

1. An equation for the plane passing through the points $(-1, 1, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$, and parallel to the z -axis is:

A. $-3x + 7y - 2z = 3$

B. $2x - z = 5$

C. $x - 2y = -3$

D. $x - y = 1$

E. $2y - z = 3$

F. $x + y + z = 2$

Such a plane is parallel to the vectors $(1, 2, 3) - (-1, 1, 2) = (2, 1, 1)$ and $(0, 0, 1)$ and therefore a normal vector would be

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1, -2, 0).$$

The only equation representing a plane with normal parallel to $(1, -2, 0)$ in the list above is C. (One easily checks that this plane contains $(-1, 1, 2)$ & $(1, 2, 3)$.)

2. Find an equation of the plane which passes through the point $(-7, 1, 8)$ and which is perpendicular to the line whose (scalar) parametric equations are:

$$x = 7 - 4t, \quad y = 2 + 2t, \quad z = -3 + t; \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

A. $2x - 4y + z = 38$

B. $2x + 7y - 3z = -71$

C. $2x - 4y + z = -28$

D. $-4x + 2y + z = 38$

E. $-4x + 2y + z = -10$

F. $-4x + 2y + z = 10$

A normal for this plane will be the direction vector of the line above, namely $(-4, 2, 1)$. One need only note that, as $(-7, 1, 8)$ belongs to

the plane, the only correct equation is D.

3. Parametric equations of the line containing $(1, 0, -5)$ and which is parallel to the two planes $x - 4y + 2z = 0$ and $-2x - 3y + z = 1$ are:

- A. $x = 1 + 2t, y = 3t, z = 5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- B. $x = 1 - 10t, y = -5t, z = -5 + 5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- ☒ C. $x = 1 - 2t, y = 5t, z = -5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- D. $x = t, y = 0, z = -5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- E. $x = 1 + 2t, y = -3t, z = -5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- F. $x = t, y = 0, z = 5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$

A direction vector d for this line must be perpendicular to both normals above.

$$\text{Hence } d = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2, -5, -11). \text{ Of}$$

course, $(-2, 5, 11)$ is a direction vector for this line as well. Since it also must contain $(1, 0, -5)$, ☒ C is correct.

4. One of the following is an equation for the plane with vector parametric description

$$v = (1, 1, 1) + s(0, 0, -1) + t(1, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Which is it?

- A. $4x + 36y - 9z = 31$
- B. $9x - 2y + 5z = 14$
- C. $9x + 18y - 11z = -40$
- ☒ D. $x - y = 0$
- E. $9x + 2y - 2z = 5$
- F. $3x - y + 2z = 0$

A normal vector is

$$(0, 0, -1) \times (1, 1, 0) =$$

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

$$= (1, -1, 0).$$

The only equation representing a plane with a normal \parallel to $(1, -1, 0)$ is ☒ D, and one can check it contains $(1, 1, 1)$.

5. Which two of the following are vector parametric descriptions for the plane with equation $x - 2y + z = 4$?

- ~~I. $v = (0, 0, 0) + s(0, 1, 2) + t(2, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbb{R}$. (The plane above does not contain $(0, 0, 0)$.)~~
 II. $v = (0, -2, 0) + s(1, 0, -1) + t(2, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.
 III. $v = (4, 0, 0) + s(1, 1, 1) + t(1, 0, 1); s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

IV. $v = (4, 0, 0) + s(1, 0, -1) + t(0, 1, 2); s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

A. I & II

B. I & III

C. I & IV

D. II & III

E. II & IV

F. III & V

When " $v = P + s v_1 + t v_2$ " is the vector parametric description of a plane, both vectors v_1 and v_2 must be perpendicular to any normal; in this case $(1, -2, 1)$.

Simple checks show that $(1, 0, -1)$, $(2, 1, 0)$, $(1, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 0, -1)$ are \perp to $(1, -2, 1)$, but $(1, 0, 1)$ is not. Hence III cannot be correct, so II & IV are correct.

6. If $A = (1, 2, 1)$, $B = (2, 2, 1)$ and $C = (1 + \sqrt{3}, 3, 1)$, find the angle $\angle BAC$.

A. $\pi/2$

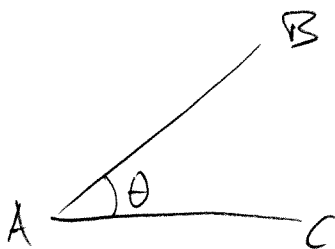
B. $\pi/3$

C. $\pi/4$

D. $\pi/6$

E. $3\pi/4$

F. $4\pi/3$



$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{(B-A) \cdot (C-A)}{\|B-A\| \|C-A\|} \\ &= \frac{(1, 0, 0) \cdot (\sqrt{3}, 1, 0)}{1 \cdot 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{Hence } \theta = \pi/6$$

