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## TEST 3 (B)

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**Question 1.** (10 marks)(a) Find a vector that is orthogonal to both  $\vec{u} = (1, 2, -4)$  and  $\vec{v} = (2, -1, -1)$ .(b) Find the area of the parallelogram defined by  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

$$(a) \quad \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{(-6, -7, -5)}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Area} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-5)^2} \\ = \boxed{\sqrt{110}}$$

**Question 2.** (10 marks)

(a) Explain briefly how the placement of the brackets in the scalar triple product  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$  matters.

(b) Find the volume of the parallelepiped defined by the vectors  $\vec{u} = (1, -1, 3)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (2, -2, -1)$  and  $\vec{w} = (4, -2, 1)$

$$(a) \quad \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$$

is the dot product of  
2 vectors, permissible operation

$$(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) \times \vec{w}$$

is a scalar crossed with  
a vector, impossible

$$(b) \quad \left| \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{w} \right|$$

$$= \left| \vec{u} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$= \left| \vec{u} \cdot (-4, -6, 4) \right|$$

$$= \left| (1, -1, 3) \cdot (-4, -6, 4) \right|$$

$$= \left| -4 + 6 + 12 \right| = \boxed{14}$$

**Question 3.** (10 marks)

Find an equation for the plane passing through the points  $A(0, 2, 2)$ ,  $B(-1, -2, 2)$  and  $C(-1, 3, 1)$ .

$$\vec{AB} = (-1, -4, 0)$$

$$\vec{AC} = (-1, 1, -1)$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = (4, -1, -5)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4x - y - 5z + d = 0$$

$$4(0) - 2 - 5(2) + d = 0$$

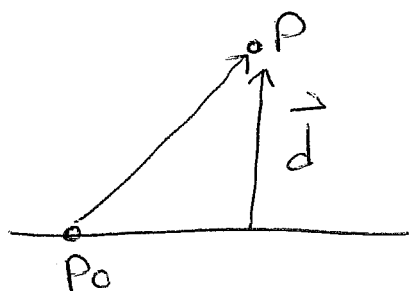
$$-12 + d = 0$$

$$d = 12$$

$$4x - y - 5z + 12 = 0$$

**Question 4.** (10 marks)

Find the distance between the line  $(x, y, z) = (2t, -1 - 3t, 1 + t)$  and the point  $P(1, 1, 2)$ .



$P_0 (0, -1, 1)$  is on the line

$$\vec{P_0P} = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$\vec{v} = (2, -3, 1) \text{ direction vector of Line}$$

$$\text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{P_0P} = \left( \frac{\vec{P_0P} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \right) \vec{v}$$

$$= \frac{(2 - 6 + 1)}{4 + 9 + 1} (2, -3, 1)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{14} (2, -3, 1)$$

$$\vec{d} = \vec{P_0P} - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{P_0P}$$

$$= (1, 2, 1) + \frac{3}{14} (2, -3, 1)$$

$$= \left( \frac{20}{14}, \frac{19}{14}, \frac{17}{14} \right)$$

$$\|\vec{d}\| = \frac{1}{14} \sqrt{20^2 + 19^2 + 17^2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{14} \sqrt{1050}}$$

**Question 5.** (10 marks)

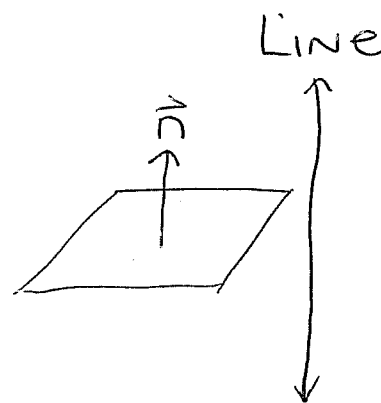
Find parametric equations for the line that is perpendicular to the plane  $2x + y + 2z + 2 = 0$  and passes through the point  $P(1, 2, 2)$

$$\vec{n} = (2, 1, 2)$$

is a direction  
vector for the line

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 2) + (2, 1, 2)t$$

$$= (1+2t, 2+t, 2+2t)$$



**Question 6.** (10 marks)

Find an equation for the plane that is perpendicular to the plane  $2x - y - 4z + 2 = 0$  and contains the line  $(x, y, z) = (2 - t, 2t, 1 - t)$ .

