Fall 2024

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Do all problems and give the **process** of your solution.

1. (20 points) Given two planes 3x + 2y - z = 0 and x - 2y + 3z = 0,

(a). Find the angle between them.

Solution.  $n_1 = < 3, 2, -1 > and n_2 = < 1, -2, 3 >$ 

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{n_1} \cdot \mathbf{n_2}}{|\mathbf{n_1}||\mathbf{n_2}|} = \frac{3 \times 1 + 2 \times (-2) + (-1) \times 3}{\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{-2}{7}$$
$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-2}{7}\right) \approx 106.6^{\circ}$$

(b). Find the equation of the intersection line between them.

**Solution.** A point: Let z = 0 and solve 3s + 2y = 0 and x - 2y = 0 gives x = y = 0. So we get a point (0, 0, 0) in the plane. To get a direction,

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n_1} \times \mathbf{n_2} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}$$

So the parametric equation is  $\gamma(t) = \langle 4t, -10t, -8t \rangle$ .

2. (20 points) Given the three points P(1,1,1), Q(1,3,2), and R(2,1,3) in space,

(a.) Find the area of the triangle with the vertecies P, Q, and R. Solution.  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = <0, 2, 1 >$  and  $\overrightarrow{PR} = <1, 0, 2 >$ 

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

The area of the triangle is

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}\| = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{21}$$

(b.) Find the equation of the plane that contains the points P, Q and R. Solution.

$$\mathbf{n} = \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$
$$4(x-1) + (y-1) - 2(z-1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x + y - 2z = 3$$

3. (15 points) Given the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, 2, -1 \rangle$ , find the unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{a}$ .

Solution.

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2}} < 2, 2, -1 > = <\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} >$$

4. (15 points) Find parametric equation for the tangent line to the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2 - 1, t^2 + 1, t + 1 \rangle$  at the point when t = 0.

**Solution.** When t = 0, x = -1, y = 1 and z = 1.  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 2t, 2t, 1 \rangle$ .  $\mathbf{r}'(0) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$ . The parametric equation of the tangent line is: x = -1, y = 1, z = 1 + t

 $\operatorname{Or}$ 

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -1, 1, 1+t \rangle$$

5. (15 points) Compute the arc-length of the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$  over  $0 \le t \le 1$ . Solution.  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$ .

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$
$$s = \int_0^1 \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{2} dt = \sqrt{2}$$

6 (15 points). Let  $z = \ln(x^2 + xy + y^4)$ . Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ .

Solution.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2x+y}{x^2+xy+y^4}, \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{x+4y^3}{x^2+xy+y^4}$$