



Hale School
Mathematics Specialist
Test 3 --- Term 2 2016
Vectors in 3D

Name: **ANSWERS**

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Instructions:

- CAS calculators are allowed
 - External notes are not allowed
 - Duration of test: 50 minutes
 - Show your working clearly
 - Use the method specified (if any) in the question to show your working (Otherwise, no marks awarded)
 - This test contributes to 7% of the year (school) mark
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Question 1 (7 marks: 1, 2, 4)

A sphere has its centre at $C(1, 1, 0)$ and radius 3.

(a) State the Cartesian equation of the sphere.

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

States the answer



Consider a diameter with end points at $P(3, 3, 1)$ and $Q(a, b, c)$ on the sphere.

(b) Determine the values of a , b and c .

QC = CP

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1-a \\ 1-b \\ -c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-1 \\ 3-1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1, b = -1, c = -1$$

Uses **QC = CP**

States the answers



Let $X(x, y, z)$ be any point (except P and Q) on the sphere.

(c) Prove that **PX** is perpendicular to **QX**.

$$\mathbf{PX} = \begin{pmatrix} x-3 \\ y-3 \\ z-1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{QX} = \begin{pmatrix} x+1 \\ y+1 \\ z+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{PX} \cdot \mathbf{QX} &= \begin{pmatrix} x-3 \\ y-3 \\ z-1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x+1 \\ y+1 \\ z+1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x^2 - 2x - 3 + y^2 - 2y - 3 + z^2 - 1 \\ &= (x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 + z^2 - 9 \\ &= 0 \quad (\because X \text{ is on the sphere}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathbf{PX} \perp \mathbf{QX}$

Determines **PX** and **QX**

Determines their dot product

Uses X on the sphere to simplify the equation

Shows that the dot product is zero



Question 2 (3 marks: 1, 2)

The Cartesian equation of a plane π is given by $x - 2y + z = 3$ and the vector equation of

a line l is given by $\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) State a normal vector to π .

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

States the answer



(b) State the vector equation of the plane Λ which contains the line l and parallel to π .

$$\Lambda: \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\text{So } \Lambda: \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -3$$

Uses the normal vector of π as
the normal vector of Λ



States the answer



Question 3 (6 marks: 2, 4)

An object, A, with initial position vector $\mathbf{r}_A(0) = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ metres is moving with velocity $\mathbf{v}_A = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ m/s.

A second object, B, with initial position vector $\mathbf{r}_B(0) = 5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ metres is moving with velocity $\mathbf{v}_B = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$ m/s.

(a) Find the positions of A and B at time t .

$$\mathbf{r}_A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 3t \\ 3 - t \\ -1 + 4t \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r}_B(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 + at \\ 3 + bt \\ 2 + ct \end{pmatrix}$$

Uses $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{r}(0) + t\mathbf{v}$

States the answers

(b) If $|\mathbf{v}_B| = \sqrt{14}$ m/s and A and B collide, find the time(s) of collision.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Collision} &\Rightarrow \mathbf{r}_A(t) = \mathbf{r}_B(t) \text{ for some } t > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 3t \\ 3 - t \\ -1 + 4t \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 + at \\ 3 + bt \\ 2 + ct \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow a = 3 - \frac{3}{t}, \quad b = -1 &\quad \text{and} \quad c = 4 - \frac{3}{t} \\ \Rightarrow \left(3 - \frac{3}{t}\right)^2 + 1 + \left(4 - \frac{3}{t}\right)^2 &= 14 \\ \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \text{ s} \quad \text{or} \quad 3 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

Equates $\mathbf{r}_A(t)$ and $\mathbf{r}_B(t)$ for collision

Expresses a , b and c in terms of t

Uses the given speed to set up the equation relating a , b and c

Solves for t correctly

Question 4 (7 marks: 4, 2, 1)

Given the equations of two planes: $\pi_1 : x - y + z = 1$ and $\pi_2 : x - z = 4$.

(a) Find the vector equation of the line which π_1 and π_2 intersect.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1 : x - y + z &= 1 \quad \dots\dots (1) \\ \pi_2 : x - z &= 4 \quad \dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Let $z = \lambda$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x = 4 + \lambda$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 4 + \lambda - y + \lambda = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 3 + 2\lambda$$

So $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 + \lambda \\ 3 + 2\lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Uses a parameter to solve π_1 and π_2 ✓

Expresses the other variables in terms of the parameter ✓

Writes \mathbf{r} as $\langle x, y, z \rangle$ ✓

Writes \mathbf{r} in terms of the parameter ✓

A third plane is given by $\pi_3 : 4x - 3y + 2z = d$ where d is an unknown.

(b) (i) Determine the value of d if the three equations $\begin{cases} x - y + z = 1 \\ x - z = 4 \\ 4x - 3y + 2z = d \end{cases}$ have many solutions.

$$3 \times \pi_1 + \pi_2 : 4x - 3y + 2z = 7$$

many solutions $\Rightarrow d = 7$

Or sub \mathbf{r} into π_3 and solve for d .

Adds $3 \times \pi_1$ to π_2 ✓

States the value of d ✓

(ii) Given the solutions in (b) (i), provide a geometric interpretation of the three planes in (b) (i).

The three planes meet at a common line.

