

Midterm Exam I  
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**Problem(1) [18 points]:** Let  $\vec{v} = (2, -1, 1)$  and  $\vec{w} = (2, 6, 1)$ . Compute the following:

a) Find the magnitude of  $(4\vec{v} - \vec{w})$

$$4\vec{v} - \vec{w} = 4\langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle - \langle 2, 6, 1 \rangle = \langle 8, -4, 4 \rangle - \langle 2, 6, 1 \rangle \\ = \langle 6, -10, 3 \rangle$$

$$\|4\vec{v} - \vec{w}\| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-10)^2 + 3^2} \\ = \sqrt{36 + 100 + 9} = \sqrt{145}$$

b) Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 4 - 6 + 1 = -1$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{6}, \quad \|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{4 + 36 + 1} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{41}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{246}}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{246}}\right)$$

c) Find  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \\ = \vec{i}(-1-6) - \vec{j}(2-2) + \vec{k}(12+2) \\ = -7\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 14\vec{k} \\ = \langle -7, 0, 14 \rangle$$

Problem(2) [12 points]:

Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $P(1, 4, 6)$ ,  $Q(-2, 5, -1)$  and  $R(1, -1, 1)$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -2, 5, -1 \rangle - \langle 1, 4, 6 \rangle = \langle -3, 1, -7 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle - \langle 1, 4, 6 \rangle = \langle 0, -5, -5 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -3 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -5 & -5 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-5 - 35) - \vec{j} |15 + 0| + \vec{k} |15 - 0|$$

$$= -40\vec{i} - 15\vec{j} + 15\vec{k} = \langle -40, -15, 15 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}\| = \sqrt{1600 + 225 + 225}$$

$$= \sqrt{2050}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of triangle } PQR = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2050}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{2} \sqrt{82}}$$

Problem(3) [12 points]:

Find the equation of the plane through the point  $(4, -2, 3)$  and parallel to the plane  $3x - 7z = 12$ .

We have  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (4, -2, 3)$

and normal vector of the plane  $3x - 7z = 12$  is

$$\vec{n} = \langle 3, 0, -7 \rangle$$

Since the planes are parallel, the normal vector of required plane is  $\vec{n} = \langle 3, 0, -7 \rangle$

Thus, Eq<sup>n</sup> of plane

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$3(x - 4) + 0(y + 2) + (-7)(z - 3) = 0$$

$$3x - 12 - 7z + 21 = 0$$

$$\boxed{3x - 7z + 9 = 0}$$

Problem(4) [10 points]:

Express each of the following sets in spherical coordinates:

i)  $4 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 16$ .

$$2 \leq \rho \leq 4$$

ii)  $y \leq 0$

$$\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

iii)  $z \leq 0$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Problem(5) [12 points]:

Match ups. Here are some equations:

a)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

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

c)  $z = 2x - 4y$

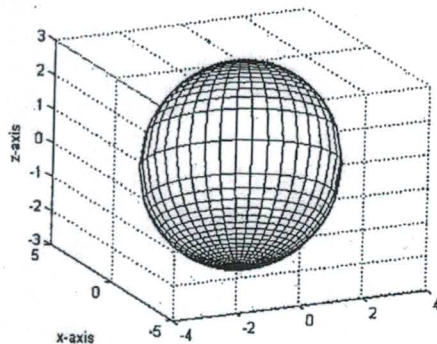
d)  $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 0$

e)  $x = y^2$

f)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 16$

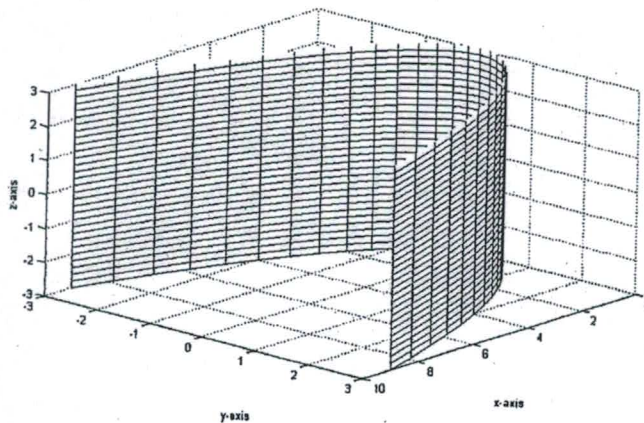
g)  $z^2 - y^2 - x^2 = 0$

For each of the next four surfaces, determine which equation above determines it.



