

Math 126 G - Autumn 2017  
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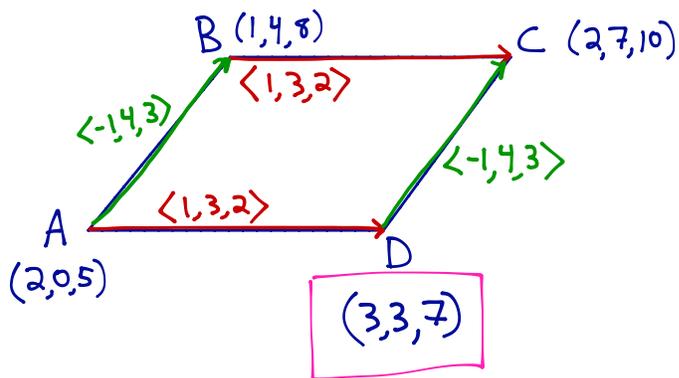
- This exam consists of FIVE problems on FIVE pages, including this cover sheet.
- Show all work for full credit. Show no work for zero credit.
- You do not need to simplify your answers.
- If you use a trial-and-error or guess-and-check method when a more rigorous method is available, you will not receive full credit.
- Write all of your work on the exam itself. If you use the back of the page, please indicate that you have done so!
- You may use a TI-30X IIS on this exam. No other electronic devices are allowed.
- Draw a box around your final answer to each problem.
- You may use one hand-written double-sided 8.5" by 11" page of notes.
- You have 50 minutes to complete the exam.

1. [4 points per part]  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, with diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$ .

Here are some coordinates:

$$A = (2, 0, 5) \quad B = (1, 4, 8) \quad C = (2, 7, 10)$$

(a) What are the coordinates of  $D$ ?



(b) Find the area of the parallelogram  $ABCD$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \left| \langle 1, 3, 2 \rangle \times \langle -1, 4, 3 \rangle \right| = \left| \langle 1, -5, 7 \rangle \right| \\ &= \sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the equation of the plane containing this parallelogram.

Using cross product as normal vector:

$$x - 5y + 7z = 37$$

↑  
using any of  $A, B, C$ , or  $D$

2. [10 points] Write an equation for the ellipsoid centered at  $(2, 4, -1)$  and containing the points  $(-6, 1, -1)$ ,  $(2, -1, -1)$ , and  $(4, 3, 2)$ .

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-4)^2}{b^2} + \frac{(z+1)^2}{c^2} = 1$$

$$0 + \frac{25}{b^2} + 0 = 1 \rightarrow b = 5$$

$$\frac{64}{a^2} + \frac{9}{25} + 0 = 1 \rightarrow a = 10$$

$$\frac{4}{100} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{9}{c^2} = 1 \rightarrow c^2 = \frac{225}{23}$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{100} + \frac{(y-4)^2}{25} + \frac{23(z+1)^2}{225} = 1$$

3. [10 points] I have some secret vectors  $u$  and  $v$ .

- $\text{proj}_v u = \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle$

- $\text{proj}_u v = \langle 5, 1, -1 \rangle$

So, what's  $u$ ?

so  $\vec{u}$  points in the direction  $\langle 5, 1, -1 \rangle$

$$\vec{u} = \langle 5t, t, -t \rangle \text{ for some } t.$$

$$\text{proj}_v \vec{u} = \text{proj}_{\langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle} \vec{u} = \frac{\langle 5t, t, -t \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle}{|\langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle|^2} \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle = \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle$$

same direction

$$\frac{\langle 5t, t, -t \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle}{|\langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle|^2} = 1$$

$$15t - t - 2t = 14$$

$$t = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{35}{6}, \frac{7}{6}, \frac{-7}{6} \right\rangle$$

4. Consider the polar curve  $r = 1 - 6 \cos(\theta)$ .

(a) [4 points] Find all intersections of the curve with the  $x$ -axis.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta = 0 &\rightarrow r = 1 - 6 = -5 \rightarrow (-5, 0) \\ \theta = \pi &\rightarrow r = 1 + 6 = 7 \rightarrow (-7, 0) \\ r = 0 &\rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \rightarrow (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

(b) [9 points] Find the  $x$ -coordinates of all points on the curve at which the tangent line is horizontal.

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 6 \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} = 0 \rightarrow 6 \sin^2 \theta + (1 - 6 \cos \theta) \cos \theta = 0 \\ &6 - 6 \cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta - 6 \cos^3 \theta = 0 \\ &-12 \cos^3 \theta + \cos \theta + 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

or use  
quadratic  
formula...

$$(-4 \cos \theta + 3)(3 \cos \theta + 2) = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$r = 1 - 6\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$r = -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$x = \frac{-21}{8}$$

$$r = 1 - 6\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$r = 5$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$x = \frac{-10}{3}$$

5. [5 points per part]

(a) Write a vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  whose space curve is the intersection of the surfaces

$$x + y - z = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x = z^2.$$

Set  $z = t$

$$x = t^2$$

$$y = 1 - x + z = -t^2 + t + 1$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2, -t^2 + t + 1, t \rangle$$

(b) Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be the intersections of this space curve with the plane  $y = -11$ . Find parametric equations for the lines tangent to the curve at  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

$$-t^2 + t + 1 = -11$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 2t, -2t + 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$t^2 - t - 12 = 0$$

$$(t - 4)(t + 3) = 0$$

$$t = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad t = -3$$

point:  $(9, -11, -3)$   
direction:  $\langle -6, 7, 1 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 9 - 6t \\ y &= -11 + 7t \\ z &= -3 + t \end{aligned}$$

point:  $(16, -11, 4)$   
direction:  $\langle 8, -7, 1 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 16 + 8t \\ y &= -11 - 7t \\ z &= 4 + t \end{aligned}$$

(c) Are the lines you found in part (b) parallel, intersecting, or skew?

Clearly not parallel:  $\frac{-6}{8} \neq \frac{7}{-7}$  → Long answer:  $9 - 6s = 16 + 8t$

$$\begin{aligned} -11 + 7s &= -11 - 7t \rightarrow s = -t \\ -3 + s &= 4 + t \rightarrow s = \frac{7}{2}, z = \frac{-7}{2} \end{aligned}$$

check:

$$9 - 6\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{=} 16 + 8\left(\frac{-7}{2}\right)$$

Yes! intersecting

Short answer: they both lie in the plane  $x + y - z = 1$ , so they can't be skew.

So intersecting.