Gives the correct interpretation ✓

Question 5 (4 marks: 2, 1, 1)

Given three vectors $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -9 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$ where h is an unknown.

(a) Given that $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = 18\mathbf{i} - 36\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k}$, determine the value of h .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} &= 18\mathbf{i} - 36\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k} \\ (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) \times (0\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + h\mathbf{k}) &= 18\mathbf{i} - 36\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{i}: -h + 36 &= 18 \\ \therefore h &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

Considers the cross product to give \mathbf{i} or \mathbf{j} component. ✓

Sets up and solve the equation ✓

(b) Evaluate $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) & \\ &= (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}) \cdot (18\mathbf{i} - 36\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k}) \\ &= 18 - 144 + 126 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

States the correct answer ✓

(c) Give a geometric interpretation regarding the three vectors of your answer in part (b).

The three vectors lie in the same plane.

Gives the correct interpretation ✓

Question 6 (7 marks: 2, 2, 3)

A particle moves along a path described by the vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} + 3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

(a) Determine the Cartesian equation of the path.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} + 3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

Identifies x and y components ✓
States the answer ✓

(b) Determine the velocity function.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} + 3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}(t) = \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{2} \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}$$

Differentiates $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ✓
States the answer ✓

(c) Determine the maximum speed.

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{2} \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{speed}^2 = \cos^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \frac{9}{4} \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = 1 + \frac{5}{4} \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

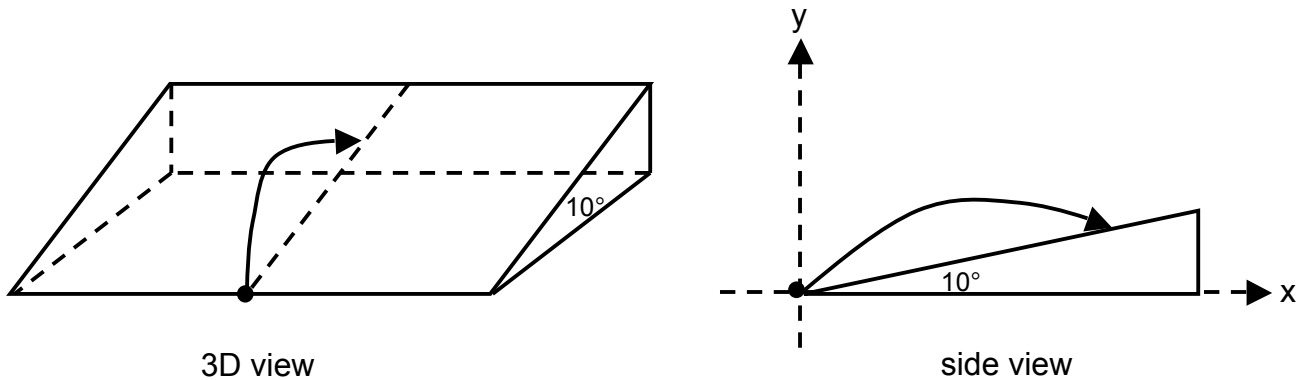
So $\text{speed}_{\max} \Leftrightarrow \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = 1$

And $\text{speed}_{\max} = \frac{3}{2}$

Writes speed in terms of t ✓
States the condition on $\sin^2(t/2)$ for max speed ✓
States the answer ✓

Question 7 (7 marks: 3, 2, 2)

A particle, at the bottom of an inclined plane, is projected up the plane along a line of the greatest slope as shown below.



The initial velocity of the particle is 40 m/s making an angle 20° with the **plane**.

The particle experiences an acceleration of 10 m/s^2 downwards throughout its motion. Ignore air resistance and use vector calculus in answering the following questions.

(a) Determine the velocity vector of the particle at time t .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= -10 \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}(t) &= -\int 10 \mathbf{j} \, dt \\ &= -10t \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}(0) &= \mathbf{c}_1 = 40 \cos(30^\circ) \mathbf{i} + 40 \sin(30^\circ) \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}(t) &= 20\sqrt{3} \mathbf{i} + (20 - 10t) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Writes $\mathbf{a} = -10 \mathbf{j}$ ✓
 Integrates \mathbf{a} to get \mathbf{v} ✓
 Uses $\mathbf{v}(0)$ to find \mathbf{c}_1 ✓

(b) Determine the position vector of the particle at time t .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(t) &= 20\sqrt{3} \mathbf{i} + (20 - 10t) \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{r}(t) &= \int [20\sqrt{3} \mathbf{i} + (20 - 10t) \mathbf{j}] \, dt \\ &= 20\sqrt{3}t \mathbf{i} + (20t - 5t^2) \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \mathbf{r}(t) &= \mathbf{c}_2 = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} \\ \therefore \mathbf{r}(t) &= 20\sqrt{3}t \mathbf{i} + (20t - 5t^2) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Integrates \mathbf{v} to get \mathbf{r} ✓
 Uses $\mathbf{r}(0)$ to find \mathbf{c}_2 ✓

(c) Determine the time when the particle hits the plane.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hits the plane} &\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = \tan 10^\circ \\ \Rightarrow \frac{20t - 5t^2}{20\sqrt{3}t} &= \tan 10^\circ \\ \Rightarrow t &= 2.78 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

Sets $y/x = \tan 10^\circ$

States the answer

