

Math 173 - Test 1
February 14, 2019

Name key Score _____

Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary.

1. (4 points) Find a vector of magnitude 7 that is parallel to $-2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$.

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{4 + 36 + 144} = \sqrt{184}$$

$$\pm \frac{7}{\|\vec{u}\|} \vec{u} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{184}} (14\hat{i} + 42\hat{j} - 84\hat{k})$$

2. (5 points) Let β be the angle that $\vec{w} = -3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ makes with the positive y -axis. Find the measure of β . Give your final answer in degrees, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{9 + 25 + 1} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \approx 32.31^\circ$$

3. (8 points) Forces with magnitudes 500 pounds and 200 pounds act on a hitch at angles of 30° and -45° , respectively, with the x -axis. Find the direction and magnitude of the resultant force.

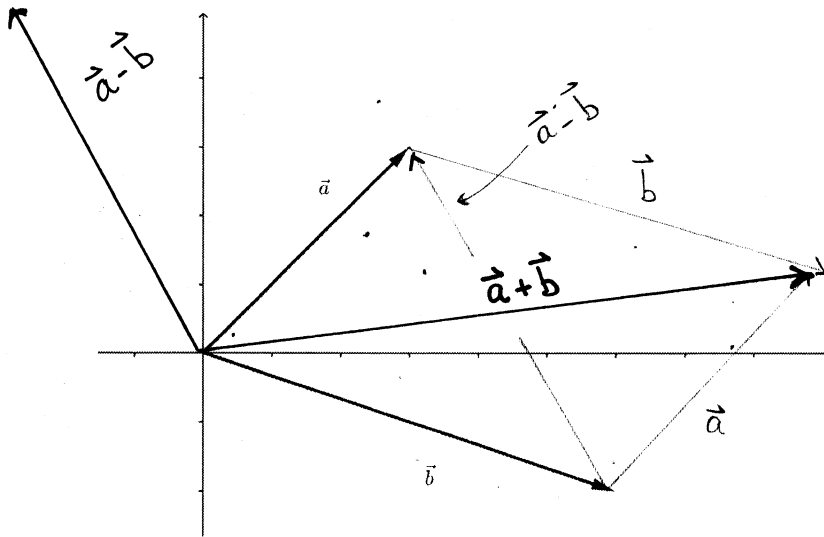
$$\vec{F}_1 = 500 \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 500 \sin 30^\circ \hat{j} = 250\sqrt{3} \hat{i} + 250 \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = 200 \cos(-45^\circ) \hat{i} + 200 \sin(-45^\circ) \hat{j} = 100\sqrt{2} \hat{i} - 100\sqrt{2} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = (250\sqrt{3} + 100\sqrt{2}) \hat{i} + (250 - 100\sqrt{2}) \hat{j} \approx 574.43 \hat{i} + 108.58 \hat{j}$$

$$\|\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2\| \approx 584.61, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{250 - 100\sqrt{2}}{250\sqrt{3} + 100\sqrt{2}} \right) \approx 10.7^\circ$$

4. (7 points) The vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are shown below. Sketch the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$.



5. (6 points) Consider the two points $P(2, 2, 3)$ and $Q(4, -5, 9)$.

(a) Find the midpoint of the segment \overline{PQ} .

$$\left(\frac{2+4}{2}, \frac{2+(-5)}{2}, \frac{3+9}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(3, -\frac{3}{2}, 6 \right)$$

(b) Using the midpoint (above) as your initial point, find a set of parametric equations for the line segment \overline{PQ} .

$$\vec{PQ} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Point } \left(3, -\frac{3}{2}, 6 \right)$$

$$x = 3 + 2t$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2} - 7t \quad -\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z = 6 + 6t$$

6. (6 points) Use vectors to find the point that lies two-thirds of the way from P to Q .

$$P(4, 3, 0), \quad Q(1, -3, 3)$$

$$\vec{PQ} = -3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Segment } \overline{PQ} : \quad x = 4 - 3t$$

$$y = 3 - 6t$$

$$z = 3t$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \text{ OF WAY FROM } P \text{ TO } Q \Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = 2, \quad y = -1, \quad z = 2$$

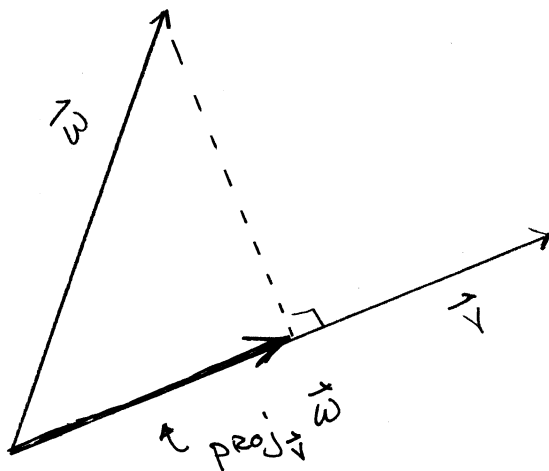
ANOTHER APPROACH...

LET $O = (0, 0, 0)$ AND

COMPUTE

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OP} + \frac{2}{3} \vec{PQ} \\ = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

7. (4 points) Sketch a diagram that shows two vectors, \vec{v} and \vec{w} , and then show the vector $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{w}$.



8. (5 points) Let $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{w} = 7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$. Compute $\text{proj}_{\vec{w}} \vec{v}$.

