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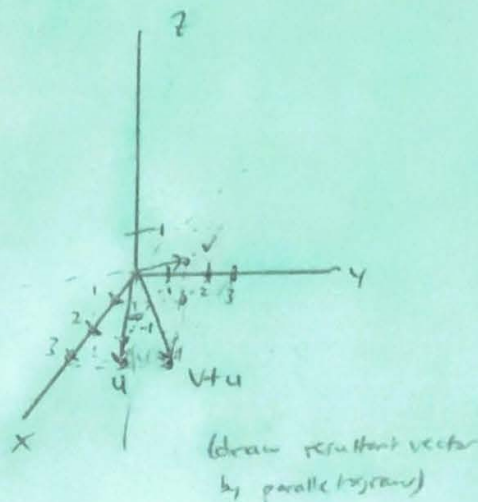
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3	25	23
4	25	25
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1. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$ .

(a) (5 points) Draw the vector  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ .



Double check:  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$  should be  $\langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle$

(b) (10 points) Find the parallel projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ , i.e., find the vector  $\mathbf{u}_{\parallel \mathbf{v}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{\parallel \mathbf{v}} &= \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle}{1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \\ &= \frac{2 + 2 - 1}{6} \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \\ &= \frac{3}{6} \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{\parallel \mathbf{v}} = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

(c) (10 points) Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{parallelogram}} &= \|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}\| \\ &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 9 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{27} \\ &= 3\sqrt{3} \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} \\ &= -3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} &= \langle -3, 3, -3 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



2. Given the points  $P = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $Q = (3, 4, 4)$  and  $R = (2, 2, 4)$ , find:

(a) (5 points) The angle between  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PR}$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 3-1, 4-2, 4-3 \rangle = \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = \langle 2-1, 2-2, 4-3 \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

angle:  $\overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot \overrightarrow{PR} = \|\overrightarrow{PQ}\| \|\overrightarrow{PR}\| \cos \theta$

$$2(1) + 0 + 1(1) = \sqrt{4+4+1} \sqrt{1+1} \cos \theta$$

$$3 = \sqrt{9} \sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

by convention angle is  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

(b) (10 points) A unit vector perpendicular to the plane containing  $P, Q$  and  $R$   
which is the normal vector

From part (a)  $\hat{n} = \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle$

unit vector  $\hat{e}_n = \frac{\hat{n}}{\|\hat{n}\|} = \frac{\langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}} = \frac{\langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3} \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle$

$$\hat{e}_n = \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$$

(c) (5 points) The equation of the plane containing  $P, Q$  and  $R$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k}$$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} = \langle 2, 0, -2 \rangle$$

choose point  $P = (1, 2, 3)$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{PP} = 0, \quad \overrightarrow{PP} = \langle x-1, y-2, z-3 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle x-1, y-2, z-3 \rangle = 2x - y - 2z = -6$$

(d) (5 points) The distance from the plane containing  $P, Q$  and  $R$  to the point  $S = (0, 1, 0)$

choose arbitrary point in the plane,  $T = (5, 2, 0)$  that fits in the plane equation from (c).

$$\overrightarrow{ST} = \langle 5, 1, 0 \rangle$$

careful w/ signs.

Find distance as projection of  $\overrightarrow{ST}$  onto  $\hat{n}$  (normal vector)  $\hat{n} = \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle$

$$\overrightarrow{ST}_{||\hat{n}} = \frac{\overrightarrow{ST} \cdot \hat{n}}{\|\hat{n}\|^2} \hat{n} = \frac{\langle 5, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle}{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{6 + 1 + 0}{4 + 1 + 4} \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{ST}_{||\hat{n}} = \frac{7}{9} \langle 2, -1, -2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{14}{9}, -\frac{7}{9}, -\frac{14}{9} \right\rangle$$

$$\|\overrightarrow{ST}\| = \sqrt{\frac{25}{81} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{196}{81}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{222}{81}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{222}}{9}$$

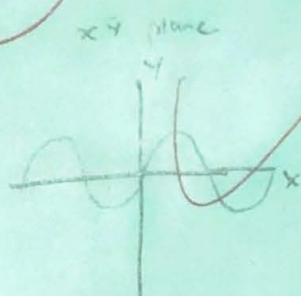
$$= \frac{\sqrt{444}}{9} = \frac{\sqrt{111}}{3}$$

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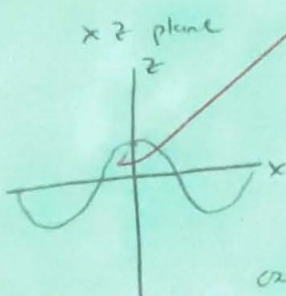
3. Consider the vector-valued function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, \sin t, \cos t \rangle$  for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

