

MA 261 QUIZ 1

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If you do not know how to do any one of these problems, circle “(E) I don’t know” as your answer choice. You will receive two points for doing that. Each problem is worth five points. You get two points for writing your full name and three points for writing your section number.

Problem 1.1. Find a pair of unit vectors \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 which make a 60° angle with $\mathbf{v} = \langle \sqrt{3}, 1 \rangle$.

- (A) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \langle -\sqrt{3}, -1 \rangle$.
- (B) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\rangle$.
- (C) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \langle \sqrt{3}, -1 \rangle$.
- (D) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$.
- (E) I don’t know.

Problem 1.2. Find the area of the triangle with vertices at $(2, 1, 1)$, $(1, 2, 1)$, and $(1, 1, 2)$.

- (A) $7/2$.
- (B) $3/2$.
- (C) $\sqrt{2}$.
- (D) $\sqrt{3}/2$.
- (E) I don’t know.

Problem 1.3. Find the equation of the line passing through the points $(1, -2, 1)$ and $(2, 3, -1)$.

- (A) $x + 5y + 2z = -7$
- (B) $x + 5y - 2z = -11$
- (C) $-x + 5y + z = -10$
- (D) $x + y + z = 0$
- (E) I don’t know.