

1. (30 pts) Triangle  $ABC$  has vertices at  $A(2, 1, 0)$ ,  $B(6, -2, 0)$ , and  $C(7, 3, 0)$ .

- (a) Find a vector of length  $\frac{1}{5}$  in the same direction as  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ .
- (b) Find an equation in symmetric form for the line passing through  $A$  and  $B$ .
- (c) Find all unit vectors orthogonal to both  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ .
- (d) Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .
- (e) An altitude is drawn from vertex  $C$  to side  $\overline{AB}$ . Find a unit vector parallel to this altitude.

**Solution:**

- (a) The vector  $\mathbf{AB} = \langle 4, -3, 0 \rangle$  has a length of  $\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$ . Dividing the vector by 5 gives  $\boxed{\frac{1}{5}\langle 4, -3, 0 \rangle} = \boxed{\langle \frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5}, 0 \rangle}$  which has a length of  $\frac{1}{5}$ .
- (b) The line will be parallel to  $\mathbf{AB} = \langle 4, -3, 0 \rangle$  and will pass through point  $A(2, 1, 0)$ , so an equation of the line in vector form is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle + t\langle 4, -3, 0 \rangle = \langle 2 + 4t, 1 - 3t, 0 \rangle$$

and in symmetric form, the line is

$$\boxed{\frac{x - 2}{4} = \frac{y - 1}{-3}, z = 0}.$$

Other representations for the line are possible.

- (c) Both vectors  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{AC}$  lie in the  $xy$ -plane, so the unit vectors orthogonal to them are  $\boxed{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}}$ , or  $\boxed{\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle}$ .

**Alternate Solution:** Calculate  $\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC} = 23\mathbf{k}$ , then divide by the magnitude of 23.

- (d) The area equals half the area of the parallelogram formed by vectors  $\mathbf{AB} = \langle 4, -3, 0 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{AC} = \langle 5, 2, 0 \rangle$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} |23\mathbf{k}| = \boxed{\frac{23}{2}}.$$

- (e) Note that the triangle is in the  $xy$ -plane. Side  $\overline{AB}$  has a slope of  $-\frac{3}{4}$  in the plane. The altitude is perpendicular to  $\overline{AB}$  so its slope is  $\frac{4}{3}$ , the negative reciprocal. A vector with this slope is  $\langle 3, 4, 0 \rangle$ . Dividing by its length of 5 gives the unit vector  $\boxed{\frac{1}{5}\langle 3, 4, 0 \rangle} = \boxed{\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \rangle}$ . Another unit vector is  $\langle -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5}, 0 \rangle$ .

2. (30 pts) Axis Ant begins on the ground and walks along a straight path

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + (-1 + 2t)\mathbf{j} + 2t\mathbf{k}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

When it reaches point  $P(1, 1, 2)$ , it sees Butter Fly hovering at point  $Q$ .

- Given vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 3, -2, 6 \rangle$ , how high above the ground is Butter Fly?
- What is the angle between  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and the path?
- Find an equation for the plane containing both the path and point  $Q$ . Fully simplify your answer.
- Butter Fly remains at  $Q$  while Axis Ant continues walking along the path until it reaches  $R$ , the point on the path closest to  $Q$ . What is the distance Axis Ant travels from  $P$  to  $R$ ?

**Solution:**

- Point  $Q$  has coordinates  $(1, 1, 2) + (3, -2, 6) = (4, -1, 8)$ , so Butter Fly is 8 units above the ground ( $z = 0$ ).
- The path  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle + t\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ . Given  $|\mathbf{PQ}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = 7$  and  $|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = 3$ , the angle between  $\mathbf{PQ}$  and the path is

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{PQ} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{PQ}| |\mathbf{v}|} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\langle 3, -2, 6 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle}{7 \cdot 3} \right) = \boxed{\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{11}{21} \right)}.$$

- A vector normal to the plane is

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{PQ} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 16\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{k}.$$

Using point  $P(1, 1, 2)$ , an equation of the plane is

$$16(x - 1) - 8(z - 2) = 0 \implies 2(x - 1) - (z - 2) = 0 \implies \boxed{2x - z = 0}.$$

