

## Midterm 1

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1. Given  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -3, -1, 0 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle$ .
- (3 points) Is  $\mathbf{w}$  perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$  and/or  $\mathbf{v}$ ? Explain.
  - (4 points) Calculate the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - (3 points) Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$(a) \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u} = -2 + 2 + 0 = 0$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 6 - 1 + 0 = 5$$

↳ Vectors are perpendicular only when their dot product is 0.

$\vec{w}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{u}$ , but not  $\vec{v}$ .

$$(b) \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -3 - 2 = (\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{10}) \cos \theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{50}} = \frac{-5}{5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}} \quad (\text{or the obtuse angle } = \frac{5\pi}{4})$$

$$(c) \text{Area} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{w}\|$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 10, -5, 5 \rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow \|\vec{u} \times \vec{w}\| = \|\langle 10, -5, 5 \rangle\| = \sqrt{100 + 25 + 25}$$

$$= \sqrt{150} = \boxed{5\sqrt{6} \text{ units}^2}$$

2. Let  $P = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $Q = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $R = (0, 1, 3)$ ,  $S = (1, 5, 3)$ .

- (a) (6 points) Show that  $P, Q, R$  are not collinear and find an equation of the plane containing  $P, Q, R$ .
- (b) (1 point) Show that there is no plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains all four of  $P, Q, R, S$ .
- (c) (3 points) Find a parametrization of the intersection between the plane from part (a) and the surface  $4x^2 + 2z^2 = 1$ .

(a) Not collinear:  $P, Q$  have same  $x$ -coordinate ( $x=1$ ),  $R$  doesn't ( $x=0$ ).

When 2 of 3 pts but not all 3 share the same  $x$ -coord, the 3 pts are not collinear.

↳ Also,  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PR}$  are not multiples of each other!  
(vectors found below)

$$\text{Eqn of plane: } \vec{PQ} = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$

( $\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} \neq \vec{0}$ )

$$\vec{PR} = \langle -1, 1, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle \quad (\text{normal vector})$$

↳ Eqn:  $2x - y + z = d \rightarrow 2 - 0 + 0 = d \rightarrow d = 2$

↳  $\boxed{2x - y + z = 2}$

(b) There's only one plane containing  $P, Q, R$  and it's given by the above eqn ( $P, Q, R$  aren't collinear). Thus, for  $S$  to also be coplanar, it must lie on the plane found in (a). However:  $2(1) - 5 + 3 = 0 \neq 2$ . Therefore, there's no plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing  $P, Q, R$ , and  $S$ .

(c)  $x: \frac{1}{2} \cos(t)$

$t: \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(t)$

↗ parametrization of  $4x^2 + 2z^2 = 1$

$$y = 2x + z - 2 = \cos(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(t) - 2$$

↳ Parametrization:  $\begin{cases} x: \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) \\ y: \cos(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(t) - 2 \\ z: \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(t) \end{cases}$

3. Suppose  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle e^t, \cos(\pi t), 2t \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle 3t^2, t^2, 0 \rangle$ .

(a) (5 points) Find the unit tangent vector and a parametrization of the tangent line to the curve parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}_1$  at  $t = 1$ .

(b) (5 points) Find the arc length of the curve parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}_2$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ .

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{r}'_1(t) = \langle e^t, -\pi \sin(\pi t), 2 \rangle \quad T(t) = \frac{\langle e^t, -\pi \sin(\pi t), 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{e^{2t} + \pi^2 \sin^2(\pi t) + 4}}$$

$$\mathbf{r}'_1(1) = \langle e, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$T(1) = \frac{\langle e, 0, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{e^2 + 4}} = \boxed{\left\langle \frac{e}{\sqrt{e^2 + 4}}, 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{e^2 + 4}} \right\rangle}$$

Tangent line to curve @  $t=1$ :

$$\mathbf{r}_1(1) = \langle e, -1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}'_1(1) = \langle e, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Tangent line eqn } \vec{l}(s) = \langle e + e(s), -1, 2 + 2s \rangle$$

(or more simply,  $\boxed{\vec{l}(u) = \langle e(u), -1, 2u \rangle \text{ for } u=s+1}$ )

$$(b) \quad \text{Arc length } 0 \leq t \leq 3 = \int_0^3 \|\mathbf{r}'_2(t)\| dt$$

$$\mathbf{r}'_2(t) = \langle 6t, 2t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'_2(t)\| = \sqrt{36t^2 + 4t^2} = \sqrt{40t^2} = 2\sqrt{10}t$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Arc length} = \int_0^3 2\sqrt{10}t dt = \sqrt{10}t^2 \Big|_0^3 = \sqrt{10}(9) - 0$$

$$= \boxed{9\sqrt{10}}$$

4. At  $t = 0$  a skydiver jumps out of a plane. Gravity together with some heavy winds make his velocity vector at time  $t$  equal to

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 4 \sin 2t, 4 \cos 2t, -4t \rangle.$$

- (a) (5 points) Assuming he jumped out of the plane at the initial point  $(0, 0, 8)$ , find the parametrization  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  of the curve our skydiver traverses.
- (b) (2 points) At what speed does the skydiver hit the  $xy$ -plane?
- (c) (3 points) Is the parametrization  $\mathbf{r}$  you found in part (a) the arc length parametrization? Explain why or why not.

$$(a) \vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \int \langle 4 \sin 2t, 4 \cos 2t, -4t \rangle dt = \langle -2 \cos 2t, 2 \sin 2t, -2t^2 \rangle + \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 8 \rangle = \langle -2, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{c} \Leftrightarrow \vec{c} = \langle 2, 0, 8 \rangle$$

$$\boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 - 2 \cos(2t), 2 \sin(2t), 8 - 2t^2 \rangle}$$

(b) Hits  $xy$  plane when  $z=0$ :

$$z(t) = 8 - 2t^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2t^2 = 8 \Leftrightarrow t^2 = 4 \Leftrightarrow t = \pm 2$$

But  $t \geq 0$ , so  $t = 2$

$$\text{Velocity : } \vec{v}(2) = \langle 4 \sin(4), 4 \cos(4), -8 \rangle$$

$$\text{Speed : } v(2) = \|\langle 4 \sin(4), 4 \cos(4), -8 \rangle\| = \sqrt{16+64} = \sqrt{80} = \boxed{4\sqrt{5}}$$

(c) No it is not the arc length parametrization. The arc length

parametrization traverses the curve at speed 1

whereas the  $\vec{r}(t)$  I found doesn't — rather, it traverses at speed  $4\sqrt{1+t^2}$ . For instance, as we found in (b), when  $t=2$ ,

$$\text{speed } v = 4\sqrt{5} \neq 1.$$