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SOLUTIONS

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MATH 2415 (Spring 2014) Exam I, Feb 28

Dr. Zweck's Class

No calculators, books or notes! Show all work and give **complete explanations**. Don't spend too much time on any one problem. This 75 minute exam is worth 75 points.

(1) [12 pts]

(a) Find a vector parametrization of the line through the points  $(0, 1, 2)$  and  $(2, 4, -3)$ .

$$\vec{v} = \vec{q} - \vec{p} = (2, 4, -3) - (0, 1, 2) = (2, 3, -5)$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{p} + t\vec{v} = (0, 1, 2) + t(2, 3, -5)$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (2t, 1+3t, 2-5t)$$

(b) Find two unit vectors that are perpendicular to both of the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (-1, 1, 0)$ .

$$\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (3, -3, 3)$$

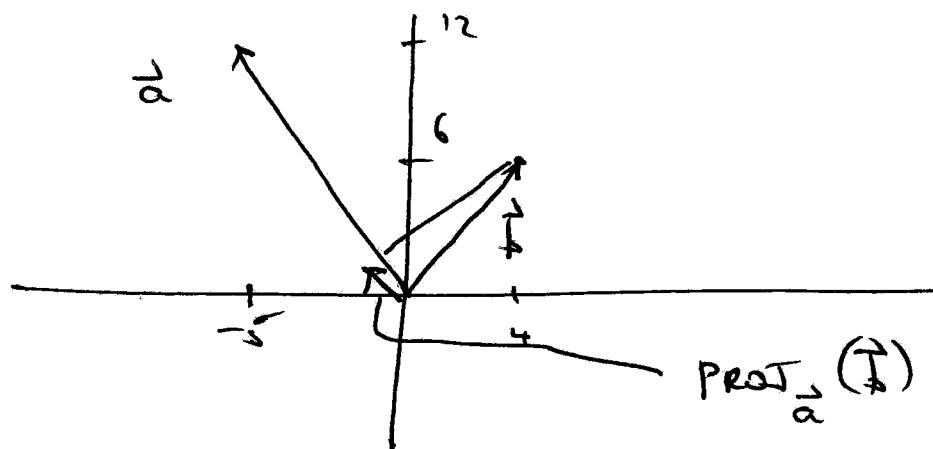
$\sim \perp$  to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$

$$\pm \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} = \pm \frac{(3, -3, 3)}{\sqrt{9+9+9}}$$

are our 2 unit vectors.

(2) [9 pts] Let  $\mathbf{a} = (-5, 12)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (4, 6)$  be two vectors in the plane.

(a) Draw a picture showing the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  together with the vector projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$ .



(b) Calculate the vector projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{PROJ}_{\mathbf{a}}(\vec{b}) &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} \\
 &= \frac{(-5, 12) \cdot (4, 6)}{(\sqrt{5^2 + 12^2})^2} (-5, 12) \\
 &= \frac{52}{169} (-5, 12) \\
 &= \frac{4}{13} (-5, 12)
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) [16 pts]

- (a) Consider the plane whose level set equation is given by  $4(x-1) + 2(y-5) + 6(z-3) = 0$ . Find a point  $\vec{p}$  and a pair of vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  so that any point  $\vec{r}$  in this plane can be written in the form  $\vec{r} = \vec{p} + s\vec{v} + t\vec{w}$  for some scalars  $s$  and  $t$ .

METHOD 1 Solve level set equation for  $z$ .

$$z = 3 - \frac{4}{6}(x-1) - \frac{2}{6}(y-5)$$

There are many correct answers!