- The distance  $PR$  equals

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{PQ} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{PQ}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \boxed{\frac{11}{3}}.$$

**Alternate solution:** The distance from point  $Q$  to the line is

$$QR = d_{\text{line}} = \frac{|\mathbf{PQ} \times \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{|\langle 16, 0, -8 \rangle|}{3} = \frac{|8\langle 2, 0, -1 \rangle|}{3} = \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{3}.$$

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$PR = \sqrt{|\mathbf{PQ}|^2 - QR^2} = \sqrt{49 - \frac{64 \cdot 5}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{121}{9}} = \frac{11}{3}.$$

3. (20 pts) Consider the surface  $4y^2 - z^2 - 4x - 24y - 4z + 32 = 0$ .

- (a) Write the equation in standard form.
- (b) Identify the surface by classifying the type of curves in the  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $z = 0$  traces.
- (c) Suppose the surface is intersected with  $z = 2y - 2$ . Find a vector function representing the curve of intersection.

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}4y^2 - z^2 - 4x - 24y - 4z + 32 &= 0 \\-4x + 4(y^2 - 6y) - (z^2 + 4z) + 32 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{-4x + 4(y - 3)^2 - (z + 2)^2 = 0}$$

$$\boxed{-x + (y - 3)^2 - \frac{(z + 2)^2}{4} = 0}$$

(b) The  $x = 0$  trace is  $4(y - 3)^2 - (z + 2)^2 = 0$  which corresponds to two lines:

$$4(y - 3)^2 = (z + 2)^2 \implies 2|y - 3| = z + 2 \implies z = 2y - 8 \text{ and } z = -2y + 4.$$

The  $y = 0$  trace is  $4x + (z + 2)^2 = 36$  which is a parabola.

The  $z = 0$  trace is  $-4x + 4(y - 3)^2 = 4$  which is a parabola.

The surface is a hyperbolic paraboloid.

(c) Let  $y = t$  and  $z = 2t - 2$ . Then solving for  $x$  gives

$$-4x + 4(t - 3)^2 - (2t)^2 = 0 \implies -x + (t - 3)^2 - t^2 = 0 \implies x = -6t + 9.$$

Therefore a vector function for the curve of intersection is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -6t + 9, t, 2t - 2 \rangle$ . Other representations for the curve are possible.

4. (20 pts) Beta Bug leaves home at time  $t = 0$  and travels along the path

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t \sin(t) \mathbf{i} + \cos(t) \mathbf{j} + (12\pi - 3t) \mathbf{k}.$$

- (a) At  $t = \pi$ , how far is Beta Bug from home?
- (b) At that moment, the bug decides to leave the path and travel in a straight line in the direction of the tangent. Find a vector equation for the line. (The parameter in the equation may begin at 0.)
- (c) Find the coordinates of the point where Beta Bug will land on the ground ( $z = 0$ ).

**Solution:**

- (a) Beta Bug's home is located at  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 12\pi \rangle$ . At  $t = \pi$ , the bug is at  $\mathbf{r}(\pi) = \langle 0, -1, 9\pi \rangle$ . The distance to home is

$$|\mathbf{r}(\pi) - \mathbf{r}(0)| = |\langle 0, -2, -3\pi \rangle| = \sqrt{4 + 9\pi^2}.$$

- (b) Find the tangent vector at  $t = \pi$ .

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle t \cos(t) + \sin(t), -\sin(t), -3 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(\pi) = \langle -\pi, 0, -3 \rangle$$

An equation for the line is

$$\mathbf{s}(t) = \langle 0, -1, 9\pi \rangle + t \langle -\pi, 0, -3 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{s}(t) = \langle -\pi t, -1, 9\pi - 3t \rangle, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (c) The path will reach  $z = 0$  when  $9\pi - 3t = 0$  after an additional  $t = 3\pi$  time units. Beta Bug will land on the ground when  $\mathbf{s}(3\pi) = \langle -3\pi^2, -1, 0 \rangle$  at the point  $(-3\pi^2, -1, 0)$ .