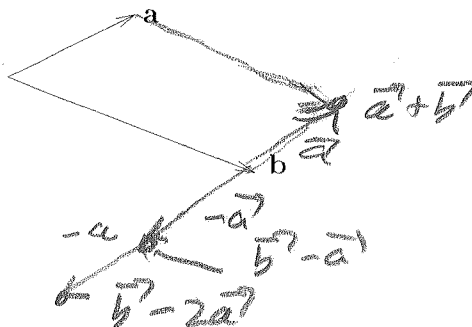


Mathematics 241 Test #1

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Show your work to get credit. An answer with no work will not get credit.

1. (5 points) In the following figure draw and label the vectors  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$ ,



2. (7 points) Find the center and radius of the sphere with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 10y + 6z = -8$$

complete  
the square

Center =  $(2, -5, -3)$

Radius =  $\sqrt{30}$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 10y + 25 + z^2 + 6z + 9 = -8 + 4 + 25 + 9$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+5)^2 + (z+3)^2 = 30 = (\sqrt{30})^2$$

3. (8 points) What is the area of the triangle with vertices's  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(0, 1, 2)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1)$ ?

If  $P = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $Q = (0, 1, 2)$   
 $R = (0, 0, 1)$

Area =  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Then  $A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{RP} \times \vec{RQ}|$

$$\vec{RP} \times \vec{RQ} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 1, -1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0, 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0 \rangle = \langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle = -\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

So Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

4. (30 points) If  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -2, -1 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{c} = \langle 4, 2, 1 \rangle$  then compute the following.

(a)  $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle 6, 4, 2 \rangle + \langle 2, -2, -1 \rangle = \langle 8, 2, 1 \rangle$

(b) The unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{a}$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{9+4+1}} = \frac{\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\frac{\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{14}} = \left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right\rangle$$

(c)  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -2, -1 \rangle = 6 - 4 - 1 = 1$

(d)  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 0, -6, 12 \rangle$

$$= \langle \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \rangle = \langle 0, -(2+4), 4+8 \rangle^{\uparrow}$$

(e)  $|\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4+4+1} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

(f)  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, -6, 12 \rangle = 0 - 12 + 12 = 0$  From (d)

(g)  $\cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{c}| \cos \theta$$

$$12 + 4 + 1 = \sqrt{9+4+1} \sqrt{16+4+1} \cos \theta$$

$$17 = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{21} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{17}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{17}{7\sqrt{6}}$$

(h) the component of  $\mathbf{c}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{a}$

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{c} = \frac{\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{17}{\sqrt{14}}$$

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(i)  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \mathbf{a}$

$$= \frac{17}{14} \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$$

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5. (5 points) What is the equation of the plane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{n} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$  and containing the point  $P(2, -5, 1)$ ?

$$\vec{n} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{P}) = 0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$2(x-2) - 3(y+5) + 5(z-1) = 0$$

$$\text{Equation is } 2(x-2) - 3(y+5) + 5(z-1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2x - 3y + 5z = 24$$

6. (8 points) Find the equation of the plane through the points  $P = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $B = (1, 0, 1)$  and  $C = (0, 1, 1)$ .

To find a normal compute

$$\vec{n} = \vec{PB} \times \vec{PC}$$

$$= \langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0, -1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0, 0 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot (-1) \rangle = \langle -1, -1, -1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Equation is } x + y + z = 2$$

so equation is

$$-1(x-1) - 1(y-1) - 1(z-1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } x + y + z = 2$$

7. (7 points) Find the parametric form of the equation of the line through  $P(1, 2, 3)$  and  $Q(6, 4, 1)$ .

The line through

$P$  and  $Q$  is

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{P} + t\vec{PQ}$$

$$= (1, 2, 3) + t(5, 2, -2)$$

$$x = 1 + 5t, y = 2 + 2t, z = 3 - 2t$$

In parametric form

$$x = 1 + 5t$$

$$y = 2 + 2t$$

$$z = 3 - 2t$$

There are other correct ans

8. (5 points) What is the vector equation of the line of intersection of the planes  $x + y = 2$  and  $y + 2z = 6$ ?

$$x + y = 2$$

$$y + 2z = 6$$

express  $x, z$  in terms of  $y$

$$x = 2 - y$$

$$z = 3 - \frac{1}{2}y$$

Now let  $y = 2t$   
to get

$$x = 2 - 2t$$

$$y = 2t$$

$$z = 3 - t$$

In vector form  
this is

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 - 2t, 2t, 3 - t \rangle$$

There are  
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9. (8 points)

(a) For vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  expand the expression  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} \\ &= |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \underline{|\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2}$$

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to show that if  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  have the same length, then  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$  are orthogonal. (Recall that two vectors are orthogonal if and only if their dot product is zero.) We just need to show  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0$

By part (a)

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 0 \quad \text{as } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$$

10. (7 points) What is the angle between the planes  $x - y = 1$  and  $3y + 3z = 14$ ?

This is the same as the angle between the normals.  $\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$   $\vec{n}_2 = \langle 0, 3, 3 \rangle$

Angle is  $\underline{\frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ rad} = 120^\circ}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 &= |\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2| \cos \theta \\ 0 - 3 + 0 &= \sqrt{2} \sqrt{18} \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{18}} = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 3\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

11. (5 points) What is the distance between the points  $P(1, 2, 3)$  and  $Q(2, -3, 5)$ ?

Distance =  $\sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (2-(-3))^2 + (3-5)^2}$  The distance is  $\underline{\sqrt{30}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 25 + 4} = \sqrt{30} \end{aligned}$$

12. (5 points) What is the symmetric form of the line through  $P(3, -2, 1)$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, 2, -3 \rangle$

The parametric form is

$$x = 3 + 4t$$

$$y = -2 + 2t$$

$$z = 1 + 3t$$

solve for  $t$

$$t = \frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-1}{3}$$

$$\underline{\frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-1}{3}}$$