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**TEST 3 (B)**  
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**Question 1.** (10 marks)

Let  $\vec{u} = (1, 2, -4)$  and  $\vec{v} = (2, -1, -1)$ .

- (a) Find the cosine of the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ .
- (b) Find the area of the triangle defined by  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

(a)

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 2 + 4}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-4)^2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{4}{\sqrt{21} \sqrt{6}}}$$

(b)

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\langle -6, -7, -5 \rangle\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-5)^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{110}}$$

**Question 2. (10 marks)**

Find the equation of the plane containing the points  $A(1, 2, -1)$  containing the line  $(x, y, z) = (1+t, 2-t, 0)$

$B = (1, 2, 0)$  is on the line

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

$$\vec{d} = (1, -1, 0) \quad \text{direction vector of line}$$

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

$$x + y + d = 0$$

$$A(1, 2, -1) \quad 1 + 2 + d = 0$$

$$3 + d = 0$$

$$d = -3$$

$$\boxed{x + y - 3 = 0}$$

**Question 3.** (10 marks)

Find the intersection of the planes  $2x - y + 3z = 0$  and  $x - y - z + 2 = 0$  and give a geometric interpretation of this intersection.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y + 3z &= 0 \\ x - y - z &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] R_2 - \frac{1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & -2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -2 R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Let  $z = t$

$$y = 4 - 5t$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2}(4 - 5t) - \frac{3}{2}t$$

$$= 2 - \frac{5}{2}t - \frac{3}{2}t$$

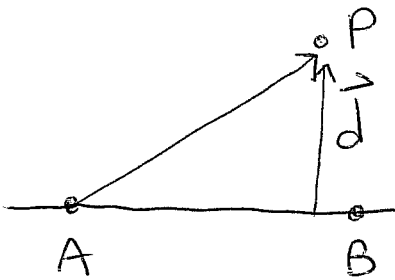
$$= 2 - 8/2t = 2 - 4t$$

$$(x, y, z) = (2 - 4t, 4 - 5t, t)$$

the intersection is a line.

**Question 4.** (10 marks)

Find the distance between the point  $P(1,1,2)$  and the line passing through the points  $A(1,2,3)$  and  $B(-1,-1,0)$ .



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

$$\vec{AB} = (-2, -3, -3)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AP} = \frac{\vec{AP} \cdot \vec{AB}}{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AB}} \vec{AB}$$

$$= \frac{(0+3+3)}{(4+9+9)} (-2, -3, -3)$$

$$= \left(\frac{6}{22}\right) (-2, -3, -3)$$

$$= \frac{3}{11} (-2, -3, -3)$$

$$\vec{d} = \vec{AP} - \text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AP}$$

$$= (0, -1, -1) - \frac{3}{11} (-2, -3, -3)$$

$$= \left(\frac{6}{11}, -\frac{2}{11}, -\frac{2}{11}\right) = \frac{2}{11} (3, -1, -1)$$

$$\|\vec{d}\| = \frac{2}{11} \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \boxed{\frac{2}{11} \sqrt{11}}$$

**Question 5.** (10 marks)

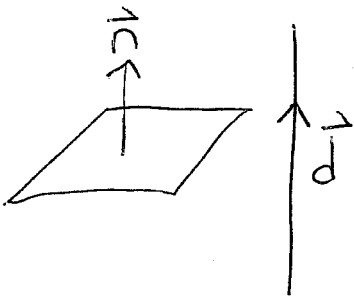
Determine whether the plane  $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$  is perpendicular to the line  $(x, y, z) = (2 - 4t, 2t, 1 - 6t)$ . Explain your answer.

the NORMAL OF THE PLANE  
is  $\vec{n} = (2, -1, 3)$

The direction vector OF THE  
line is

$$\vec{d} = (-4, 2, -6)$$

$\vec{n}$  &  $\vec{d}$  are parallel



so the line &  
plane

ARE perpendicular

**Question 6.** (10 marks)

Find parametric equations for the line passing through the point  $P(1,2,2)$  that is parallel to the planes  $2x - y + z + 1 = 0$  and  $x + y + z + 2 = 0$

The NORMALS OF THE plane Are

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

$$\vec{n}_2 = (1, 1, 1)$$

direction vector  $\vec{d}$  OF THE line is

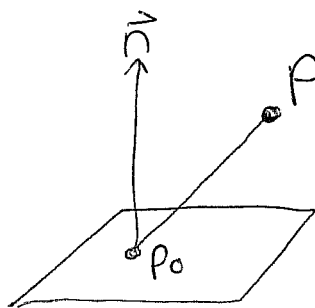
$$\vec{d} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = (-2, -1, 3)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The EQUATIONS are

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 2) + (-2, -1, 3)t$$

**Question 7.** (10 marks)

Find the distance between the plane  $2x - 3y + 4z = 5$  and the point  $P(1, -1, 2)$ .



Pick  $P_0$  on the plane  
 $P_0(1, -1, 0)$

$$\vec{P_0P} = (0, 0, 2) \quad \vec{n} = (2, -3, 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{P_0P} &= \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0P}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \vec{n} \\ &= \frac{8}{29} (2, -3, 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{distance} = \left\| \frac{8}{29} (2, -3, 4) \right\|$$

$$= \frac{8}{29} \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2}$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{8}{29} \sqrt{29}}$$

**Question 8.**

(a) (5 marks)

Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs of real numbers  $(x, y)$  with the operations:

$$(x, y) + (x', y') = (xx', yy')$$

$$k(x, y) = (kx, ky)$$

What is the zero object  $O_V$  of this vector space?

(b) (5 marks)

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

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

$$k(x, y) = (0, ky)$$

Prove that  $V$  is NOT a vector space.

(c) Let  $V$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $V$  satisfies axiom 1 of vector spaces. (See the back page for vector space axioms)

$$(a) \quad O_V = (1, 1)$$

$$\text{because } (x, y) + (1, 1) = (x, y)$$

(b) AXIOM 10 FAILS

$$\text{say } (x, y) = (1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1(x, y) &= 1(1, 1) \\ &= (0, 1) \neq (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ c+d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be in  $V$

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ c+d & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ a+b+c+d & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ (a+c) + (b+d) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



**BONUS** (5 marks)Prove that  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = -(\vec{u} \times \vec{z}) \cdot \vec{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \\ \vec{v} \\ \vec{w} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} \\ \vec{u} \\ \vec{w} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) \\ &= -(\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{v}\end{aligned}$$

## 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  $V$

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

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

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

$$10- 1u = u$$