

1. (24 pts) Consider the points  $P(0, 9, 2)$  and  $Q(-2, 10, 5)$ .

- (a) Find an equation for the set of points equidistant from point  $P$  and the plane  $z = 7$ . You may leave your answer unsimplified.
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{v}$  equal the vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and let  $\mathbf{w} = \overrightarrow{PR} = \langle 4, 5, 1 \rangle$ , where  $R$  is another point in space.
  - i. Find the distance between points  $Q$  and  $R$ .
  - ii. Find the projection of  $\mathbf{w}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - iii. Find a unit vector orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) The points  $(x, y, z)$  equidistant from  $P$  and  $z = 7$  must satisfy

$$\sqrt{x^2 + (y - 9)^2 + (z - 2)^2} = |z - 7|.$$

- (b) i. The vector  $\overrightarrow{PR} = \langle 4, 5, 1 \rangle$  extends from  $P(0, 9, 2)$  to  $R = (4, 14, 3)$ . The distance between  $Q(-2, 10, 5)$  and  $R$  is

$$\sqrt{(4 - (-2))^2 + (14 - 10)^2 + (3 - 5)^2} = \sqrt{6^2 + 4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{56} = 2\sqrt{14}.$$

- ii. The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  equals  $\langle -2, 1, 3 \rangle$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\langle -2, 1, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, 5, 1 \rangle}{2^2 + 1^2 + 3^2} \langle -2, 1, 3 \rangle = \boxed{\mathbf{0}}.$$

The vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal, so the projection is the zero vector.

- iii. The cross product of the two vectors is orthogonal to them. Let

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -14\mathbf{i} + 14\mathbf{j} - 14\mathbf{k} = 14(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}).$$

A unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{n}$  is  $\frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $\frac{\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

2. (28 pts) Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be the lines whose symmetric equations are

$$L_1 : x = \frac{y + 4}{2} = \frac{z - 1}{-2} \quad L_2 : \frac{x}{-2} = \frac{y + 4}{3} = \frac{z - 1}{6}.$$

- (a) Write parametric equations for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .
- (b) Find the point where  $L_1$  intersects the  $xz$  plane.
- (c) Find the angle formed by  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .
- (d) Find an equation for the plane that contains  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) A parametric representation for  $L_1$  is  $x = t, y = -4 + 2t, z = 1 - 2t$ . A parametric representation for  $L_2$  is  $x = -2t, y = -4 + 3t, z = 1 + 6t$ .
- (b) The line intersects the  $xz$  plane where  $y = 0$  and  $t = 2$ . Therefore the intersection point is  $(2, 0, -3)$ .
- (c) The angle is

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{|\mathbf{v}_1| |\mathbf{v}_2|} \right)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \langle 1, 2, -2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \langle -2, 3, 6 \rangle$  are the direction vectors of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively.

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{|\mathbf{v}_1| |\mathbf{v}_2|} = \frac{\langle 1, 2, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle -2, 3, 6 \rangle}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2}} = \frac{-8}{3 \cdot 7} = -\frac{8}{21},$$

so the angle is  $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{8}{21} \right)$ .

- (d) A vector normal to the plane is

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 18\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}.$$

The point  $(0, -4, 1)$  lies on both lines, so an equation of the plane is

$$18x - 2(y + 4) + 7(z - 1) = 0 \implies 18x - 2y + 7z = 15.$$

3. (24 pts) Consider the surface  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - 2x + 6y - 6 = 0$ .

- (a) Write the equation in standard form.
- (b) Identify the surface.
- (c) Sketch the  $z = 3$  trace.
- (d) Suppose the surface is intersected with the surface  $z - y = 3$ . Find vector equation(s) for the curve(s) of intersection.

**Solution:**

- (a)

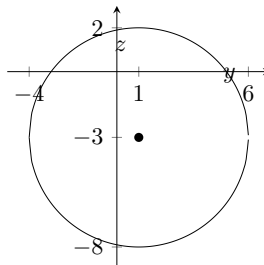
$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - 2x + 6y - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 6y - z^2 = 6$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 - z^2 = 16$$

- (b) The surface is a hyperboloid of one sheet.

- (c) The  $z = 3$  trace corresponds to  $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 25$  which is a circle of radius 5 centered at  $(1, -3)$ .



- (d) Let  $y = t$  and  $z = y + 3 = t + 3$ . Substitute into the hyperboloid equation to find an expression for  $x$ .

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 - z^2 = (x - 1)^2 + \cancel{(t + 3)^2} - \cancel{(t + 3)^2} = 16 \Rightarrow x = -3, 5.$$

Thus the two curves are lines with equations  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle -3, t, t + 3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle 5, t, t + 3 \rangle$ .

4. (24 pts) A bug is traveling along a path. Its position at time  $t$  seconds is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}\mathbf{k}$ , measured in centimeters.
- (a) How far does the bug travel from  $t = 0$  to 4 seconds? You may leave the final answer unsimplified.
- (b) Consider the plane  $4x - y - z = 13$ . Is the vector tangent to the path at  $t = 4$  parallel to the plane, orthogonal to the plane, or neither?
- (c) At  $t = 4$ , the bug leaves the path and travels in a straight line in the direction of the tangent vector. Find a vector function representation  $\mathbf{s}(t)$  for this straight path.

**Solution:**

- (a)  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + t^{1/2}\mathbf{k}$ . The distance traveled is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^4 |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \, dt = \int_0^4 \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (t^{1/2})^2} \, dt = \int_0^4 \sqrt{5 + t} \, dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{2}{3}(5 + t)^{3/2} \right]_0^4 = \frac{2}{3} \left( 27 - 5^{3/2} \right) \text{ cm} = 18 - \frac{10\sqrt{5}}{3} \text{ cm}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The tangent vector at  $t = 4$  is  $\mathbf{r}'(4) = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ . A normal vector of the plane is  $\mathbf{n} = \langle 4, -1, -1 \rangle$ . These two vectors are orthogonal because their dot product is zero. Because the tangent vector and the plane are orthogonal to the same vector, they are parallel.
- (c) The bug leaves the path at  $\mathbf{r}(4) = 4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} + \frac{16}{3}\mathbf{k}$  and travels in the direction of  $\mathbf{r}'(4) = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{s}(t) = \left\langle 4, 8, \frac{16}{3} \right\rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle = \left\langle (4 + t), (8 + 2t), \left( \frac{16}{3} + 2t \right) \right\rangle, \quad t \geq 0.$$