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{w}} \vec{v} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} \vec{w}$$

$$= \frac{21 - 5 - 4}{49 + 1 + 4} \vec{w} = \frac{12}{54} \vec{w} = \frac{2}{9} \vec{w}$$

$$= \frac{14}{9} \hat{i} + \frac{2}{9} \hat{j} - \frac{4}{9} \hat{k}$$

9. (6 points) Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the vectors $\vec{x} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{y} = -2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$.

$$\vec{x} \times \vec{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(26) - \hat{j}(-18) + \hat{k}(6)$$

$$= 26\hat{i} + 18\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Area} = \|\vec{x} \times \vec{y}\|$$

$$= \sqrt{26^2 + 18^2 + 6^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1036} \approx 32.187$$

Sq. units

10. (4 points) Suppose $\vec{u} \times \vec{u} = \vec{0}$. Does this necessarily mean that $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$? Explain.

No, $\vec{u} \times \vec{u} = \vec{0}$ FOR ANY VECTOR \vec{u} .

IN FACT, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ FOR ANY

PARALLEL VECTORS \vec{a} & \vec{b} .

11. (6 points) Determine a vector-valued function whose graph is the parabola described by $y = x^2 - 1$. Then sketch the graph and place arrows on the curve showing its orientation.

$$x = t$$

$$y = t^2 - 1$$

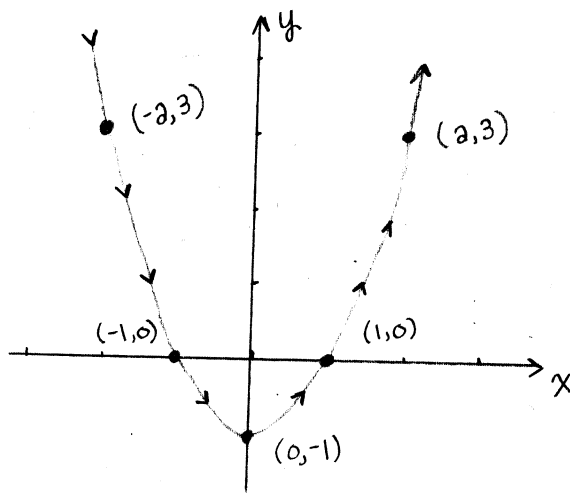
$$\vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} + (t^2 - 1)\hat{j}$$

SINCE $x = t$,

ORIENTATION IS

TOWARD POS X.

(COUNTER CLOCKWISE)



12. (10 points) Find an equation of the plane that contains the lines described by

$$(1, 4, 0) \quad \frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z}{1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x-2}{-3} = \frac{y-1}{4} = \frac{z-2}{-1} \quad (2, 1, 2)$$

(Hint: The plane's normal vector is perpendicular to both lines.)

$$\vec{u} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad \vec{v} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-5) - \hat{j}(2+3) + \hat{k}(-8+3) = -5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

ILL use $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$
AND POINT $(1, 4, 0)$.
 $x + y + z = 5$

13. (5 points) Consider the vector-valued functions

$$\vec{r}_1(t) = 2 \cos 3t \hat{i} - 2 \sin 3t \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{r}_2(t) = -6 \sin 3t \hat{i} - 6 \cos 3t \hat{j}$$

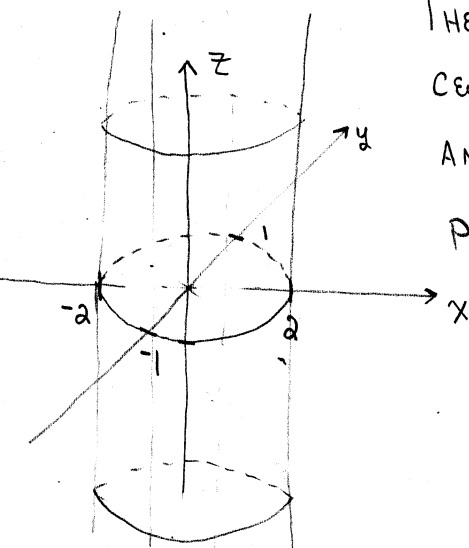
Show that $\vec{r}_1(t)$ and $\vec{r}_2(t)$ are orthogonal for any real number t .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_1(t) \cdot \vec{r}_2(t) &= -12 \cos 3t \sin 3t + 12 \sin 3t \cos 3t + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

DOT PROD ZERO FOR ALL t

$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_1(t) \perp \vec{r}_2(t)$ ORTHOGONAL FOR ALL t .

14. (5 points) Describe (or sketch) the 3D surface defined by the equation $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$.



THE SURFACE IS AN ELLIPTICAL CYLINDER
CENTERED ON AND PARALLEL TO THE Z-AXIS
AND PASSING THROUGH THE ELLIPSE IN THE
PLANE GIVEN BY $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$

15. (8 points) Find the measure of the acute angle between the planes given by

$$x - 2y + 2z = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 5x + 3y - 2z = 0.$$

Give your final answer in degrees, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

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

$$\vec{n}_2 = 5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{\|\vec{n}_1\| \|\vec{n}_2\|} = \frac{5 - 6 - 4}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{38}} = \frac{-5}{3\sqrt{38}}$$

$$\theta \approx 105.69^\circ$$

Acute angle is $180^\circ - \theta \approx \boxed{74.31^\circ}$

16. (5 points) Find a 2D unit vector that is normal to the graph of $y = x^3$ at the point where $x = -2$. (Normal to the graph means perpendicular to the tangent line.)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-2} = 12$$

$$m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{12}$$

Normal vector: $12\hat{i} - \hat{j}$

$$\text{Mag} = \sqrt{144 + 1} = \sqrt{145}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{145}} (12\hat{i} - \hat{j})$$

17. (6 points) Determine the distance from the point $(3, 2, 1)$ to the plane described by $4x + 3y + 2z = 1$.

$$\frac{|4(3) + 3(2) + 2(1) - 1|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{19}{\sqrt{29}} \approx 3.5282$$