

EXAMINATION COVERSHEET
Autumn 2023 Quiz 2



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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS FOR THE EXAM

1. Please note that subject lecturer/tutor will be unavailable during exams. *If there is a doubt in any of the exam questions i.e. problem solving etc. students should proceed by assuming values etc. Students should mention their assumption on the question paper.*
2. Answers must be written (and drawn) in black or blue ink
3. Any mistakes must be crossed out. Whitener and ink erasers must not be used.
4. Answer ALL/ 4 questions. The marks for each question are shown next to each question.
5. Total marks: 40.



(10pts) **Problem 1**

Solve the quadratic equation and give the answer in the form $a + ib$

$$z^2 - (1 - 4i)z - (5 - i) = 0.$$

Solution

$$z^2 - (1 - 4i)z - (5 - i) = 0.$$

$$a = 1, \quad b = -(1 - 4i) \quad \text{and} \quad c = -(5 - i).$$

The solutions are given by

$$z = \frac{(1 - 4i) \pm \sqrt{(1 - 4i)^2 + 4(5 - i)}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{(1 - 4i) \pm \sqrt{5 - 12i}}{2}. \quad [5 \text{ points}]$$

Next, we need to find $\sqrt{5 - 12i}$. Put

$$\sqrt{5 - 12i} = a + ib \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + ib)^2 &= 5 - 12i \Leftrightarrow \\ a^2 + 2iab - b^2 &= 5 - 12i \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 - b^2 = 5 \\ ab = -6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = 3 \text{ and } b = -2. \quad (\text{Using the sign convention})$$

$$\sqrt{5 - 12i} = 3 - 2i. \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

$$z_1 = \frac{(1 - 4i) + 3 - 2i}{2} = 2 - 3i \text{ and } z_2 = \frac{(1 - 4i) - (3 - 2i)}{2} = -1 - i. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

(10pts) **Problem 2**

Which pairs from the following list of planes are perpendicular to one another?

$$x + \sqrt{3}z = 1, \quad x + \sqrt{3}y = 2, \quad \sqrt{3}x + y - z = 3$$

Solution

Denote by \vec{n}_1 , \vec{n}_2 and \vec{n}_3 the normal vectors of these planes respectively.

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 0, \sqrt{3} \rangle, \quad \vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, \sqrt{3}, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{n}_3 = \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, -1 \rangle \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, 0, \sqrt{3} \rangle \cdot \langle 1, \sqrt{3}, 0 \rangle = 1 \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_3 = \langle 1, 0, \sqrt{3} \rangle \cdot \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, -1 \rangle = 0 \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\vec{n}_2 \cdot \vec{n}_3 = \langle 1, \sqrt{3}, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, -1 \rangle = 2\sqrt{3} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

So the only two planes that are perpendicular are

$$x + \sqrt{3}z = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{3}x + y - z = 3 \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

(10pts) **Problem 3**

(A) Let \vec{u} and \vec{v} be two vectors such that $\|\vec{u}\| = \frac{1}{2}$, $\|\vec{v}\| = 2$ and $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} . Find $\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|$.

Solution of (A)

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 &= (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \\&= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\&= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\&= \frac{1}{4} - \sqrt{2} + 4 \\&= \frac{17}{4} - \sqrt{2} = 2.8358\end{aligned}$$

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\frac{17}{4} - \sqrt{2}} = 1.6840 \quad [5 \text{ points}]$$

(B) A video store sells videos, tapes, CDs, and computer games. We define the quantity vector $\vec{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$, where q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 denote the quantities sold of each of the items, and the price vector $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$, where p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 denote the price per unit of each item. What does the dot product $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$ represent?

Solution of (B)

The dot product is

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = p_1q_1 + p_2q_2 + p_3q_3 + p_4q_4.$$

The quantity p_1q_1 represents the revenue received by the store for the videos, p_2q_2 represents the revenue for the tapes, and so on.

The dot product represents the total revenue received by the store for the sale of these four items. [5 points]

(10pts)**Problem 4**

Find parametric equations for the line of intersection of the planes $4x + 4y - 2z = 9$ and $2x + y + z = -3$.

Solution

Let \vec{n}_1 and \vec{n}_2 be the two normal vectors of the planes respectively.

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 4, 4, -2 \rangle, \quad \vec{n}_2 = \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle.$$

A direction vector of the line of intersection is

$$\vec{u} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 4 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 6, -8, -4 \rangle \quad [4 \text{ points}].$$

Now to find a point on the line of intersection, we put $z = 0$ to get

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 4y = 9 \\ 2x + y = -3 \end{cases}$$

Solution is: $\left[x = -\frac{21}{4}, y = \frac{15}{2}\right]$. Thus $\left(-\frac{21}{4}, \frac{15}{2}, 0\right)$ is a point on the line of intersection. The parametric equations are

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{21}{4} + 6t \\ y = \frac{15}{2} - 8t \\ z = -4t \end{cases} \quad [6 \text{ points}]$$