$$\vec{n}_1 = (2, -1, -4)$$

Normal of plane  
That is perpendicular  
to the plane we are  
looking for

$$\vec{d} = (-1, 2, -1)$$

direction vector of  
line

$$\vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{d} = (9, 6, 3)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$9x + 6y + 3z + d = 0$$

$P(2, 0, 1)$  is on the line, so on  
the plane

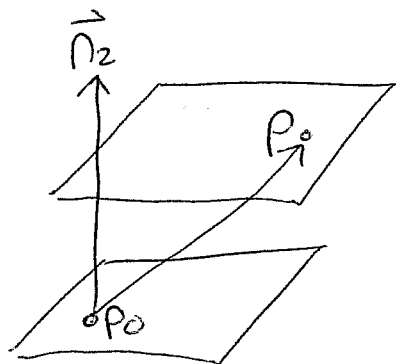
$$9(2) + 6(0) + 3(1) + d = 0$$

$$18 + 3 + d = 0 \quad d = -21$$

$$\boxed{9x + 6y + 3z - 21 = 0}$$

**Question 7. (10 marks)**Find the distance between the two parallel planes  $2x - y + z + 3 = 0$  and

$$4x - 2y + 2z + 7 = 0$$



P is on plane 1

$$P(0, 0, -3)$$

 $P_0$  is on plane 2

$$P_0(-7/4, 0, 0)$$

$$\vec{P_0P} = (7/4, 0, -3)$$

$$\vec{n_2} = (4, -2, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proj}_{\vec{n_2}} \vec{P_0P} &= \left( \frac{(7/4, 0, -3) \cdot (4, -2, 2)}{(4, -2, 2) \cdot (4, -2, 2)} \right) (4, -2, 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} (4, -2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{distance} = \left\| \frac{1}{24} (4, -2, 2) \right\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} \sqrt{24}$$

### Question 8.

(a) (5 marks)

Show that the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  with the standard matrix addition and scalar multiplication is **NOT** a vector space.

(b) (10 marks)

Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs of real numbers  $(1, x)$  with operations defined as follows:

$$(1, x) + (1, y) = (1, x + y)$$

$$k(1, x) = (1, kx)$$

Prove that  $V$  satisfies axioms 4 and 5 for vector spaces (see back page for vector space axioms).

(a) AXIOM 1 FAILS

$$\text{Let } U = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{be in } V$$

$$U + V = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Not in } V$$

(b) AXIOM 4

$$\text{The } O_V = (1, 0)$$

$$\text{then } U = (1, x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U + O_V &= (1, x) + (1, 0) = (1, x+0) \\ &= (1, x) = U \end{aligned}$$

AXIOM 5

$$U = (1, x) \quad -U = (1, -x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } U + (-U) &= (1, x) + (1, -x) \\ &= (1, x-x) = (1, 0) = O_V \end{aligned}$$



**BONUS** (5 marks)

Let  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  and  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ . Prove that  $\vec{u}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ .

See Version a  
or Class Notes

## Vector Space Axioms

1- If  $u$  and  $v$  are objects in  $V$ , then  $u + v$  is in  $V$ .

$$2- u + v = v + u$$

$$3- u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

4- There is an object  $0_v$  called a zero object for  $V$  such that  $0_v + u = u$  for all  $u$  in  $V$ .

5- For each  $u$  in  $V$ , there is an object  $-u$  in  $V$  called a negative of  $u$  such that  $u + (-u) = 0_v$

6- If  $k$  is any scalar and  $u$  is any object in  $V$ , then  $ku$  is in  $V$

$$7- k(u+v) = ku + kv$$

$$8- (k+m)u = ku + mu$$

$$9- k(mu) = (km)u$$

$$10- 1u = u$$