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Midterm 1

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  - 1e Tuesday with Alan Zhou
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### Rules.

- There are **FOUR** problems; ten points per problem.
- No calculators, computers, notes, books, crib-sheets,...
- Out of consideration for your class-mates, no chewing, humming, pen-twirling, snoring,... Try to sit still.
- Turn off your cell-phone, pager,...
- Use the backs of pages as necessary.

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(1) Consider the three points

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) What is the area of the triangle with vertices  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ ?  
 (b) What is the equation of the plane passing through these three points?  
 (c) Give a parametric description of the line passing through  $\vec{a}$  that is perpendicular to the plane through the three points.

a)  $A_{\Delta} = \frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}\|}{2}$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{c} - \vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

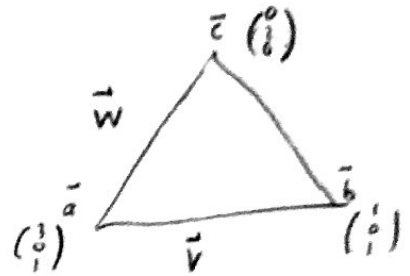
$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0-0)\hat{i} - (2-0)\hat{j} + (-4-0)\hat{k}$$

$$= -2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}\| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{4+16} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2} = \sqrt{5} \text{ units}^2$$



b)  $P = \vec{n} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = d$

$\vec{n} = \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  because the plane  $P$  passes through both  $v$  and  $w$ , so their normal is the binormal vector.

$\vec{n} = -2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  (from above)

Point on the plane =  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \times$$

c)  $\vec{a} + t\vec{n}$  is a line passing through  $\vec{a}$  that is perpendicular to the plane because all  $\vec{n}$  is perpendicular to any point on the plane

3  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

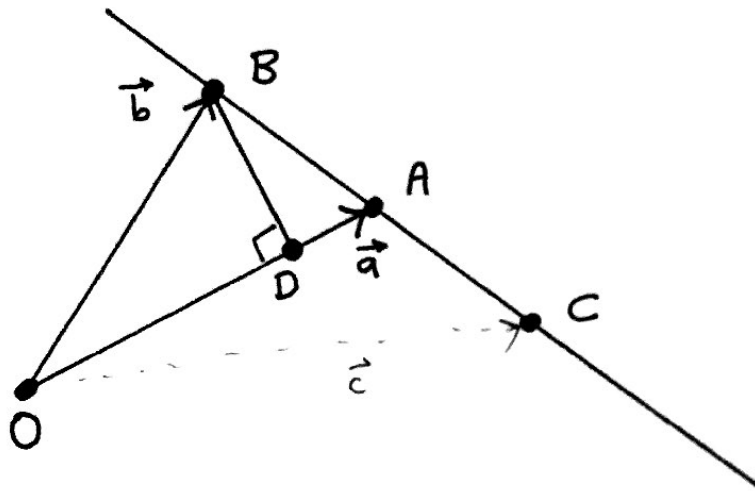
(2) (a) Complete the statement of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} + \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2} \quad |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \leq \|\vec{a}\| \cdot \|\vec{b}\| \quad \checkmark$$

(b) The volume of the parallelepiped spanned by  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  is given by...

$$|\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})| \quad \checkmark$$

Parts (c) and (d) relate to the diagram below. Note that the positions of the points  $A$  and  $B$  relative to the origin  $O$  are given by vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



(c) The point  $C$  is defined as lying on the line through  $A$  and  $B$  so that the distance from  $A$  to  $C$  is the same as that from  $A$  to  $B$ . Express the location of  $C$  in terms of the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{BA} &= \vec{AC} \quad \checkmark & \vec{BA} &= \vec{b} - \vec{a} & \vec{BC} &= 2(\vec{AC}) & \text{since } \vec{AC} = \vec{BA} & = 3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a} \\ \vec{c} &= \vec{a} + \vec{AC} & \vec{BA} &= \vec{AC} & \vec{c} &= \vec{b} + \vec{BC} & & = \vec{b} + 2(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) & = 3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a} \\ \vec{c} &= \vec{b} + \vec{BC} & \vec{BC} &= \vec{BA} + \vec{AC} & & & & & \\ & & -\vec{AC} &= \vec{b} - \vec{a} & & & & & \end{aligned}$$

since  $2\vec{a}$  gives the  $\vec{BA} + \vec{AC}$  and  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  are of equal length,  $\vec{c} = 3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a}$

