

Show all work. Supply explanations when necessary.

1. (4 points) Let  $\vec{w} = -3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Find a vector of magnitude 6 in the direction opposite of  $\vec{w}$ .

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{9+1+16} = \sqrt{26} \quad -\vec{w}$$

$$-\frac{6}{\sqrt{26}} \vec{w} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{26}} (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$$

2. (8 points) Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the points  $(3, 5, -2)$  and  $(5, 3, -6)$ , respectively.

- (a) Find the midpoint of the line segment connecting  $P$  and  $Q$ .

$$R \left( \frac{3+5}{2}, \frac{5+3}{2}, \frac{-2-6}{2} \right)$$

$$R (4, 4, -4)$$

- (b) Find a nonzero vector that is orthogonal to  $\vec{PQ}$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{u} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{PQ} = 2 + 2 - 4 = 0$$

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- (c) Find a set of parametric equations for the line passing through the midpoint of segment  $PQ$  and parallel to the vector you found in part (b).

$$\vec{u} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$R (4, 4, -4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 4 + t \\ y &= 4 - t \\ z &= -4 + t \end{aligned}$$

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3. (6 points) Forces with magnitudes of 500 lb and 200 lb act on a machine part at angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $-45^\circ$ , respectively, with the positive  $x$ -axis. Find the magnitude of the resultant force.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_1 &= 500 \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 500 \sin 30^\circ \hat{j} = 250\sqrt{3} \hat{i} + 250 \hat{j} \\ \vec{F}_2 &= 200 \cos(-45^\circ) \hat{i} + 200 \sin(-45^\circ) \hat{j} = 100\sqrt{2} \hat{i} - 100\sqrt{2} \hat{j} \\ \|\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2\| &= \sqrt{(250\sqrt{3} + 100\sqrt{2})^2 + (250 - 100\sqrt{2})^2} \\ &\approx \boxed{584.6 \text{ lbs}}\end{aligned}$$

4. (12 points) Consider the triangle with vertices  $A(5, 3, 1)$ ,  $B(3, 2, 3)$ , and  $C(-4, -1, 2)$ .

- (a) Compute  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$ .

$$\vec{AB} = -2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = -9\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ -9 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{7\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - \hat{k}}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}\| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{49 + 256 + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{306}}{2} \approx \boxed{8.75}$$

- (c) Find an equation of the plane containing  $\triangle ABC$ .

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = 7\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Point } A(5, 3, 1)$$

$$7(x-5) - 16(y-3) - (z-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{7x - 16y - z = -14}$$

5. (8 points) Consider the planes described by the following equations.

$$2x - 3y - z = -5 \quad \text{and} \quad 6x - 9y - 3z = 18$$

- (a) Are the planes parallel? Explain.

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = 6\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

PLANES ARE PARALLEL

SINCE  $3\vec{n}_1 = \vec{n}_2$ .

- (b) Find the distance between the planes.

PLANE 1:  $2x - 3y - z = -5$       PLANE 2:  $2x - 3y - z = 6$

↑ Say  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$   
IS ON THIS PLANE

$$\text{DISTANCE} = \frac{|2x_0 - 3y_0 - z_0 - 6|}{\sqrt{4 + 9 + 1}} = \frac{|-5 - 6|}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{11}{\sqrt{14}}$$

6. (6 points) Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{v} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{-8 + 0 + 18}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 36} \sqrt{16 + 9}} = \frac{10}{5\sqrt{41}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{41}} \Rightarrow \theta \approx 71.8^\circ$$

$\approx 2.94$

7. (4 points) Find the domain of the vector-valued function

$$\vec{f}(t) = \sqrt{t+2}\hat{i} + (5\cos t)\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sin t}\hat{k}$$

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 $t \geq -2$              $t \in \mathbb{R}$              $\sin t \neq 0$

$$\{t : t \geq -2 \text{ AND } t \text{ IS NOT A MULTIPLE OF } \pi\}$$

8. (6 points) Suppose  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (\sec^2 t)\hat{i} + (\sin t)\hat{j} + 5e^{-2t}\hat{k}$ . Find  $\vec{r}(t)$  if  $\vec{r}(0) = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ .

$$\vec{r}(t) = (\tan t + c_1)\hat{i} + (-\cos t + c_2)\hat{j} + \left(-\frac{5}{2}e^{-2t} + c_3\right)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} = c_1\hat{i} + (c_2 - 1)\hat{j} + \left(c_3 - \frac{5}{2}\right)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 4, c_2 = 3, c_3 = -\frac{11}{2}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (4 + \tan t)\hat{i} + (3 - \cos t)\hat{j} + \left(-\frac{11}{2} - \frac{5}{2}e^{-2t}\right)\hat{k}$$

9. (10 points) Consider the surface described by the equation  $2z^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 4$ .

