

# Assignment 3

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1. Find the vector equation and the parametric equation for the line that joins  $P(1, -1, 2)$  and  $Q(3, 0, -2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_0 &= \overrightarrow{OP} = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle \\ \vec{v} &= \langle 3 - 1, 0 - (-1), -2 - 2 \rangle = \langle 2, 1, -4 \rangle \\ \vec{r} &= \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v} = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle + t\langle 2, 1, -4 \rangle = \langle 1 + 2t, -1 + t, 2 - 4t \rangle \\ x &= 1 + 2t \quad y = -1 + t \quad z = 2 - 4t\end{aligned}$$

2. Given the vector function  $r(t) = \langle t^4, t, t^2 \rangle$ , find the unit tangent vector  $T(1)$  and  $r'(t) \times r''(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}'(t) &= \langle 4t^3, 1, 2t \rangle \\ \vec{T}(t) &= \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{\langle 4t^3, 1, 2t \rangle}{\sqrt{16t^6 + 1 + 4t^2}} \\ \vec{T}(1) &= \frac{\langle 4, 1, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{16 + 1 + 4}} = \frac{\langle 4, 1, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{21}} \\ \vec{r}''(t) &= \langle 12t^2, 0, 2 \rangle \\ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4t^3 & 1 & 2t \\ 12t^2 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \langle (1)(2) - (2t)(0), (-1)(4t^3)(2) - (2t)(12t^2), (4t^3)(0) - (1)(12t^2) \rangle \\ &= \langle 2 - 2t, 16t^3, 12t^2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$