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Exam 1 MAC-2313

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1. (15 pts) Given the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ , find each of the following:

(a) the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  (answer as inverse trig function ok):

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \| \mathbf{u} \| \cdot \| \mathbf{v} \| \cos \theta \quad \| \mathbf{u} \| = 1, \quad \| \mathbf{v} \| = \sqrt{4+1+4} = 3$$

$$-2 = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \cos \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos \theta = -\frac{2}{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = \arccos\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

(b) two vectors  $\mathbf{u}^{\parallel}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^{\perp}$ , so that  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^{\parallel} + \mathbf{u}^{\perp}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^{\parallel} \parallel \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^{\perp} \perp \mathbf{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^{\parallel} &= \lambda \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \lambda \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}^{\perp} \quad \text{Take } \cancel{\text{dot}} \text{ product with } \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \lambda \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{u}^{\parallel} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^{\parallel} &= -\frac{2}{3} \mathbf{v} = -\frac{2}{3} \mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{j} - \frac{4}{3} \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{u}^{\perp} &= \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{\parallel} = -\frac{5}{3} \mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{j} + \frac{4}{3} \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

(c) the area of the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

$$\text{Area} = \|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| \quad \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 pts) Match the following equations with the appropriate surface:

(i)  $x^2 - 2y^2 - 3z^2 = 1 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\text{c})$

(ii)  $2y^2 + 3z^2 = 1 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\text{d})$

(iii)  $(x+1)^2 + 2(y-1)^2 + 3(z-2)^2 = 10 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\text{a})$

(iv)  $x - 2y^2 - 3z^2 = 1 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\text{e})$

(v)  $(x+1)^2 + 2(y-1)^2 - 3(z-2)^2 = 10. \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\text{b})$

(a) ellipsoid

(b) hyperboloid with one sheet

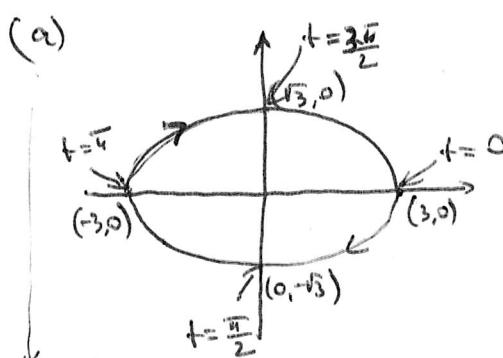
(c) hyperboloid with two sheets

(d) elliptic cylinder

(e) elliptic paraboloid

3. (15 pts) (a) (5 pts) Sketch the graph of  $\mathbf{r}(t) = 3 \cos t \mathbf{i} - \sqrt{3} \sin t \mathbf{j}$  in 2-space, indicating the direction of increasing  $t$ .

(b) (10 pts) Find the unit tangent vector to the curve when  $t = \pi/3$  and write the parametric equations of the tangent line to the curve when  $t = \pi/3$ .



parametrically

$$\begin{cases} x = 3 \cos t \\ y = -\sqrt{3} \sin t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1 \text{ ellipse}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(t) &= -3 \sin t \mathbf{i} - \sqrt{3} \cos t \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{T}(t) &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 \sin^2 t + 3 \cos^2 t}} (-3 \sin t \mathbf{i} - \sqrt{3} \cos t \mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{T}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \left(-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \mathbf{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \mathbf{j}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \end{aligned}$$

Param. equations of tangent line

Point:  $\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{j}$

Tang. line

$$\boxed{\begin{cases} x = \frac{3}{2} - 3t \\ y = -\frac{3}{2} - t \end{cases}}$$

4. (12 pts) Determine if the lines

$$L_1: x = 1 + t, y = -1 + 2t, z = 2 + t$$

$$L_2: x = 2 + s, y = 2 + 3s, z = 4 + 2s$$

are parallel, intersecting, or skew.

We should check if the system below has a solution or not.

$$\begin{cases} 1+t = 2+s \\ -1+2t = 2+3s \\ 2+t = 4+2s \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t-s = 1 \\ 2t-3s = 3 \\ t-2s = 2 \end{cases}$$

From  $\begin{cases} t-s = 1 \\ t-2s = 2 \end{cases}$  we get  $\begin{cases} t = 0 \\ s = -1 \end{cases}$

The equation  $2t-3s=3$  is also verified  
so the system does have a solution

The lines are intersecting at the point  $P(1, -1, 2)$ .

5. (18 pts) (a) (6 pts) Show that the line  $L$  given by  $x = 1 + 2t$ ,  $y = -1 + t$ ,  $z = 4$  is parallel to the plane  $\pi$  whose equation is  $x - 2y + z = 0$ .