- (a) Identify the surface.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2z^2 + 4$$

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ONE SHEET

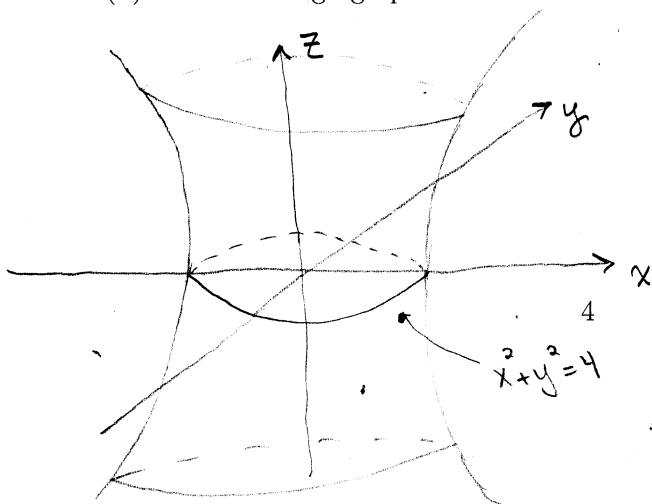
- (b) Describe (or sketch) in detail the level curve obtained by fixing  $z = 0$ .

$x^2 + y^2 = 4 \rightarrow$  CIRCLE CENTERED AT  $(0,0)$  IN  $xy$ -PLANE,  
WITH RADIUS 2.

- (c) Describe (or sketch) in detail the level curve(s) obtained by fixing  $y = 2$ .

$$2z^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x \\ z = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x \end{cases} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE} \\ \text{THRU} \\ \text{ORIGIN} \end{array} \right\}$$

- (d) Sketch a rough graph of the surface.



10. (12 points) A projectile is launched from a bench above the ground. It is launched with an initial speed of 100 feet per second and at an angle of  $30^\circ$  above the horizontal. The projectile hits the ground after it has covered a horizontal distance of 276 ft. How high is the bench?

$$\vec{r}(t) = (100 \cos 30^\circ t) \hat{i} + (-16t^2 + 100 \sin 30^\circ t + y_0) \hat{j}$$

$$= 50\sqrt{3} t \hat{i} + (-16t^2 + 50t + y_0) \hat{j}$$

$$-16t^2 + 50t + y_0 = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \underbrace{50\sqrt{3} t}_{t = \frac{276}{50\sqrt{3}}} = 276$$

$$t = \frac{276}{50\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y_0 = 16t^2 - 50t$$

$$= 16 \left( \frac{276}{50\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 - 50 \left( \frac{276}{50\sqrt{3}} \right) \approx \boxed{3.16 \text{ FT}}$$

11. (8 points) A particle is moving along the helix described by the vector-valued function  $\vec{r}(t) = (3 \sin t) \hat{i} + (3 \cos t) \hat{j} + 5t \hat{k}$ . Find the particle's unit tangent vector.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 3 \cos t \hat{i} - 3 \sin t \hat{j} + 5 \hat{k}$$

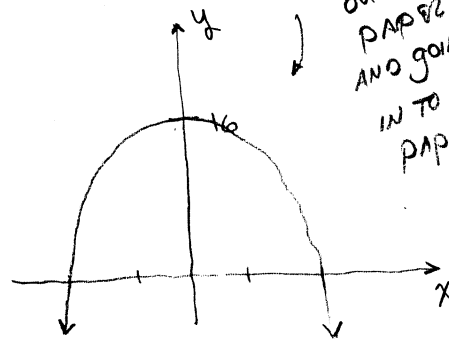
$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{9 \cos^2 t + 9 \sin^2 t + 25} = \sqrt{34}$$

$$\hat{T}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{34}} (3 \cos t \hat{i} - 3 \sin t \hat{j} + 5 \hat{k})$$