Set  $x = s$

$y = t$

$$z = 3 - \frac{2}{3}(s-1) - \frac{1}{3}(t-5)$$

$$\text{So } \vec{r} = (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 3 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{3}) + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

METHOD 2  $\vec{n} = (4, 2, 6)$  Want  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \perp \vec{n}$ . Guess  $\vec{v} = (1, -2, 0)$  for  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$   
 $\vec{p} = (1, 5, 3)$  from  $(\vec{r} - \vec{p}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  Choose  $\vec{w} = \vec{v} \times \vec{n} = (-12, -6, 10)$

- (b) Find the level set equation of the plane through the point  $(1, 5, 2)$  that is perpendicular to the planes  $2x + y - 2z = 2$  and  $x + 3z = 4$ . Hint: If two planes are perpendicular how are their normal vectors related?

Normal vector  $\vec{n}$  to our plane is  $\perp$  to normal vectors  $\vec{n}_1 = (2, 1, -2)$  and  $\vec{n}_2 = (1, 0, 3)$  to the given planes.

$$\text{So } \vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (3, -8, -1)$$

Then  $(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  with  $\vec{r}_0 = (1, 5, 2)$  gives

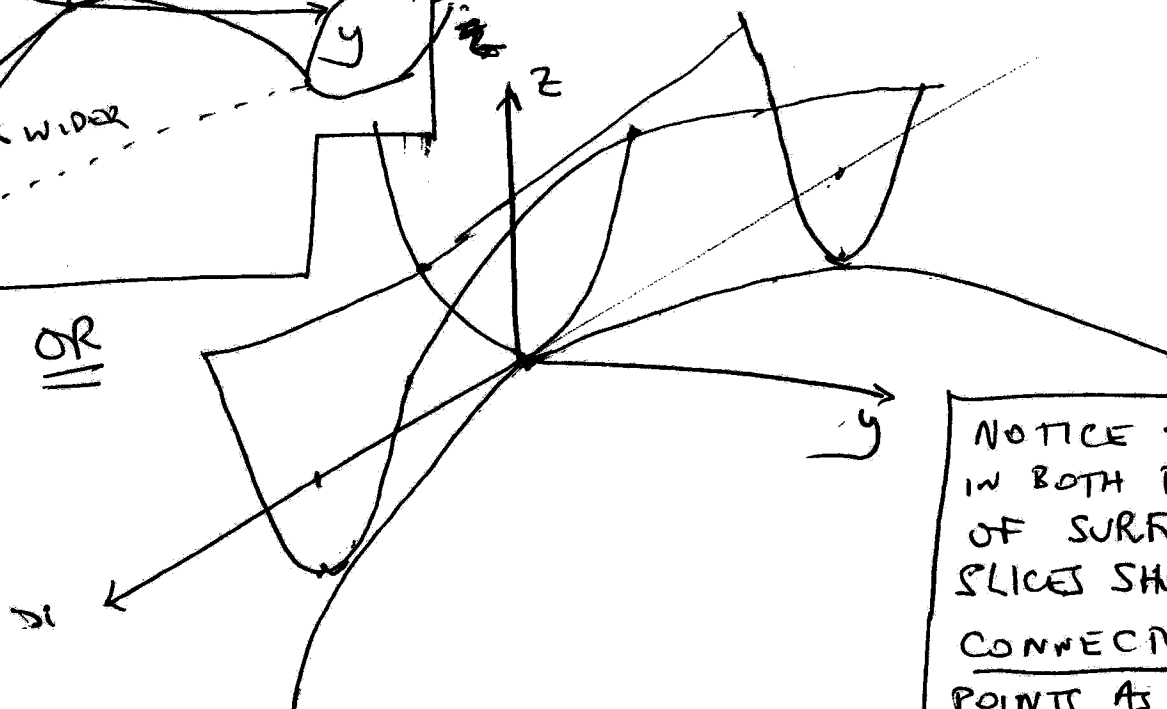
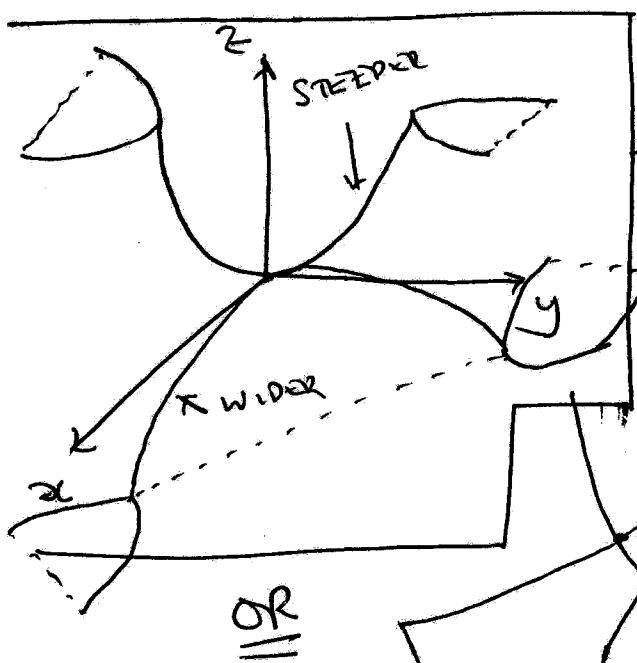
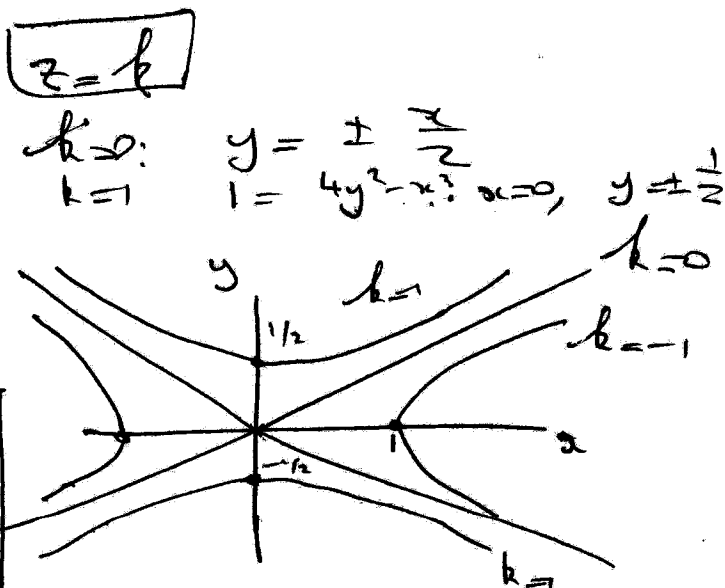
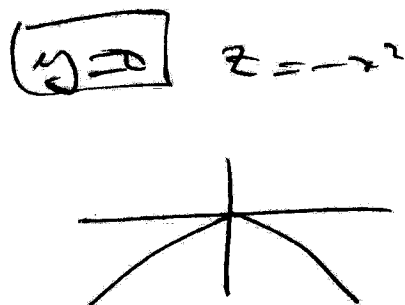
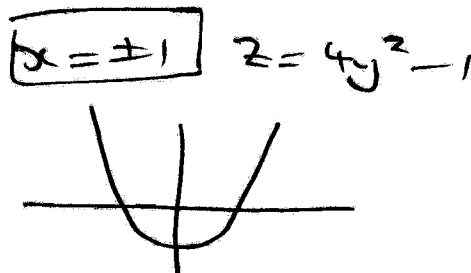
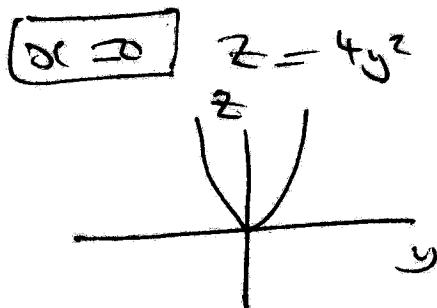
$$3(x-1) - 8(y-5) - 1(z-2) = 0$$

$$\text{IE } 3x - 8y - z = -39$$

(4) [16 pts] Make a labelled sketch of the traces of the surface

$$z = 4y^2 - x^2$$

in the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = \pm 1$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $z = k$  for  $k = 0, \pm 1$ . Then sketch the surface.



