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**MATHEMATICS:**  
**SPECIALIST 3 & 4**

**SEMESTER 1 2017**

**TEST 3**

**Resource Free**

Reading Time: 2 minutes  
Time Allowed: 18 minutes

Total Marks: 17

1. [3, 4 marks]

(a) Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y - z & = & 4 \quad - \textcircled{1} \\ x - y + 3z & = & 10 \quad - \textcircled{2} \\ 2x - y + z & = & 11 \quad - \textcircled{3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3} & & \\ 3x & = & 15 \\ x & = & 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y - z & = & -1 \\ -y + 3z & = & 5 \\ \hline 2z & = & 4 \\ z & = & 2 \\ y & = & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x = 5 & , & y = 1 & , & z = 2 \\ \checkmark & & \checkmark & & \checkmark \end{array}$$

(b) State the number of solutions for each of the following systems of equations. In each case, interpret the system of equations geometrically.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{(i)} & 2x + 3y - z & = 5 \quad - \textcircled{1} \\ & 3x - 2y + 4z & = 7 \\ & 4x + 6y - 2z & = 8 \quad - \textcircled{3} \end{array}$$

$\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$  are parallel

No solution. ✓

Two parallel planes with 3<sup>rd</sup> plane cutting both of them. ✓

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{(ii)} & 2x + 4y - 6z & = 10 \quad - \textcircled{1} \\ & x + 2y - 3z & = 5 \quad - \textcircled{2} \\ & 5x + 3y + z & = 7 \end{array}$$

Infinite n° solutions ✓

$\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$  are same plane, being intersected by other ✓ plane.

Sol's form a line

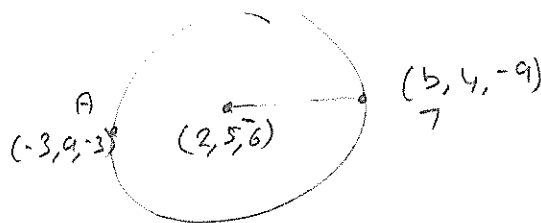
2. [2, 2 marks]

A sphere has centre  $C(2, 5, -6)$ . The points  $A(-3, a, -3)$  and  $B(b, 4, -9)$  form the diameter of the sphere.

(a) Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$a = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$b = 7 \quad \checkmark$$



(b) Determine the vector equation of the sphere.

$$r = \sqrt{25 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\left| r - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{35} \quad \checkmark$$

3. [2, 4 marks]

The points  $P(3, 5, 2)$ ,  $Q(6, 2, 5)$  and  $R(2, 6, 3)$  all lie in the plane  $\Pi$ .

(a) Determine the vectors  $PQ$  and  $PR$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Determine the normal equation of the plane,  $\Pi$ , in the form  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = c$ .

$$\underline{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Knows to use cross product}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{calculates cross product.}$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\checkmark \quad = -48 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{calculates dot product.}$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = c$$



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Total Marks: 32

4. [3, 3 marks]

A particle travels according to the equation  $\mathbf{r} = (1 - 2 \cos t)\mathbf{i} + 3 \sin t \mathbf{j}$ .

(a) State the Cartesian equation of the path of the particle.

