

MATH 32A: CALCULUS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES  
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SCORE

1. 10

2. 9

3. 10

4. 10

5. 10

TOTAL 49

1. (10 pts) A force  $F$  is applied to each of two ropes attached to opposite ends of a 100-kg wagon and each making an angle of 30 degrees with the horizontal. What is the maximum magnitude of  $F$  that can be applied without lifting the wagon off the ground?

$$\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, -100 \times 9.8 \text{ N} \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, -980 \text{ N} \rangle$$

$$\theta_1 = 30^\circ$$

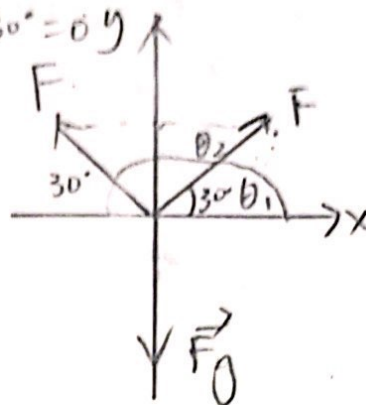
$$\theta_2 = 180 - 30 = 150^\circ$$

$$\text{Proj}_y F = \|F\| \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{left}} = \langle \|F\| \cos 150^\circ, \|F\| \sin 150^\circ \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{right}} = \langle \|F\| \cos 30^\circ, \|F\| \sin 30^\circ \rangle$$

$$\|F\| \cos 150^\circ + \|F\| \cos 30^\circ = 0$$



$$\|F\| \sin 30^\circ + \|F\| \sin 150^\circ + 980 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|F\| + \frac{1}{2} \|F\| = 980$$

$$\boxed{\|F\| = 980 \text{ N} \cdot \text{max}}$$

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3. (10 pts) Determine whether  $r_1(t)$  and  $r_2(t)$  define the same line, where

$$r_1(t) = \langle 3, -1, 5 \rangle + t \langle 8, 12, -6 \rangle$$

and

$$r_2(t) = \langle 11, 11, -2 \rangle + t \langle 4, 6, -3 \rangle.$$

Make sure to justify your answer fully.

1° If  $\vec{r}_1(t)$  and  $\vec{r}_2(t)$  parallel.

direction vector of  $\vec{r}_1(t) \rightarrow \vec{v} = \langle 8, 12, -6 \rangle$

direction vector of  $\vec{r}_2(t) \rightarrow \vec{w} = \langle 4, 6, -3 \rangle$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 8, 12, -6 \rangle = 2 \langle 4, 6, -3 \rangle = 2\vec{w}$$

$\vec{v} = 2\vec{w} \Rightarrow \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  parallel  $\Rightarrow \vec{r}_1(t)$  and  $\vec{r}_2(t)$  parallel.

2° Common point, let  $t=0$  for  $\vec{r}_1(t)$

$$\vec{r}_1(0) = \langle 3, -1, 5 \rangle.$$

Check if  $\vec{r}_2(t)$  also pass through  $\langle 3, -1, 5 \rangle$ .

for  $\vec{r}_2(t)$ ,  $x = 4t + 11$ ,  $y = 6t + 11$ ,  $z = -3t - 2$

$$\begin{cases} 4t + 11 = 3 \\ 6t + 11 = -1 \\ -3t - 2 = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t = -2 \\ t = -2 \\ t = -\frac{7}{3} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  no solution  
 $\Rightarrow$  do not pass through  $\langle 3, -1, 5 \rangle$

Therefore,  $\vec{r}_1(t)$  and  $\vec{r}_2(t)$  don't not define the same line, but they are parallel.

2. (10 pts) Find a vector parametrization for all lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that pass through the point

$$P = (1, 1, 1)$$

and are perpendicular to the line

$$r(t) = (1, 1, 1) + t(1, 0, -1).$$

The direction vector in your parametrization should have only one free variable (apart from  $t$ ).

Let the direction vector of line perpendicular to  $r(t)$ , be  $\vec{v}_1$ .

The direction vector of  $r(t)$  be  $\vec{v}_2 = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_1 = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0 \quad | \text{ perpendicular.}$$

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle = 0$$

$$a - c = 0$$

$$a = c.$$

The lines perpendicular to the line  $r(t)$  with  $P = (1, 1, 1)$  can be parametrized by

$$r(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}_1$$

$$= \vec{OP} + t\vec{v}_1$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle + t \langle a, b, a \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle + t \langle 1, e, 1 \rangle, e \in \mathbb{R}$$

or  
 $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$

or  $\langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle$

divide by b

$$t \langle \frac{a}{b}, 1, \frac{a}{b} \rangle$$

$$t \langle d, 1, d \rangle$$

$$a = c \quad \text{or } b = 0$$

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4. (10 pts) Show that the four points

$$P = (2, 4, 4), Q = (3, 1, 6), R = (2, 8, 0), S = (6, 7, 3, 1)$$

all lie in a single plane.

1° Find the plane formed by  $P, Q, R$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 3-2, 1-4, 6-4 \rangle = \langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 2-2, 8-4, 0-4 \rangle = \langle 0, 4, -4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle \times \langle 0, 4, -4 \rangle$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 4\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k} = \langle 4, 4, 4 \rangle$$

$$P: \vec{n} \cdot \langle x, y, z \rangle = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{P}$$

$$4x + 4y + 4z = \frac{4 \times 2}{4} + \frac{4 \times 4}{4} + \frac{4 \times 4}{4} = 40$$

$$4x + 4y + 4z = 40$$

$$x + y + z = 10$$

2° Check if  $S$  lies in the plane formed by  $P, Q, R$ .

$$S = (6, 3, 1), \text{ plug in to } P: x + y + z = 10$$

$$6 + 3 + 1 = 10 \Rightarrow S \text{ is on the } P \text{ formed by}$$

$P, Q, R$

$\Rightarrow P, Q, R, S$  all lie in a single plane.

$$P: x + y + z = 10$$

5. (10 pts) Let  $L$  denote the line of intersection of the planes

$$x - y - z = 1$$

and

$$2x + 3y + z = 2.$$

Find a vector parametrization for the line  $L$ .

1° Find two points both lie in  $x - y - z = 1$  and  $2x + 3y + z = 2$

$$\text{let } z = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 2 \\ 2x + 3y = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{7}{5} \\ y = -\frac{3}{5} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{let } z = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 3 \\ 2x + 3y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{9}{5} \\ y = -\frac{6}{5} \end{cases}$$

points  $(\frac{7}{5}, -\frac{3}{5}, 1)$  and  $(\frac{9}{5}, -\frac{6}{5}, 2)$  both lie on the two planes above.

2° Find the direction vector of the line  $L$  formed by these two points

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \left\langle \frac{9}{5} - \frac{7}{5}, -\frac{6}{5} + \frac{3}{5}, 2 - 1 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{2}{5}, -\frac{3}{5}, 1 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

3° The parametrization for the line  $L$  is

$$L: \vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{7}{5}, -\frac{3}{5}, 1 \right\rangle + t \left\langle \frac{2}{5}, -\frac{3}{5}, 1 \right\rangle$$