(a) (10 points) Draw the projections of  $\vec{r}(t)$  to the three coordinate planes. Using these, sketch the curve determined by  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

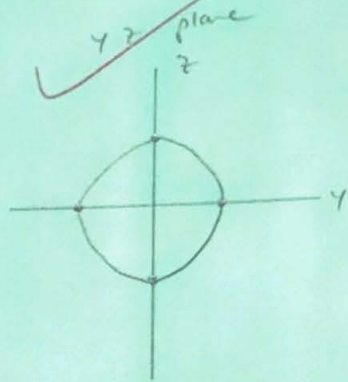
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t	sin t
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1
$\pi$	0
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	-1
$2\pi$	0

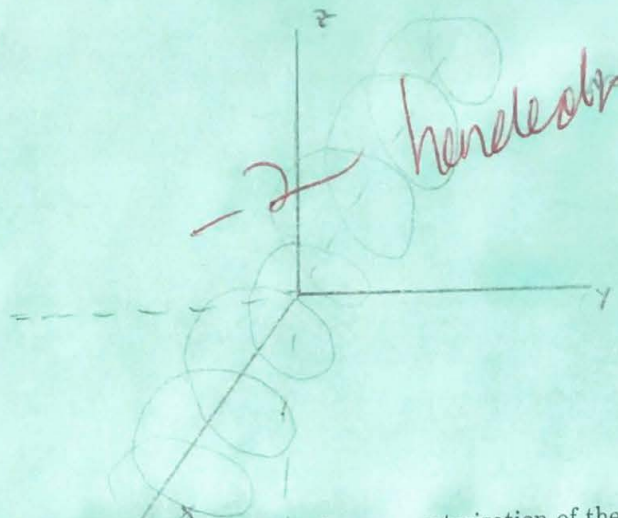


t	cos t
0	1
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	0
$\pi$	-1
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	0
$2\pi$	1



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same graph



hand-drawn

the curve is a helix, wind around x axis with constant z

t	sin t	cos t
0	0	1
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1	0
$\pi$	0	-1
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	-1	0
$2\pi$	0	1

circle

Putting all 3 together together, the 3D graph makes a helix that travels throughout the x axis

(b) (15 points) Find a vector parameterization of the tangent line to  $\vec{r}(t)$  at  $t = \pi/6$ .

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, \sin t, \cos t \rangle \quad \vec{r}(\pi/6) = \langle \pi/6, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, \cos t, -\sin t \rangle \quad \vec{r}'(\pi/6) = \langle 1, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) + \vec{r}(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi/6) = \langle 1, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle t + \langle \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle$$

tangent line at  $t = \pi/6 =$

$$= \langle t + \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle$$

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4. In answering the following question, recall that the zero vector is, by convention, orthogonal to every vector.

(a) (15 points) TRUE OR FALSE (circle one)

The dot product between two vectors is a vector. *should be scalar*

TRUE FALSE

The cross product between two vectors is a vector.

TRUE FALSE

Two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are orthogonal if and only if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ .

TRUE FALSE

For any three vectors  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{w}$ . *not associative*

TRUE FALSE

There exists a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\mathbf{v} \times \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ .

TRUE FALSE

(b) (10 points) Let  $\vec{r}(t)$  be differentiable and let  $C$  be a constant. Show that the following statement is true. Your reasoning/justification should be well-written and clear.

If  $\|\vec{r}(t)\| = C$  for all  $t$ , then  $\frac{d}{dt}\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}'(t)$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{r}(t)$  for all  $t$ .

$\|\vec{r}(t)\| = C$  for all  $t$ , now square it so we can do dot products with magnitudes  
 $\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = C^2$  Take derivative of both sides

$\frac{d}{dt} \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = \frac{d}{dt} C^2$ ,  $C$  is a constant so derivative of that constant is 0.  
 ( $C^2$  is a constant likewise)

$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)) = 0$   $\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)$  by theorem

$\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$  expand derivative of dot product

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

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

Since  $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$  this means that  $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}'(t)$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{r}(t)$  for all  $t$ . Hence, the statement is proved.

$\langle 9, 3, 0 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle$   
 $\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{vmatrix} = \dots$   
 $(4-0)i + (0-0)j + (0-6)k$   
 $b-c=1 \quad c-b=1$   
 $c-a=2 \quad 3-1=2$   
 $a-b=0 \quad 4-4=0$   
 $\vec{r} = \langle 4, 3, 0 \rangle$   
 $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = 16+9=25$

NICE!