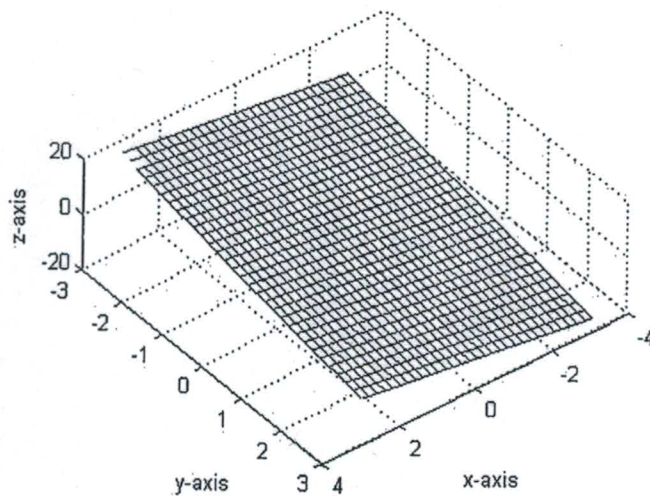
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a)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$



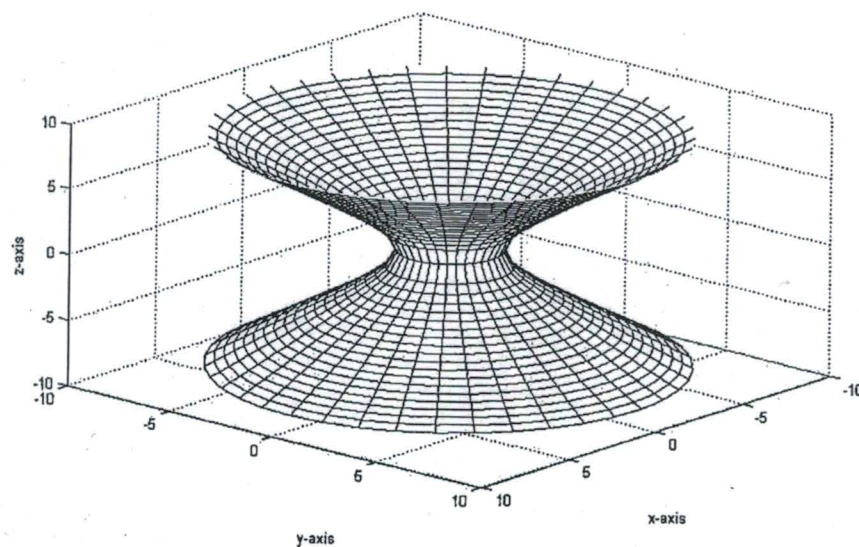
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e)  $x = y^2$



©  $z = 2x - 4y$

C



D

Ⓕ  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 16$

or,  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 + 16$



Problem(6) [15 points]

Find the unit tangent, unit normal and binormal vectors for the circular helix:  $\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \vec{i} + \sin t \vec{j} + t \vec{k}$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit tangent vector } \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{T}'(t)\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unit normal vector } \vec{N}(t) &= \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\ &= \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Binormal vector } \vec{B}(t) = \vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\cos t & -\sin t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \left( 0 + \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \vec{j} \left( 0 + \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \vec{k} \left( \frac{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

Problem(7) [15 points]:

Calculate the curvature of  $r(t) = (2\sin t, 1, 2\cos t)$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2\cos t, 0, -2\sin t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle -2\sin t, 0, -2\cos t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2\cos t & 0 & -2\sin t \\ -2\sin t & 0 & -2\cos t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2\sin t \\ 0 & -2\cos t \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2\cos t & -2\sin t \\ -2\sin t & -2\cos t \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2\cos t & 0 \\ -2\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(0 - 4\sin^2 t) - \vec{j}(4\cos^2 t - 4\sin^2 t) + \vec{k} \cdot 0$$

$$= 0\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 0\vec{k} = \langle 0, 4, 0 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = \sqrt{0 + 16 + 0} = \boxed{4}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{4\cos^2 t + 0 + 4\sin^2 t} = \boxed{2}$$

$$\text{Thus, Curvature } k = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{2^3} = \frac{4}{8} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$



Problem(8) [6 points]: Short answer and multiple choice:

a) Let  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  be any two linear vectors. Which of the following is always true?.

i)  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$ , ii)  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \vec{0}$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \vec{0}$$

b) Which has larger curvature, a circle with radius 40cm or a circle with radius 4cm?

A circle with radius  $4\text{cm}$