(d) The point  $D$  is defined as lying on the line through  $O$  and  $A$  and having the property that the line  $\overline{BD}$  meets  $\overline{OA}$  at right angles. Express the location of  $D$  in terms of the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\vec{BD} \cdot \vec{OA} = 0$$

(3) The velocity of a particle is given by

$$\vec{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Given that the particle is at the point (1, 2, 0) at time  $t = 0$ , determine its location at time  $t = 1$ .  
 (b) Determine the curvature of the path taken by the particle at the point where  $t = 0$ .  
 (c) Find the tangential component of the acceleration of the particle at time  $t = 1$ .

a)  $\vec{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\int v(t) dt = \text{position}$

$$\int v(t) dt = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t^2}{2} \\ 3t \\ \frac{t^3}{3} \end{pmatrix} + C$$

At  $t=0$ , position =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

At  $t=1$ , position is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1^2}{2} + 1 \\ 3(1) + 2 \\ \frac{1^3}{3} + 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + 1 \\ 3 + 2 \\ \frac{1}{3} + 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 5 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

b)  $K(t) = \frac{\|r'(t) \times v'(t)\|}{\|r'(t)\|^3}$  or  $\frac{\|\vec{v}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|^3}$  *good*

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{t^2 + 3^2 + t^4} = \sqrt{t^4 + t^2 + 9}$$

$$\|\vec{v}'(t)\| = \frac{1}{2}(4t^3 + 2t)(t^4 + t^2 + 9)^{-1/2} = K(t)$$

At  $t=0$ ,

$$K(t=0) = \frac{1}{2}(4(0)^3 + 2(0))(0^4 + 0^2 + 9)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{X} - 2$$

c)  $\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$

$$a_T \vec{T} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} \text{ good}$$

$$\frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{t + 0 + 2t^3}{t^2 + 9 + t^4} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

At  $t=1$ ,  $a_T \vec{T} =$

$$\frac{(1) + 0 + 2(1)^3}{(1)^2 + 9 + (1)^4} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\frac{3}{11} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\frac{3}{11} + \frac{9}{11} + \frac{3}{11} = \frac{15}{11}$$

$a_T \vec{T}$  at  $t=1 = \frac{15}{11}$  X -

(4) Consider the curve parameterized by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ e^t + e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}. \quad 3 + 2 = 5$$

- (a) Determine the length of arc between parameter values  $t = 0$  and  $t = 3$ .  
 (b) Determine  $\kappa(t)$ , that is, the curvature as a function of the parameter  $t$ .

a)  $s(t) = \int_0^3 \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (e^t - e^{-t})^2} = \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} - 2e^0 + e^{-2t}}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}}$$

should be 2

$$= \int_0^3 \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}} dt$$

$$\frac{(e^t - e^{-t})(e^t - e^{-t})}{e^{2t} - e^{-2t} + e^{-2t}}$$

$$e^0 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{e^{2t} + \frac{1}{e^{2t}} + 4}{e^{2t}} = \frac{e^{4t} + 4e^{2t}}{e^{2t}}$$

$u = 2t$   
 $\frac{e^{2u} + 4e^u}{e^u} = \frac{e^{2u} + 4e^u}{e^u}$   
 $\sqrt{e^2 + 4}$

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

$$= \frac{\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^t + e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \|}{\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \|^3} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^t + e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}}{\left( \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} - 2e^0 + e^{-2t}} \right)^3}$$

$$2e^t + 2e^{-t} \hat{i} - 0 \hat{j} = 2e^t + 2e^{-t} \hat{i}$$

$$\| (2e^t + 2e^{-t}) \hat{i} \| = \sqrt{(2e^t + 2e^{-t})^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{4e^{2t} + 8e^{t-t} + 4e^{-2t}} = \sqrt{4e^{2t} + 4e^{-2t}}$$

same mistake as above

$$\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \|^3 = \left( \sqrt{2^2 + (e^t - e^{-t})^2} \right)^3 = \left( \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} - 2e^{t-t} + e^{-2t}} \right)^3 = \left( \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}} \right)^3$$

$$= 4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t} \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}}$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\sqrt{4e^{2t} + 4e^{-2t}}}{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t} \sqrt{4 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}}}$$