

1. (5 points) Determine if the lines given by the vector parametrizations

$$r_1(t) = \langle 5, -16, 19 \rangle + t\langle 1, -3, 4 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad r_2(t) = \langle 5, -1, -11 \rangle + t\langle -2, 1, 2 \rangle$$

intersect and, if so, find the point of intersection.

If they intersect at  $r_1(t_1) = r_2(t_2)$ , then we have

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & 5 + t_1 = 5 - 2t_2 & \xRightarrow{\textcircled{1}} & t_1 = -2t_2 & \xRightarrow{\textcircled{2}} & -16 + 6t_2 = -1 + t_2 \\ \textcircled{2} & -16 - 3t_1 = -1 + t_2 & & & & \Rightarrow 5t_2 = 15 \\ \textcircled{3} & 19 + 4t_1 = -11 + 2t_2 & & & & \Rightarrow t_2 = 3 \Rightarrow t_1 = -6 \end{cases}$$

Let's check if they satisfy  $\textcircled{3}$ .

$$19 + (4)(-6) \stackrel{?}{=} -11 + (2)(3)$$

$$\text{The left hand side} = 19 - 24 = -5$$

$$\text{The right hand side} = -11 + 6 = -5$$

$\Rightarrow$  these lines intersect  
at  $r_1(-6) = r_2(3)$   
 $= \langle -1, 2, -5 \rangle$

2. (5 points) Find a vector parametrization of the line tangent to the curve

$$r(t) = \langle t^3, 2t, t^2 + 1 \rangle$$

at the point  $(8, 4, 5)$ .

• A vector parametrization of the line tangent to the curve  $r(t)$  at

$$r(t_0) \text{ is } L(t) = r(t_0) + t r'(t_0).$$

$$\bullet r(t) = \langle 8, 4, 5 \rangle \text{ implies } t = 2.$$

$$\bullet r'(t) = \langle 3t^2, 2, 2t \rangle$$

$$\text{So } L(t) = r(2) + t r'(2)$$

$$= \langle 8, 4, 5 \rangle + t \langle 12, 2, 4 \rangle$$

3. (5 points) Give a vector parametrization of the circle contained in the plane  $x = 2$  with radius 3 and center at the point  $(2, 1, 3)$ .

A vector parametrization of the circle contained in the  $x=0$  (the  $yz$ -plane) with radius 3 and center at the origin is  $\langle 0, 3 \cos \theta, 3 \sin \theta \rangle$

for  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ .

So a vector parametrization of the given circle is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(\theta) &= \langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle + \langle 0, 3 \cos \theta, 3 \sin \theta \rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 1 + 3 \cos \theta, 3 + 3 \sin \theta \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

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4. (5 points) Compute the length of the helix parameterized by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, 3t, \sin t \rangle$$

over the interval  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2\pi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt &= \int_0^{2\pi} \|\langle -\sin t, 3, \cos t \rangle\| dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\sin^2 t + 9 + \cos^2 t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{10} dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{10} \pi. \end{aligned}$$

5. (5 points) Find an equation for the plane (in the form  $ax + by + cz = d$ ) that contains both of the parallel lines given by the vector parameterizations

$$r_1(t) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle + t\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad r_2(t) = \langle 0, 1, 5 \rangle + t\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$$

- Since it contains  $r_1(t)$ , it is parallel to  $\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$ .
- Since it contains  $r_1(t)$  and  $r_2(t)$ , it contains both points  $P = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $Q = (0, 1, 5)$ . So it is parallel to  $\vec{PQ} = \langle 0-1, 1-2, 5-3 \rangle = \langle -1, -1, 2 \rangle$ . Hence

$\vec{n} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, -1, 2 \rangle$  is a normal vector.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \left\langle \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle -1, -3, -2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since this plane contains  $P$ ,

$$-x - 3y - 2z = -1 - 6 - 6 = -13.$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 3y + 2z = 13.$$

6. (1 point each) No work or justification is needed for credit.

(a) Suppose  $\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ . What does  $\mathbf{v} \times (3\mathbf{w})$  or  $\mathbf{v} \times (2\mathbf{w})$  equal?

$$\mathbf{v} \times (3\mathbf{w}) = 3 \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = -3 \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle -3, -6, -9 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times (2\mathbf{w}) = 2 \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = -2 \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle -2, -4, -6 \rangle$$

(b) What can you say about the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  if  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} < 0$ ?

It is obtuse. Recall.  $\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|}$ . So  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta: \text{acute} \quad \text{if } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} > 0 \\ \theta: \text{obtuse} \quad \text{if } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} < 0 \\ \theta = \pi/2 \quad \text{if } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \end{array} \right.$

(c) To which coordinate plane ( $xy$ -,  $xz$ - or  $yz$ -plane) is the plane  $x = -3$  or  $y = -3$  parallel?  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y = -3 \text{ is parallel} \\ x = -3 \text{ is parallel to } x = 0 \text{ which is the } yz\text{-plane.} \end{array} \right.$  to  $xz$ -plane

(d) Suppose that  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ . What is  $\text{proj}_{2\mathbf{v}}(3\mathbf{u})$  or  $\text{proj}_{3\mathbf{v}}(2\mathbf{u})$ ?

(e) Answer true or false. If  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $-\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}\mathbf{v}$  is a unit vector.

True. Recall.  $\|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \|\vec{v}\|$ . So

$$\left\| \frac{-1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} \right\| = \left| \frac{-1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right| \|\mathbf{v}\| = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1.$$

$$\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}. \text{ So } \text{Proj}_{2\mathbf{v}}(3\mathbf{u}) = \frac{(3\mathbf{u}) \cdot (2\mathbf{v})}{(2\mathbf{v}) \cdot (2\mathbf{v})} 2\mathbf{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Proj}_{2\mathbf{v}}(3\mathbf{u}) = \frac{6}{4} \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} 2\mathbf{v} = 3 \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} = 3 \text{Proj}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \langle 3, 6, 9 \rangle.$$

$$\text{Proj}_{3\mathbf{v}}(2\mathbf{u}) = \frac{(2\mathbf{u}) \cdot (3\mathbf{v})}{(3\mathbf{v}) \cdot (3\mathbf{v})} 3\mathbf{v} = 2 \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} = 2 \text{Proj}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle.$$