

SOLUTIONS

Midterm 1

Calculus III Section 8 - Fall 2013

- The use of class notes, book, formulae sheet, calculator is **not permitted**.
- In order to get full credit, you **must**:
 - a) get the **correct answer**, and
 - b) **show all your work** and/or explain the reasoning that lead to that answer.
- Answer the questions **in the spaces provided** on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on the back of the page.
- Please make sure the solutions you hand in are **legible and lucid**. You may only use techniques we have developed in class.
- You have **one hour and fifteen minutes** to complete the exam.
- Do not forget to write your name and UNI in the space provided below and on the bottom of the last page.

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Enjoy the exam, and good luck!

Exercise 1. [15 points] Consider the planes $\pi_1: 2x - y + 3z = 1$ and $\pi_2: x + 5y + z = 3$.

- a) Show that the two planes are perpendicular to each other, i.e., their normal vectors are perpendicular.

Normal $\eta_1 = \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$

" $\eta_2 = \langle 1, 5, 1 \rangle$

$\eta_1 \perp \eta_2$ because $\eta_1 \cdot \eta_2 = 2 - 5 + 3 = 0$

- b) Find the parametric equations of the line where the two planes intersect.

We put the two equations together to solve them at the same time:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + 3z = 1 & \rightarrow y = -1 + 2x + 3z \\ x + 5y + z = 3 & \rightarrow x + 5(-1 + 2x + 3z) + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$x + 5(-1 + 2x + 3z) + z = 3$$

$$19x + 16z = 8$$

$$x = \frac{8 - 16z}{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= -1 + 2x + 3z \\ &= -1 + \frac{2}{19}(8 - 16z) + 3z \\ &= \frac{5}{19} + \frac{1}{19}z \end{aligned}$$

Param eqn: $\boxed{x = \frac{8}{19} - \frac{16}{19}z, \quad y = \frac{5}{19} + \frac{1}{19}z, \quad z = z \quad (z \in \mathbb{R})}$

- c) Find a plane π_3 that is perpendicular to both π_1 and π_2 , passing through the point $(2, 1, 1)$. (Hint: Use the previous item).

$\pi_1 \perp \pi_2$ The direction of the line L from (b) is $\vec{r} = \langle -16, 1, 19 \rangle$

By construction $\vec{r} \perp \eta_1$ and $\vec{r} \perp \eta_2$

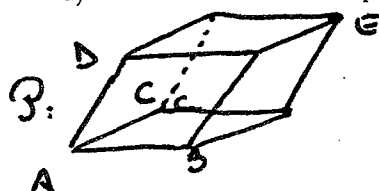
So the plane π_3 has normal $\vec{r}$ & passes through $(2, 1, 1)$.

It's equation is $-16(x-2) + (y-1) + 19(z-1) = 0$

$$\boxed{-16x + y + 19z = 18}$$

Exercise 2. [20 points] Let $A = (0, 1, -1)$, $B = (2, 3, 0)$ and $C = (2, 2, -2)$ and $D = (-3, -1, -1)$ be four points in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

- a) Find the volume of the parallelepiped formed by edges AB , AC and AD .



$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AB} &= \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle \\ \overline{AC} &= \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle \\ \overline{AD} &= \langle -3, -2, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}Vol(P) &= |\overline{AB} \cdot (\overline{AC} \times \overline{AD})| = |\langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle -2, 3, -1 \rangle| = |-4 + 6 - 1| \\ &= |-1| = 1 \\ \overline{AC} \times \overline{AD} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -2\hat{i} - (-3)\hat{j} + (-1)\hat{k} = \langle -2, 3, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

- b) Find the coordinates of the point E opposite to A in this parallelepiped.

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AE} &= \overline{AB} + \overline{AC} + \overline{AD} \\ &= \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, 1, -1 \rangle = \boxed{\langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle}$$

- c) Find the angle $\angle CAE$.

$$\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{AE} = |\overline{AC}| \cdot |\overline{AE}| \cos(\angle CAE)$$

$$|\overline{AC}| = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\overline{AE}| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{AE} = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\angle CAE) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAE = 30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

- d) Find the area of the triangle with vertices C , A and E .

$$2 \text{ Area } \triangle = |\overline{AC} \times \overline{AE}| = |\overline{AC}| \cdot |\overline{AE}| \underbrace{\sin 30^\circ}_{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{6} \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Area } \triangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

($2 \text{ Area } \triangle = \text{area parallelogram with edges } \overline{AC} \text{ and } \overline{AE}$).

Exercise 3. [10 points]

Assume $\vec{r} \neq \vec{0}$.

a) Prove that $\text{Proj}_{\vec{r}}(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$ if and only if $\vec{u}$ is orthogonal to $\vec{r}$.

$$\Rightarrow) \text{By def, } \text{Proj}_{\vec{r}}(\vec{u}) = \left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2} \right) \vec{r} = \vec{0}$$

Since $\vec{r} \neq \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{r} = 0$ and is orthogonal to $\vec{r}$

$$(\Leftarrow) \text{ If } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{r} = 0, \text{ then } \text{Proj}_{\vec{r}}(\vec{u}) = 0 \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{0}$$

by the formula above.

b) Show that if $\vec{u} - 2\vec{r}$ and $\vec{u} + \vec{r}$ are perpendicular, then the vectors $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{r}$ have the same length.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By def, } (\vec{u} - 2\vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{r}) &= 2(|\vec{u}|^2 - |\vec{r}|^2) \\ &+ \underbrace{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{r} - \vec{r} \cdot \vec{u}}_{=0} = 2(|\vec{u}|^2 - |\vec{r}|^2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{u}|^2 = |\vec{r}|^2$$

Both numbers are positive, so $|\vec{u}| = |\vec{r}|$.