12. (4 points) Sketch or describe the surface in space defined by the equation  $y = 16 - x^4$ .

$$y = 16 - x^4$$

DESCRIBES THE CYLINDER  
IN SPACE CONSISTING OF  
ALL LINES PARALLEL TO THE  
Z-AXIS AND PASSING THROUGH  
THE GENERATING CURVE  $y = 16 - x^4$



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13. (4 points) Determine a vector-valued function whose graph is the plane curve described by the equation  $xy + x^2 = 3$ .

$$y = \frac{3 - x^2}{x}$$

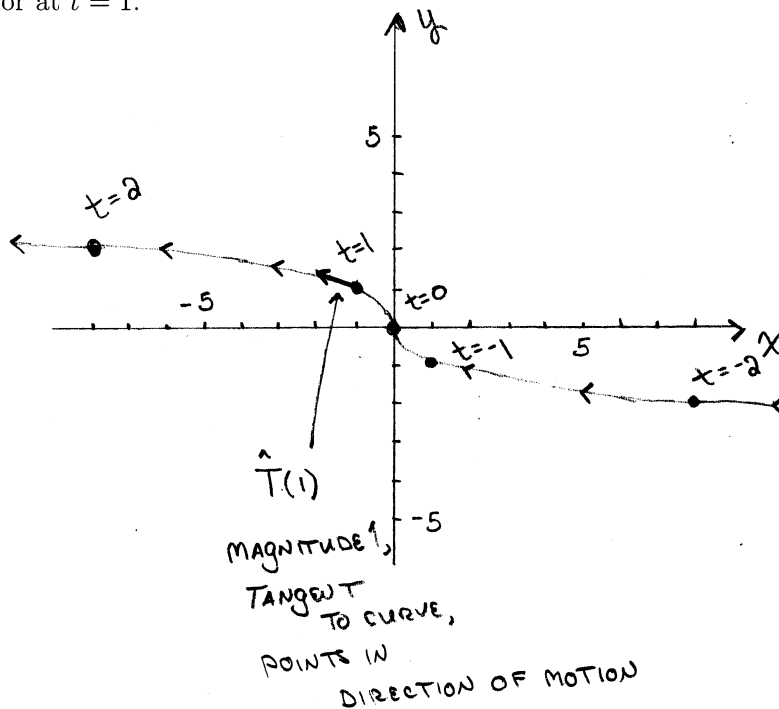
$$x = t$$

$$y = \frac{3 - t^2}{t} \quad t \neq 0$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} + \frac{3 - t^2}{t}\hat{j}$$

14. (8 points) Sketch the graph of the vector-valued function  $\vec{r}(t) = -t^3\hat{i} + t\hat{j}$ . Draw arrows on your graph to indicate the curve's orientation. Then, without actually computing it, sketch the unit tangent vector at  $t = 1$ .

t	$(-t^3, t)$
0	(0, 0)
1	(-1, 1)
-1	(1, -1)
2	(-8, 2)
-2	(8, -2)

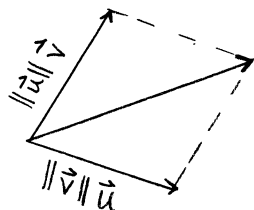


15. (4 points extra credit) For nonzero vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ , prove that the vector  $\vec{w} = \|\vec{u}\|\vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|\vec{u}$  bisects the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . (You may assume basic geometry facts about parallelograms.)

$$\|\vec{u}\|\vec{v} \quad \& \quad \|\vec{v}\|\vec{u}$$

HAVE THE SAME MAGNITUDE, NAMELY  $\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|$ .

So,  $\|\vec{u}\|\vec{v}$  AND  $\|\vec{v}\|\vec{u}$  FORM THE  
SIDES OF A RHOMBUS



$\vec{w}$  IS THE DIAGONAL OF  
A RHOMBUS.

THE DIAGONALS OF A RHOMBUS  
BISECT OPPOSITE ANGLES.