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(5) [6 pts] If  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{3}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (1, 2, 2)$ , find the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

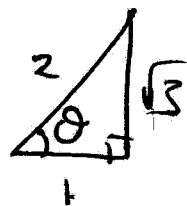
$$\sqrt{3} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$3 = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$$

So dividing these eqns gives

$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ$$



Note  $\cos 60^\circ > 0$ ,  $\sin 60^\circ > 0$  as required

(6) [16 pts] This problem concerns the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t \cos t, t \sin t, t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .

(a) Calculate the velocity vector of the curve at  $t = \pi/2$ .

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (\cos t - t \sin t, \sin t + t \cos t, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(\pi/2) = (-\pi/2, 1, 1)$$

(b) Find a formula for the speed of the curve as a function of time.

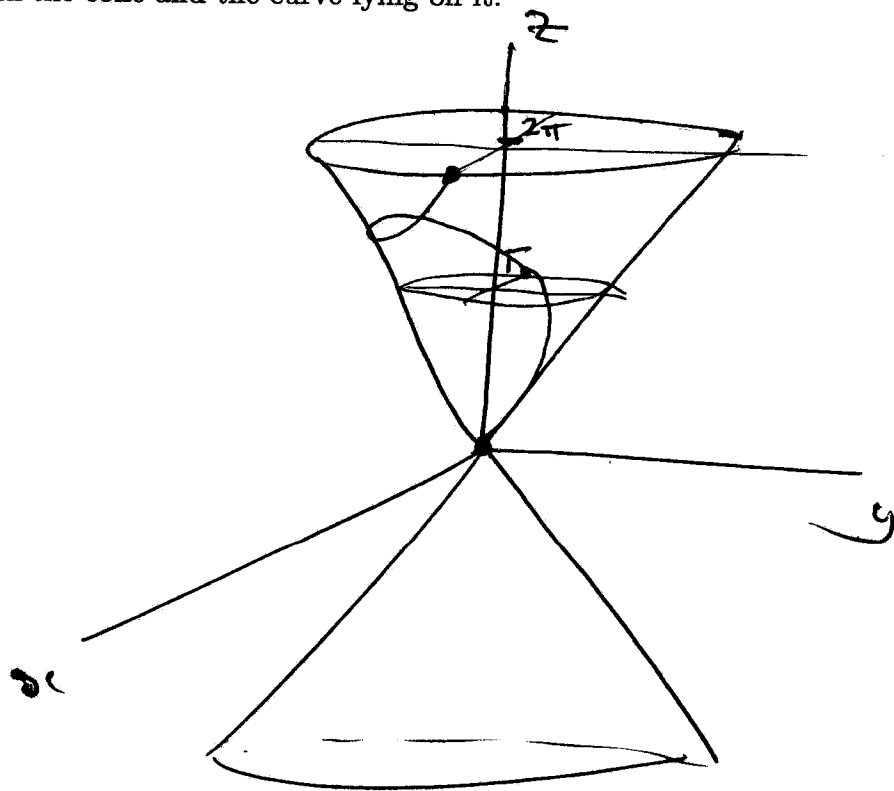
$$\begin{aligned} s(t) = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{(\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + (\sin t + t \cos t)^2 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{\cos^2 t + t^2 \sin^2 t + \sin^2 t + t^2 \cos^2 t + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{2 + t^2} \end{aligned}$$

This problem concerns the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t \cos t, t \sin t, t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .

(c) Show that the curve lies on the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= (t \cos t)^2 + (t \sin t)^2 \\ &= t^2 = z^2 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Sketch the cone and the curve lying on it.



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*On my honor, I pledge that I have neither given nor received any aid on this exam.*

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