) is  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ 2\sin(\alpha)-\cos(\alpha) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- **E4.5f** The line  $\ell$  given is not parallel to the plane  $P$ , so the actual distance is zero (they intersect). In order for the question to make sense I changed the line to be  $\ell: \{(0, 0, 2) + t(1, -1, 0), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . The new line  $\ell$  is parallel to  $P$  and  $d(\ell, P) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ . With the new equation for line  $\ell$  the answer to **d**) becomes  $d(r, \ell) = 2\sqrt{3}$ .
- **E7.5** The batteries were drawn with the wrong direction in the figure. The figure has been updated so the currents and KVL equations are now consistent.
- **P7.2** There is a sign error in the third KVL equation when transcribing to matrix form. The currents in the circuit are given by  $\vec{I} = R^{-1}\vec{V} = (\frac{85}{11}, \frac{80}{11}, \frac{5}{11}, \frac{30}{11}, \frac{25}{11})$ . The correct answer to part **d**) is  $\vec{I}_1 = \frac{85}{11} \approx 7.7[\text{A}]$  and  $I_5 = \frac{25}{11} \approx 2.27[\text{A}]$ .

## Mistakes fixed in v2.1

- **P3.4c** The correct solution set is  $\{(\frac{1}{10}, 0, \frac{3}{5}) + \alpha(1, 1, 0), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
- **P3.7** The size of the matrix  $A$  was changed to  $5 \times 5$ .

- **P3.15** Wrong answers provided. See [bit.ly/2xPjqNg](https://bit.ly/2xPjqNg) for the correct solutions.
- **E6.8:** Wrong  $A^{-1}$  provided. The inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 64 \\ 0 & 5 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{4}{5} & -\frac{224}{15} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{14}{15} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$ . The exercise was updated changing the matrix  $A$  to the simpler  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 15 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , whose inverse is the answer  $A^{-1}$  provided in the answer key.
- **P4.6a** For the original points  $p$  and  $q$  provided, the distance is  $d(p, q) = \sqrt{29}$ . Problem updated to use  $p = (4, 7, 3)$  and  $q = (1, 1, 1)$  and new answer  $d(p, q) = 7$ .
- **P4.11** The plane  $P$  in the question was changed from  $P : 2x - y + 4z = 4$  to  $P : 2x - y + 4z = 0$ , since in Chapter 4 we discuss only projections onto planes passing through the origin. See computer graphics section for more on projections.
- **P4.15** The answer is correct but there's a stray  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the formula for  $\|v\|_{B_3}$ .

Please let me know if you find any other mistakes: [ivan@minireference.com](mailto:ivan@minireference.com).