$$x = 1 - 2 \cos t$$

$$\cos t = \frac{1-x}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

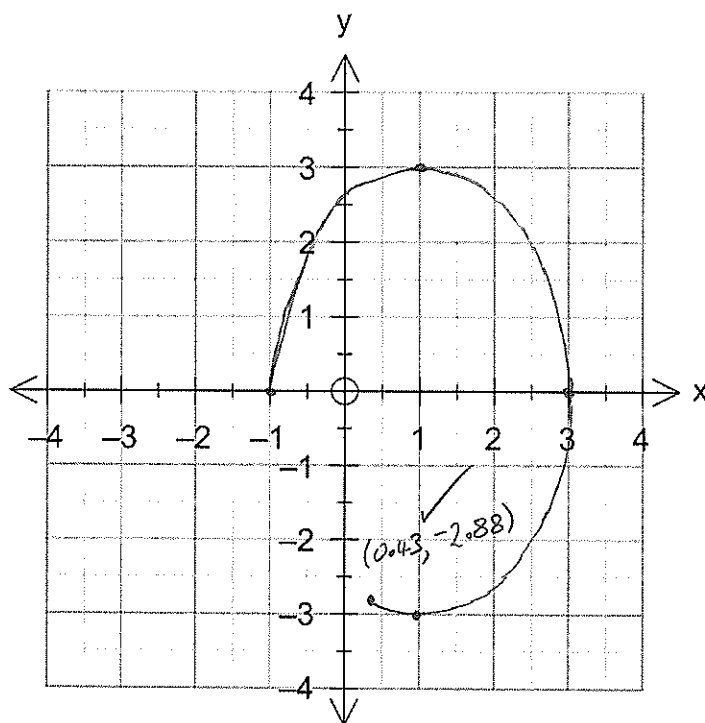
$$y = 3 \sin t$$

$$\sin t = \frac{y}{3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\left(\frac{1-x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{(1-x)^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Sketch the path of the particle for  $0 \leq t \leq 5$  on the axes below.



Smooth  $\checkmark$   
 $-1 \leq x \leq 3 \quad \checkmark$   
 $-3 \leq y \leq 3$

5. [2, 3, 2, 2 marks]

The points  $A(4, 1, 2)$ ,  $B(1, 1, -3)$  and  $C(-1, 5, 2)$  form a triangle.

(a) Determine vectors  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ .

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Using the scalar product, determine the angle between vectors  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ .  
Give your answer in radians to two decimal places.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{34} \sqrt{41} \cos \theta. \quad \checkmark \text{ uses Formula}$$
$$\checkmark \rightarrow 15 = \sqrt{34} \sqrt{41} \cos \theta$$
$$\theta = 1.16^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

(c) Using your answer from (b), determine the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{34} \sqrt{41} \sin 1.16^\circ \quad \checkmark \\ &= 17.1 \text{ sq. units} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(d) Determine the exact value of  $\frac{|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|}{2}$ , and state the geometric significance of your answer.

$$\frac{|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{1169}}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

It is the area of the triangle  $ABC$   $\checkmark$

6. [6, 4 marks]

A rocket is fired with velocity  $\begin{pmatrix} 6.5 \\ 11 \\ 2.5 \end{pmatrix}$  km/min from a point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  km from some reference point  $O$ . At exactly the same time a second rocket is fired from the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ -10 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$  km with velocity  $\begin{pmatrix} -1.5 \\ 14 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  km/min.

- (a) Show that the rockets collide, and determine the time and position at which the collision takes place.

$$\vec{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 6.5t - 8 \\ 11t + 2 \\ 2.5t + 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{i}: 6.5t - 8 = 24 - 1.5t$$

$$t = 4$$

$$\vec{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 24 - 1.5t \\ 14t - 10 \\ 7 + 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{j}: 11t + 2 = 14t - 10$$

$$t = 4$$

$$\hat{k}: 2.5t + 5 = 7 + 2t$$

$$t = 4$$

- (b) If the second rocket had ~~had~~ had a velocity of  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 12 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  km/min, determine the minimum distance that would occur between the two rockets. Give your answer to the nearest 10 metres.

$$\vec{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 6.5t - 8 \\ 11t + 2 \\ 2.5t + 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 24 - 2t \\ 12t - 10 \\ 7 + 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_A\vec{r}_B(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 8.5t - 32 \\ 12 - t \\ 0.5t - 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{dist} = \sqrt{(8.5t - 32)^2 + (12 - t)^2 + (0.5t - 2)^2}$$

$$\text{min dist} = 8.18 \text{ km}$$

7. [1, 4, 2 marks]

A plane has Cartesian equation  $3x - 2y + 4z = 6$ .

(a) Determine the normal equation for the plane.

$$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Determine the exact distance that the point  $(8, -6, 7)$  is from the plane.

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 8+3\lambda \\ -6-2\lambda \\ 7+4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8+3\lambda \\ -6-2\lambda \\ 7+4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \text{dist} = 2\sqrt{29} \quad \checkmark$$

$$24 + 9\lambda + 12 + 4\lambda + 28 + 16\lambda = 6$$

$$29\lambda = -58$$

$$\lambda = -2 \quad \checkmark$$

(c) Determine the Cartesian equation of a second plane that is parallel to the plane above, and contains the point  $(8, -6, 7)$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 24 + 12 + 28 \\ = 64 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 64 \quad \checkmark$$