(b) (12 pts) Find the equation of the plane that contains the line  $L$  and is perpendicular to the plane  $\pi$  (where  $L$  and  $\pi$  are those in part (a)).

Solution 1:

(a) The normal of the plane  $\pi$  is given by  $\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$ , while the directional vector of the line is  $\vec{u} = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$

Since  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = 2 - 2 = 0$ , it follows that  $\vec{u}$  is parallel to the plane.

Thus ~~the~~ the line is either parallel <sup>with</sup> or contained in ~~the~~  $\pi$ .

But the point  $(1, -1, 4)$  is on the line, but is not in  $\pi$ .

So the line must be parallel to  $\pi$ .

Solution 2: We ~~try to~~ find out if the line intersects the plane.

For that, we should solve

$$(1+2t) - 2(-1+t) + 4 = 0$$

we get  $t=0$  so there is no solution.

The line is parallel to the plane.

(b) The normal  $\vec{n}_2$  of the plane we are looking for is given by

$$\vec{n}_2 = \vec{u} \times \vec{n}_1 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}$$

A point from the line, which will also be a point in our plane is  $(1, -1, 4)$

The equation of the required plane is:

$$1 \cdot (x-1) - 2(y+1) - 5(z-4) = 0$$

6. (18 pts) (a) (10 pts) Compute the curvature,  $\kappa(t)$ , of the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \sqrt{2} \cos t \mathbf{i} + \sqrt{2} \cos t \mathbf{j} + 2 \sin t \mathbf{k}$$

(b) (8 pts) Show that the curve in part (a) is a circle, confirming your result from (a). Hint: Check that the curve lies on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and on a certain plane.

$$(a) \quad \kappa(t) = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = -\sqrt{2} \sin t \vec{i} - \sqrt{2} \sin t \vec{j} + 2 \cos t \vec{k}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{2 \sin^2 t + 2 \sin^2 t + 4 \cos^2 t} = \sqrt{4(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = -\sqrt{2} \cos t \vec{i} - \sqrt{2} \cos t \vec{j} - 2 \sin t \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -\sqrt{2} \sin t & -\sqrt{2} \sin t & 2 \cos t \\ -\sqrt{2} \cos t & -\sqrt{2} \cos t & -2 \sin t \end{vmatrix} = \cancel{0} - (\sqrt{2} \sin^2 t + 2\sqrt{2} \cos^2 t) \vec{i} + \cancel{0} \vec{k}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = 2\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 4$$

$$\text{Thus } \kappa(t) = \frac{4}{2^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

(b) Parametrically, the curve is given by  $x = \sqrt{2} \cos t$ ,  $y = \sqrt{2} \cos t$ ,  $z = 2 \sin t$ .

$$\text{But then } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2 \cos^2 t + 2 \cos^2 t + 4 \sin^2 t = 4(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) = 4.$$

so the curve lies on the sphere with center at origin and radius 2.

Easily we see that the curve lies also on the plane  $x = y$ , or  $x - y = 0$ . This is a plane that goes through the origin.

The intersection of the sphere with this plane is our curve, thus it is a circle of radius 2. For a circle  $\kappa = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

7. (12+3 pts) Find the arc length parametrization of the curve  $r(t) = e^t \cos t \mathbf{i} + e^t \sin t \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ . (Bonus)  
Can you describe in words what does the curve represents in 3-space?

The curve is a spiral in the plane  $z=3$ , with center at  $(0,0,3)$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{e^{2t}(\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t)^2 + e^{2t}(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)^2} = \sqrt{e^{2t}(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t - 2\sin t \cos t + \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 2\sin t \cos t)} =$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{e^{2t} \cdot 2} = \sqrt{2} e^t$$

$$s = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} e^t dt = \sqrt{2} (e^t - 1) \Rightarrow e^t - 1 = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow e^t = 1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \ln\left(1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

The arc length parametrization is

$$\boxed{\vec{r}(s) = \left(1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \cos\left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \left(1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sin\left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}}$$

8. (10 pts) Suppose that a particle is moving on a curve with constant speed. Show that at every moment the velocity vector is perpendicular to the acceleration vector.

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \text{const} \dots \Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2 = \text{const}, \text{ so } \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = \text{const}.$$

Take the derivative of both sides.

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} (\text{const}) = 0.$$

$$\text{We get } \vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) + \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) = 0$$

$$2\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) = 0 \text{ so } \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) = 0$$

$$\text{But } \vec{v} = \vec{r}' \text{ and } \vec{a} = \vec{r}''$$

So we proved that  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{a}$  are perpendicular at every point.