

**Midterm Review!** The harder problems are marked with an asterisk (\*) and supplied with hints.

### Review Problems

- Compute the angles between the following vectors:
  - $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle -8, 4 \rangle$
  - $\langle 5, -3, 4 \rangle$  and  $\langle 0, 7, -1 \rangle$
  - $\langle 1, 1, 0, -1, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3, 2, -1, -7, 1 \rangle$
- Find the area of the triangle with corners  $(0, 2, 4)$ ,  $(-1, -1, 6)$ , and  $(1, 3, 1)$ .
- Find all possible values for  $x$  if the angle between  $\langle 3, 4 \rangle$  and  $\langle 1, x \rangle$  is
  - 0
  - $\pi/2$
  - $\pi$
  - $2\pi/3$  (don't bother simplifying if you get something ugly-ish)
- Compute the sine of the angle between the vectors  $\langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle 0, -1, 3 \rangle$ .
- Find all  $x$  such that the vector  $\langle 3, x, x^2 \rangle$  lies on the plane which
  - is perpendicular to the plane through the origin containing the vectors  $\langle 3, -1, 3 \rangle$  and  $\langle -1, -7, 11 \rangle$ ; and
  - bisects the angle between those two vectors.

[Hint: Try drawing a picture using “nicer” vectors to get an idea of what the plane looks like in relation to the vectors.]
- Find the equation of each of the planes described below:
  - the plane parallel to  $x + 7y - 9z = 5$  and passing through  $(2, 2, 2)$ .
  - the plane perpendicular to the line of intersection of the planes  $x + 4y - z = 6$  and  $2x - y - 3z = 1$ , and passing through  $(4, 0, 4)$ .
  - the plane parallel to the lines  $\langle 3t + 5, t, 8 - t \rangle$  and  $\langle 1 - t, 2 - t, t + 4 \rangle$  and passing through  $(5, 5, 1)$ .
  - the plane containing the line  $\langle 7t + 7, 5t - 5, 2t + 2 \rangle$  and perpendicular to the line  $\langle t + \pi, 3t - e, 10^{100} - 2t \rangle$ .
  - the plane containing all points that are equidistant from  $(3, -7, 8)$  and  $(-1, 1, 0)$ .
- Find the velocity, speed, and acceleration of the following vector-valued functions:
  - $\vec{x}(t) = \langle t^3 + 9, 7 \ln t, e^{-2t} - 2 \rangle$
  - $\vec{x}(t) = \langle \sin 3t, -\cos 3t, 4t \rangle$
  - $\vec{x}(t) = \langle 3t + 6, 11 - 4t, 12t + 9 \rangle$
- Find the arclength of the following curves:
  - $\langle \sin 5t, -12t, -\cos 5t \rangle$ , over the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 2$
  - $\langle 3t^2 + 8, 2t^3 - 7, 5 - 3t \rangle$ , over the interval  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$
  - $\langle 3e^t - 8e^{-t} + 13, 4e^t + 5 + 6e^{-t}, 23 - 10t \rangle$ , over the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- Four of the eight corners of a cube are  $(-1, -1, -1)$ ,  $(1, 2, 5)$ ,  $(2, 7, -6)$ , and  $(4, 10, 0)$ . Find the coordinates for the center of the cube.
 

[Hint: Look at the distances between the points.]
- The vertices of a triangle in the 3rd dimension are at points A, B, and C. Let  $\vec{u}$  be the vector from A to B,  $\vec{v}$  the vector from B to C, and  $\vec{w}$  the vector from C back to A. If  $|\vec{u}| = 5$  and  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 23$ , compute  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$ .
 

[Hint: What can we say about  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}$ ?]
- A cube of side length 1 in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is sitting in the first octant with one corner at the origin. The plane  $x + y + z = \frac{3}{2}$  cuts out a cross section of the cube in the shape of a regular hexagon (regular means equal side lengths and angles). Find its area.
 

[Hint: Draw a picture of the region the plane cuts from the first octant.]

