

**Math 241. Exam 1. 2/11/09.**

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- Read problems carefully. Show all work.
- No notes or calculators.
- The exam is approximately 15 percent of the total grade.
- There are 100 points total. Partial credit may be given.

1. (10 points) Find an equation for the sphere with a diameter whose endpoints are  $(3, 2, -3)$  and  $(1, -4, 5)$ .

$$\text{Center} = \text{midpt of endpoints} = (2, -1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{radius} &= \text{distance from } (3, 2, -3) \text{ to } (2, -1, 1) : \sqrt{(3-2)^2 + (2-(-1))^2 + (-3-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+9+16} = \sqrt{26}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Eq: } \boxed{(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z-1)^2 = 26}$$

2. (10 points) Find a vector of length 2 in the direction opposite to the vector  $\vec{u} = \vec{AB}$  from point  $A(2, 0, -1)$  to point  $B(-1, 2, 3)$ .

$$\vec{v} = \langle -3, 2, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{(-2)}{\|\vec{u}\|} = -2 \frac{\langle -3, 2, 4 \rangle}{\sqrt{9+4+16}} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}} \langle -3, 2, 4 \rangle}$$

3. (20 points) Consider the vectors

$$\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{k}, \quad \vec{v} = -3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}.$$

(a) (10 points) Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . What is  $\cos \theta$ ?

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{-6 - 2}{(\sqrt{4+1})(\sqrt{9+1+4})} = \frac{-8}{\sqrt{70}}$$

(b) (10 points) Find the area of a parallelogram that has adjacent sides  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \times \vec{v} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(0 - (-1)) - \vec{j}(4 - 3) + \vec{k}(2) \\ &= \vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$$

4. (15 points) No justification required. Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be non-zero vectors.

(a) (5 points) Circle the statement(s) which are true for all  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$

$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{v} \times \vec{u}$ .  $\leftarrow$  False!

(b) (5 points) Circle the correct answer. If  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ , then  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  must be

parallel

orthogonal

possibly neither.

(c) (5 points) Circle the correct answer. If  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = 0$ , then  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  must be

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possibly neither.

5. (10 points) Determine whether the following line  $L$  and plane  $Q$  are parallel, perpendicular, or neither. Briefly explain your answer.

$$L: x = 1 + 2t$$

$$y = 2 + 3t$$

$$z = -1 + 2t.$$

$$Q: 5x - 4y + z = 3.$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 2, 3, 2 \rangle \text{ (dir. vector for } L)$$

$$\vec{n} = \langle 5, -4, 1 \rangle \text{ (normal vector to } Q)$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} = 10 - 12 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{n} \perp \vec{v} \Rightarrow L \parallel Q \text{ (parallel)}$$

6. (15 points) Find the standard equation of the plane through the point  $(1, -2, 3)$  that is perpendicular to the planes

$$Q_1 : x - 2y + z = -4$$

$$Q_2 : 3x - y - z = 2.$$

Show your work.

$$\vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(2 - (-1)) - \vec{j}(-1 - 3) + \vec{k}(-1 - (-6)) \\ = 3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$\text{Eq: } \boxed{3(x-1) + 4(y+2) + 5(z-3) = 0}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{3x + 4y + 5z = 10} \leftarrow (\text{standard form})$$

7. (20 points)

(a) (13 points) Find an equation of the line tangent to the graph of

$$\vec{r}(t) = (t^3 - t)\vec{i} + (6t + 1)\vec{j} - (t^4)\vec{k}$$

at the point where  $t = 1$ .

$$\vec{r}(1) = 7\vec{j} - \vec{k} \Rightarrow \text{pt. of tangency is } (0, 7, -1)$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (3t^2 - 1)\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} - 4t^3\vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(1) = 2\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} - 4\vec{k} \Rightarrow \text{tan line dir. vector}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Eq: } \begin{cases} x = 0 + 2t \\ y = 7 + 6t \\ z = -1 - 4t. \end{cases}$$

(b) (7 points) Is the tangent line in part (a) parallel to the line with vector equation

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1 + 4t)\vec{i} + (-2 + 12t)\vec{j} + (7 - t)\vec{k}?$$

Why or why not? Briefly explain

No. It has dir vector  $\langle 4, 12, -1 \rangle \neq k \langle 2, 6, -4 \rangle$   
 for any real  $k$ .  
 dir. vector of  
 tan line