7. If $u = (2, 2, 2)$ and $v = (1, 0, 1)$ then $\text{proj}_u v =$

A. $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}(2, 2, 2)$

☒ B. $\frac{1}{3}(2, 2, 2)$

C. $(2, 0, 2)$

D. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1, 0, 1)$

E. $\frac{12}{7}(3, 3, 3)$

F. $\frac{11}{7}(3, 3, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{v \cdot u}{\|u\|^2} u \\ &= \frac{4}{12} \cdot (2, 2, 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(2, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

8. Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors $u = (1, 1, -1)$, $v = (2, 0, 1)$ and $w = (1, -1, 3)$.

A. -2

B. 4

C. 6

D. 8

E. 16

F. 2

This is $|u \cdot v \times w|$. But

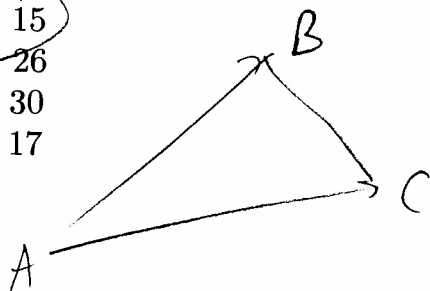
$$v \times w = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (1, -5, -2).$$

Hence the volume is $|(1, 1, -1) \cdot (1, -5, -2)|$

$$= |1 - 5 + 2| = |-2| = 2$$

9. What is the area of the triangle with vertices $(1, 0, 1)$, $(5, 4, 3)$ and $(3, 9, 3)$?

- A. 20
B. 13
C. 15
D. 26
E. 30
F. 17



The area is $\frac{1}{2} \|(B-A) \times (C-A)\|$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|(-10, -4, 28)\|$$

$$= \|(-5, -2, 14)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 4 + 196}$$

$$= \sqrt{225}$$

$$= 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 14 \\ \hline 56 \\ 140 \\ \hline 196 \end{array}$$

$$225 = 5 \cdot 45$$

$$= 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 9$$

$$= 5^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$= 15^2$$

10. Let L be the line passing through $(0, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 3, 2)$. The point of intersection of L with the plane $-x + y + z = 1$ is:

- A. $(0, 1/2, 1/2)$
B. $(-1/2, 0, 1/2)$
C. $(0, 0, 1)$
D. $(-1/2, 1/2, 0)$
E. $(0, 1, 0)$
F. $(-1, 0, -1)$

A direction vector for L is $B-A$

$= (1, 2, 1)$. Hence scalar parametric equations for L are

$$x = 0 + t$$

$$y = 1 + 2t$$

$$z = 1 + t$$

$$\text{Thus } -x + y + z = 1 \Leftrightarrow -t + (1 + 2t) + 1 + t = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2t = -1 \Leftrightarrow t = -1/2$$

$$\text{Hence } (x, y, z) = (-1/2, 0, 1/2).$$

11. Express the following complex numbers in the form $a + bi$:

$$(3+0) \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{|3|^2}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{i}{1+i} = i \frac{(1-i)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$z_2 = (2+i)(-1+i)$$

$$A. z_1 = 1+i; z_2 = -2+2i = -2-1+i$$

$$B. z_1 = -1-i; z_2 = -2+i = -3+i$$

$$C. z_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = -3+i$$

$$D. z_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = 3+i$$

$$E. z_1 = \frac{1}{4} + 2i; z_2 = 1+3i$$

$$F. z_1 = 1+i; z_2 = 2i$$

12. Find the polar form of

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{1-\sqrt{3}i}{1+i} = \frac{r_1 e^{i\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{i\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1-\theta_2)}$$

$$A. \sqrt{2}(\cos(-5\pi/12) + i \sin(-5\pi/12))$$

$$B. \sqrt{2}(\cos(11\pi/12) + i \sin(11\pi/12))$$

$$C. \sqrt{2}(\cos(-7\pi/12) + i \sin(-7\pi/12))$$

$$D. \sqrt{2}(\cos(5\pi/12) + i \sin(5\pi/12))$$

$$E. \sqrt{2}(\cos(-\pi/12) + i \sin(-\pi/12))$$

$$F. \sqrt{2}(\cos(\pi/12) + i \sin(\pi/12))$$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{1^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = 2$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}; \sin \theta_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \theta_1 = -\pi/3$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sin \theta_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \theta_2 = \pi/4$$

$$\therefore \theta_1 - \theta_2 = \pi(-1/3 - 1/4) = -\frac{7\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \therefore C \text{ is correct}$$