Exercise 4. [20 points] True/False. Justify your answer with a proof if true, or a counterexample if false.

a) $|\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| + 4|\vec{v}|$.

FALSE

$$\vec{u} = \langle 1 \ 0 \ 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1 \ 1 \ 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} - 2\vec{v} = \langle -1, -2, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{2}, \quad |\vec{u}| = 1$$

$$|\vec{u} - 2\vec{v}| = \sqrt{5}$$

and $\sqrt{5} \neq 1 + \sqrt{2}$.

b) $|\vec{u} \times \vec{w}|^2 = |\vec{w}|^2|\vec{u}|^2 - (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u})^2$.

TRUE $|\vec{u} \times \vec{w}|^2 = \langle \vec{u} \times \vec{w} \rangle \cdot \langle \vec{u} \times \vec{w} \rangle = 0 = |\vec{u}|^2 |\vec{w}|^2 \sin^2 \theta$

where θ is angle between $\vec{u}$ & $\vec{w}$.

$$|\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}|^2 = |\vec{u}|^2 |\vec{w}|^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{w}|^2 |\vec{u}|^2 - (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u})^2 = |\vec{u}|^2 |\vec{w}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) = |\vec{u}|^2 |\vec{w}|^2 \sin^2 \theta = |\vec{u} \times \vec{w}|^2.$$

c) The surface $z - 3x = 2z + 4y$ is a cylindrical surface.

TRUE The surface is the plane: $3x + 4y + z = 0$, so it's a cylindrical surface. The line with direction $\langle 1, 0, -3 \rangle$ passing through $(0, 0, 0)$ is a ruling of the surface.

Also: All z -traces are lines parallel to $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{3}y$ which is a line in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

d) The vectors $\vec{u} = -\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{w} = -2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

FALSE It suffices to compute the volume of the parallelepiped $(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w})$.

$$\text{Vol} = |\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{the vectors are coplanar}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -7\hat{i} - (9-2)\hat{j} + (-21)\hat{k} = 7 \langle -1, -1, -3 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})| = 7 |\langle -1, 5, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, -1, -3 \rangle| = 7 |1 - 5 - 12| = 7 | -16 | \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$ They are not coplanar.

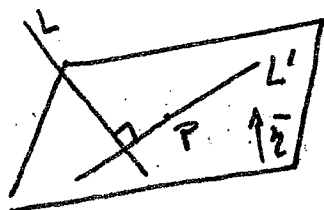
Exercise 5. [15 points] Given the plane $\pi: x - 2y - z = 4$, the point $P = (1, -2, 1)$ and the line

$L: \begin{cases} x = 2 + 2t \\ y = -3 - 2t \\ z = 3 + 4t \end{cases} \quad (\text{with } t \in \mathbb{R})$

Find the line L' that satisfies the following three conditions:

- passes through the point P ,
- L' lies in the plane π , and
- L' is perpendicular to L .

We draw a picture:



First, we check that $P \in \pi$ because

$$1 + 4 - 1 = 4.$$

We need:

• The direction of L' is $\perp$ to the normal of π $\vec{n} = \langle 1, -2, -1 \rangle$

• The direction of L' is $\perp$ to the direction $\vec{v}$ of L .

We find $\vec{v}$ from the param. equations of L : $\vec{v} = \langle 2, -2, 4 \rangle$, can take $\langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle$.

$\Rightarrow$ The direction of L' is $\langle 1, -2, -1 \rangle \times \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -5\hat{i} - (-3)\hat{j} + \hat{k} = \langle -5, -3, 1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow L' : \frac{x-1}{-5} = \frac{y+2}{-3} = \frac{z-1}{1} \quad (\text{symm. eqs.})$$

Need to check $L' \cap L \neq \emptyset$ (otherwise they'll be skew).

$L \cap L'$: Plug param. eqs. of L in L' :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-1}{-5} &= \frac{2+2t-1}{-5} = \frac{1+2t}{-5} \\ \frac{y+2}{-3} &= \frac{-3-2t+2}{-3} = \frac{-1-2t}{-3} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3(1+2t) = -5(-1-2t) \\ 3+6t = -5-10t \\ 8 = -16t \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$3-1 = 3+4t-1 \Rightarrow 3-1 = 3-2-1 = 0$$

$$\frac{x-1}{-5} = \frac{1+2t}{-5} = \frac{1-1}{-5} = \frac{0}{-5} = 0 \Rightarrow L \cap L' \neq \emptyset \quad \text{In fact, it's the point } (1, -2, 1)?$$

