

1. [2350/061424 (10 pts)] Write the word **TRUE** or **FALSE** as appropriate. No work need be shown. No partial credit given.
- (a) Three nonzero vectors are coplanar if and only if their scalar triple product is 0.
 - (b) The rectifying plane for any path of the form $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle c, f(t), g(t) \rangle$ where $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are differentiable functions that are not everywhere 0, and c is a real constant, will always be parallel to the yz -plane.
 - (c) The magnitude of the torque vector is equivalent to the area of the parallelogram formed by the force and radius vectors.
 - (d) The surface given by $y^2 - x^2 + 2x + z^2 + 4z = -3$ is a hyperboloid of two sheets.
 - (e) If a force acts at an angle of 60° to the displacement, the work done by the force equals one-half the product of the magnitudes of the force and displacement.

SOLUTION:

- (a) **TRUE** If $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are nonzero vectors, their scalar triple product is $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$ which vanishes if and only if \mathbf{A} is orthogonal to $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$, implying \mathbf{A} lies in the plane formed by \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} .
- (b) **FALSE** The curve lies in the plane $x = c$ so its osculating plane is parallel to the yz -plane, not its rectifying plane.
- (c) **TRUE** $\|\boldsymbol{\tau}\| = \|\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}\| = \|\mathbf{r}\|\|\mathbf{F}\|\sin\theta = \text{area of parallelogram formed by } \mathbf{r} \text{ and } \mathbf{F}$.
- (d) **FALSE** It is a cone.

$$y^2 - x^2 + 2x + z^2 + 4z = -3$$

$$y^2 - (x^2 - 2x + 1 - 1) + z^2 + 4z + 4 - 4 = -3$$

$$y^2 - (x - 1)^2 + (z + 2)^2 = 0$$

- (e) **TRUE** Work = $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{D} = \|\mathbf{F}\|\|\mathbf{D}\|\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{F}\|\|\mathbf{D}\|$

2. [2350/061424 (24 pts)] Buzz Lightyear is flying along the path $\mathbf{b}(t) = t^2 \mathbf{i} + (9 + t) \mathbf{j} + \sqrt{6}t^{3/2} \mathbf{k}$. He is being pursued by Emperor Zurg, whose starship is traveling along the path $\mathbf{h}(t) = \frac{t^3}{3} \mathbf{i} + 4t \mathbf{j} + \sqrt{2}t^2 \mathbf{k}$. Both paths are valid for $t \geq 0$.

- (a) (8 pts) Is there a time, t , when Zurg's ship will intercept Buzz? If so, find it and the point where this occurs. If not, explain why not.
- (b) (16 pts) Zurg's ship only has enough fuel to travel $\frac{32}{3}$ units of distance.
 - i. (12 pts) Where is Zurg's ship when it runs out of fuel? Hint: $t^3 + 12t - 32 = 0$ has only one real root which can be found by guessing and checking.
 - ii. (4 pts) Is Buzz safe, that is, can Zurg not catch him?

SOLUTION:

- (a) We need to see if there exists a t such that $\mathbf{b}(t) = \mathbf{h}(t)$. To this end, we need to solve the following system of equations:

$$t^2 = t^3/3 \tag{1}$$

$$9 + t = 4t \tag{2}$$

$$\sqrt{6}t^{3/2} = \sqrt{2}t^2 \tag{3}$$

Eq. (2) gives $t = 3$, which also satisfies Eqs. (1) and (3). The two paths intersect at the point $(9, 12, 9\sqrt{2})$.

- (b) i. We need to find the arc length function for Zurg's ship. The ship is at $(0, 0, 0)$ when $t = 0$. Thus

$$\mathbf{h}'(t) = t^2 \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 2\sqrt{2}t \mathbf{k} \implies \|\mathbf{h}'(t)\| = \sqrt{t^4 + 16 + 8t^2} = \sqrt{(t^2 + 4)^2} = |t^2 + 4| = t^2 + 4$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\mathbf{h}'(u)\| du = \int_0^t (u^2 + 4) du = \frac{t^3}{3} + 4t$$

Zurg's ship's fuel runs out after traveling $\frac{32}{3}$ units, or

$$\frac{32}{3} = \frac{t^3}{3} + 4t \implies t^3 + 12t - 32 = 0$$

The only real root of this equation is $t = 2$, so Zurg's ship at this time is at $(\frac{8}{3}, 8, 4\sqrt{2})$.

ii. Yes, Buzz is safe. To intercept Buzz, Zurg would have to travel for 3 units of time, but only has fuel for 2.

