

Math 32A - Quiz 1, Tuesday

October 14, 2025

1 Preamble

This is the first quiz of the class, you may not use any outside materials besides your “cheat sheet” on a standard notecard. Irrational numbers do not need to be expanded (e.g. 2π is preferred as an answer to 6.28... and $\cos(27^\circ)$ is preferred to .891...). You have 20 minutes to answer all questions, show your work.

2 Problems

1. If \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} are two vectors which satisfy

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{6}, \|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{2}$$

and such that the angle between \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} is 150 degrees ($5\pi/6$ radians), calculate the values

- (i) $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$
- (ii) $\|\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}\|$
- (iii) $\|2\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w}\|$

2. Find an equation of the plane containing the three points

$$P = (2, -3, -1),$$

$$Q = (4, 7, 1),$$

$$R = (1, 1, 1).$$

Additional paper for work: