

Name: Practice Exam 1 - Multiple Choice  
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Multiple Choice

1. (6 pts) Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle$ , and let  $\mathbf{c} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$  be the vector projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$ . Which one of the following vectors is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}$ ?

- (a)  $\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$                       (b)  $\langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$                       ~~(c)  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$~~   
 (d)  $\langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$                       (e)  $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$

$$\vec{c} = \text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} = \frac{\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle}{1^2 + 2^2} \vec{a} = \frac{3+2}{5} \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{b} - \vec{c} = \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle - \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle = \langle 2, -1, -1 \rangle$$

If  $\vec{v}$  is a vector that is orthogonal to  $\vec{b} - \vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) = 0$ ,  
 or  $\vec{v} \cdot \langle 2, -1, -1 \rangle = 0$ . Examining the choices given, we see that  
 the vector in  $(e) \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$  is the answer because  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, -1 \rangle = 0$

2. (6 pts) Find the radius of the sphere given by the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6x + 4z + 7 = 10.$$

- (a) 3                      (b) 9                      (c) -4                      (d) 2                      ~~(e) 4~~

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6x + 4z + 7 = 10$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 - 6x + 3^2) - 3^2 + y^2 + (z^2 + 4z + 2^2) - 2^2 = 10 - 7$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-3)^2 + y^2 + (z+2)^2 = 3 + 9 + 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-3)^2 + y^2 + (z+2)^2 = \underbrace{16}_{=4^2}$$

So, the radius of the sphere is  $r = 4$

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3. (6 pts) A particle moves with the position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2, -t, 2 \rangle$ . Find the normal component of acceleration.

- (a)  ~~$a_N = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}}$~~       (b)  $a_N = 4t$       (c)  $a_N = 2$   
 (d)  $a_N = \frac{4t}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}}$       (e)  $a_N = \sqrt{1+4t^2}$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2t, -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 2, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2t & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + (-2)\hat{k} \\ = \langle 0, 0, -2 \rangle$$

$$a_N = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{4t^2 + 1}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{4t^2 + 1}}}$$

4. (6 pts) Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 3, 2, 2 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{c} = \langle 7, 3, 1 \rangle$ .

- (a) -4      ~~(b) 8~~      (c) 3      (d) -8      (e) 4

$$V = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(2-6) - 2(3-14) + 2(9-14) \\ = -4 - 2(-11) + 2(-5) \\ = -4 + 22 - 10 = 8$$

So,  $\boxed{V = 8}$

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5.(6 pts) Where does the line with parametric equations

$$x = -1 + 3t \quad y = 2 - 2t \quad z = 3 + t$$

intersect the plane  $3x + y - 4z = -4$ ?

- (a) they do not intersect    (b)  $(-3, -3, -2)$     ~~(c)~~  $(8, -4, 6)$   
 (d)  $(-10, 8, 0)$     (e)  $(0, 0, 1)$

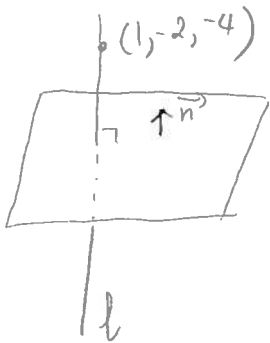
To find the point of intersection, we want to solve for  $t$  in this equation

$$\begin{aligned} & 3(-1+3t) + (2-2t) - 4(3+t) = -4 \\ \Rightarrow & \underbrace{-3+9t}_x + \underbrace{2-2t}_y - \underbrace{12-4t}_z = -4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3t = -4 + 3 - 2 + 12 \\ & \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{9}{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 3 \end{aligned}$$

So, the pt of intersect is  $\begin{cases} x = -1 + 3 \cdot 3 = 8 \\ y = 2 - 2 \cdot 3 = -4 \\ z = 3 + 3 = 6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{(8, -4, 6)}$

6.(6 pts) Find symmetric equations for the line through the point  $(1, -2, -4)$  which is orthogonal to the plane  $2x - y + 3z = 18$ .

- (a)  $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-4}{3}$     (b)  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{-y-2}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{3}$   
~~(c)~~  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{3}$     (d)  $\frac{x-1}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-y-2}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{z+4}{\sqrt{14}}$   
 (e)  $\frac{1+2x}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-y-2}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-4+3z}{\sqrt{14}}$



the parallel vector of  $l$  is  $\vec{n} = \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$

Symmetric eqs for  $l$ :

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-(-2)}{-1} = \frac{z-(-4)}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{3}}$$

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7. (6 pts) Find the position  $\mathbf{r}(1)$  of a particle at time  $t=1$  if it has acceleration  $\mathbf{a}(t) = e^t \mathbf{i} - 6t \mathbf{k}$ , the initial position of the particle is  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$  and the initial velocity is  $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$ .