3. [2350/061424 (12 pts)] Find an equation for the surface consisting of all points that are equidistant from the point $(0, -2, 0)$ and the plane $y = 1$. Identify the surface, being as specific as possible.

SOLUTION:

Let $P(x, y, z)$ be a point on the surface. Then the distance from P to the plane is $|y - 1| = \sqrt{(y - 1)^2}$ and from the point P to the given point is $\sqrt{x^2 + (y + 2)^2 + z^2}$. Equating these we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(y - 1)^2} &= \sqrt{x^2 + (y + 2)^2 + z^2} \\ y^2 - 2y + 1 &= x^2 + y^2 + 4y + 4 + z^2 \\ -6y &= x^2 + z^2 + 3 \\ y &= -\frac{1}{6}(x^2 + z^2) - \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

This is a circular paraboloid.

4. [2350/061424 (28 pts)] A bird is flying with a velocity vector of $\mathbf{v}(t) = 2\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + t^2\mathbf{k}$, $t \geq 0$. When $t = 0$ its position is $\mathbf{r}(0) = 10\mathbf{k}$.
- (a) (10 pts) Where is the bird when $t = 3$?
- (b) (6 pts) Find the curvature of the bird's path.
- (c) (6 pts) What is the magnitude of the tangential component of the bird's acceleration?
- (d) (6 pts) What is the magnitude of the normal component of the bird's acceleration?

SOLUTION:

(a)

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \int \mathbf{v}(t) dt = \int (2\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + t^2\mathbf{k}) dt = 2t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + \frac{t^3}{3}\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{C}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(0) = 10\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{C}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 10\right)\mathbf{k} \implies \mathbf{r}(3) = 6\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} + 19\mathbf{k}$$

(b) With $\mathbf{r}''(t) = \mathbf{v}'(t)$, we have

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 2t & t^2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2t \end{vmatrix} = 2t^2\mathbf{i} - 4t\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\| = \sqrt{4t^4 + 16t^2 + 16} = \sqrt{(2t^2 + 4)^2} = |2t^2 + 4| = 2t^2 + 4 = 2(t^2 + 2)$$

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

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{2(t^2 + 2)}{(t^2 + 2)^3} = \frac{2}{(t^2 + 2)^2}$$

(c)

$$a_T(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\|\mathbf{v}(t)\| = \frac{d}{dt}(t^2 + 2) = 2t = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$$

(d)

$$a_N(t) = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{a}(t)\|^2 - [a_T(t)]^2} = \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 - 4t^2} = 2 = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$$

5. [2350/061424 (26 pts)] Consider the points $A(1, 0, 1)$, $B(2, 2, 1)$, $C(1, 2, 2)$ and the line $\frac{1-x}{2} = 1-y = \frac{z-2}{3}$.

- (a) (8 pts) Find the equation of the plane containing the points, writing your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$.
- (b) (6 pts) Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are the points A, B, C .
- (c) (6 pts) Where does the line intersect the plane?
- (d) (6 pts) Find the angle at which the line hits the plane.

SOLUTION:

- (a) Two vectors in the plane are

$$\vec{AB} = \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{AC} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle$$

A normal vector to the plane is

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

We then have $2(x-1) - (y-0) + 2(z-1) = 0 \implies 2x - y + 2z = 4$ as the plane's equation.

- (b)

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

- (c) The parametric equations of the line are $x = 1 - 2t$, $y = 1 - t$, $z = 2 + 3t$. Putting these into the equation of the plane yields

$$2(1 - 2t) - (1 - t) + 2(2 + 3t) = 4 \implies 5 + 3t = 4 \implies t = -\frac{1}{3} \implies \text{intersection point is } (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 1 \right)$$

- (d) The direction vector of the line is $\mathbf{v} = \langle -2, -1, 3 \rangle$ and the angle between this vector and the normal to the plane, $\mathbf{n} = \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle$, is

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{n}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{(2)(-2) + (-1)(-1) + (2)(3)}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-1)^2 + 3^2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{3\sqrt{14}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

The angle the line makes with the plane is then $\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$.