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle e^t, 0, -6t \rangle$$

(a)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$       (b)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 0, 0 \rangle$       (c)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 1, -1 \rangle$

~~(d)~~  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 1, -2 \rangle$       (e)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \langle e^t, 0, -3t^2 \rangle + \vec{C} \quad \vec{v}(0) = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{C} = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{C} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

So,  $\vec{v}(t) = \langle e^t, 1, -3t^2 \rangle$ . Now,  $\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \langle e^t, t, -t^3 \rangle + \vec{D}$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{D} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{D} = \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle$$

So,  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle e^t, t, -t^3 - 1 \rangle$ . Hence,  $\vec{r}(1) = \langle e^1, 1, -1^3 - 1 \rangle$

$$= \boxed{\langle e, 1, -2 \rangle}$$

8. (6 pts) Which of these is an equation of the tangent line to the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2 + 2t + 3, 4t \cos(t), 2e^{3t} \rangle$$

at the point where  $t = 0$ ?

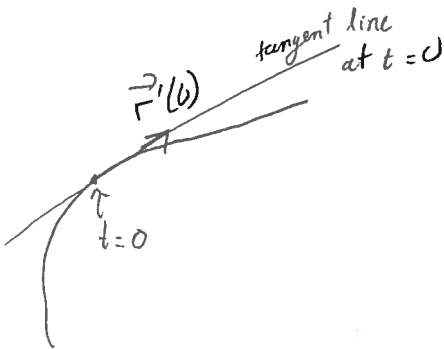
(a)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 4, 2e \rangle + t \langle 2, 0, 6e \rangle$

~~(b)~~  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

(c)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle$

(d)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 4, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

(e)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2e \rangle + t \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$



$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2t + 2, 4 \cos t - 4t \sin t, 6e^{3t} \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle \text{ (can take } \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \text{ as parallel vector)}$$

The pt  $(x, y, z)$  corresponds to  $t=0$  is

$$\begin{cases} x = 0^2 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 = 3 \\ y = 4 \cdot 0 \cos 0 = 0 \\ z = 2e^{3 \cdot 0} = 2 \end{cases}$$

So,  $(x, y, z) = (3, 0, 2)$  is on the tangent line at  $t=0$

The eq of the tangent line at  $t=0$  is  $\boxed{\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}$

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9. (6 pts) Which of the following expressions gives the length of the curve defined by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \ln t \mathbf{k}$  between the points  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(e^2, -1, 1)$ ?

$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, -1, \ln t \rangle$

(a)  $\int_1^{e^2} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1/t^2} dt$

(b)  $\int_1^e \sqrt{t^2 + 1 + \ln^2 t} dt$

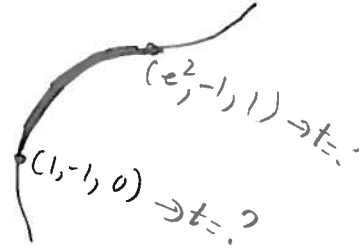
(c)  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{2t + \ln t} dt$

(d)  $\int_1^e \sqrt{2t + \ln t} dt$

~~(e)~~  $\int_1^e \sqrt{4t^2 + 1/t^2} dt$

$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2t, 0, \frac{1}{t} \rangle$  .  $(1, -1, 0) \leftrightarrow t = 1$

$(e^2, -1, 1) \leftrightarrow t = e$



$$L = \int_1^e |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_1^e \sqrt{(2t)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^2} dt = \boxed{\int_1^e \sqrt{4t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}} dt}$$

10. (6 pts) Which one of the following functions has level curves drawn below?

(a)  $f(x, y) = y^2 + x$

(b)  $f(x, y) = y + x^2$

(c)  $f(x, y) = y - x^2$

~~(d)~~  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x$

(e)  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$

The equations of each of these curves is given by

$x = y^2 + k$ ,  $k$  is constant

$\Rightarrow x - y^2 = k$

or  $y^2 - x = -k$ . Or, we can just write  $y^2 - x = k$  since  $k$  is any constant

So, (d) is the answer.

