



Hale School  
Mathematics Specialist  
Test 3 --- Term 2 2018

Vectors

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**Instructions:**

- Calculators are allowed
  - External notes are not allowed
  - Duration of test: 45 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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All arguments must be given using principal values.

1. [3, 2 = 5 marks]

(a) Find the acute angle between  $\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the line joining the points

$P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Q \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ , giving your answer correct to the nearest degree.

$$\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

✓ Finds  $\vec{PQ}$

$$\angle \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) : \cos \theta = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + (-5)^2} \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2}}$$

✓ dot product

$$\theta = 56^\circ$$

✓ angle to nearest degree.

(b) Find an equation of the plane through  $Q \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and perpendicular to

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ in the form } \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = \rho.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} &= a \cdot n \\ \underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

✓ identifies normal vector

✓ determines  $a \cdot n$

2. [5, 5 = 10 marks]

- (a) The shortest distance between the plane  $2x - 3y + 4z = 6$  and a parallel plane is 5. Determine the vector equation of the parallel plane.

let  $\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  be a line  $\perp$  to plane.

Parallel plane  $d = \left| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right|$   
 $5 = \left| \lambda \sqrt{29} \right|$   
 $\lambda = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}$

eq<sup>n</sup> || plane :  $\underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = a \cdot \underline{n}$   
 $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3+2\lambda \\ -3\lambda \\ 4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 6 + 29\lambda$   
 $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \pm 5\sqrt{29}$

- ✓ calculates  $|\underline{n}|$
- ✓ recognises two sol<sup>ns</sup>.
- ✓ uses distance of 5 to evaluate  $\lambda$
- ✓ evaluates dot product.
- ✓ determines correct constant

- (b) The plane  $\Pi_1$  contains the line  $\frac{2-x}{3} = -\frac{y}{4} = z+1$  and is parallel to the vector  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$ . Find the Cartesian equation of  $\Pi_1$ .

$\lambda = \frac{2-x}{3} \Rightarrow x = 2-3\lambda$

$\lambda = -\frac{y}{4} \Rightarrow y = -4\lambda$

$\lambda = z+1 \Rightarrow z = -1+\lambda$

$\therefore \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Pi: \underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} = -14$

$\Pi: 2x + 3y + 18z = -14$

- ✓ converts to parametric
- ✓ converts to vector
- ✓ evaluates  $\underline{n}$
- ✓ evaluates  $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{n}$
- ✓ cartesian form

3. [5, 3 = 8 marks]

Given the system of equations

$$x + 2y + mz = -1$$

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

$$mx - 2y + z = 1$$

(a) Determine the value(s) for  $m$  for which there is a unique solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & m & | & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & | & 3 \\ m & -2 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & m & | & -1 \\ 4+m & 0 & -1 & | & 7 \\ m+1 & 0 & m+1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} 2R_2 + R_1 \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & m & | & -1 \\ 4+m & 0 & -1 & | & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -(m+1) & | & 7(m+1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} (m+1)R_2 - (4+m)R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \begin{cases} (-m-1 - (m^2 + 5m + 4))z = 7(m+1) \\ (-m^2 - 6m - 5)z = 7(m+1) \\ -(m+1)(m+5)z = 7(m+1) \\ z = \frac{-7(m+1)}{(m+1)(m+5)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

✓ eliminates one variable

✓ multiplies by  $(m+1)$   $(4+m)$  to eliminate second variable.

$m \neq -1$   
 $m \neq -5$  provides a unique sol<sup>n</sup>

✓ correct sol<sup>n</sup>

✓ expands and factorises  
✓ sol<sup>n</sup> for one variable in terms of  $m$

(b) Determine the value of  $m$  for which there are infinite solutions and give geometrical meaning to illustrate this case.

$m = -1$  : infinite solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & | & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

✓ correct  $m$  value  
✓ substitutes  $m$  value into eq<sup>n</sup>s

- two identical planes (eq<sup>n</sup> ① & ③ are multiples) and one intersecting plane

✓ correct geometrical interpretation.

4. [3, 3 = 6 marks]

$|x - (1, -1, 0)| = \sqrt{26}$  is the equation of a sphere.

- (a) Find the point(s) where the line through  $(4, -2, -2)$  and  $(6, 2, -4)$  meets the sphere.

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 4+2\lambda \\ -2+4\lambda \\ -2-2\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{26}$$

✓ sub line into plane

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 3+2\lambda \\ -1+4\lambda \\ -2-2\lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{26}$$

$$(3+2\lambda)^2 + (-1+4\lambda)^2 + (-2-2\lambda)^2 = 26$$

✓ solve for  $\lambda$

$$\lambda = -1, 0.5$$

$$\therefore \text{Meet at } (2, -6, 0)$$

$$\text{and } (5, 0, -3)$$

✓ points

- (b) A plane touches the sphere at the point  $(-2, 3, 1)$ . Determine the Cartesian equation of the plane.

$$\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

✓ normal vector

$$\vec{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 19$$

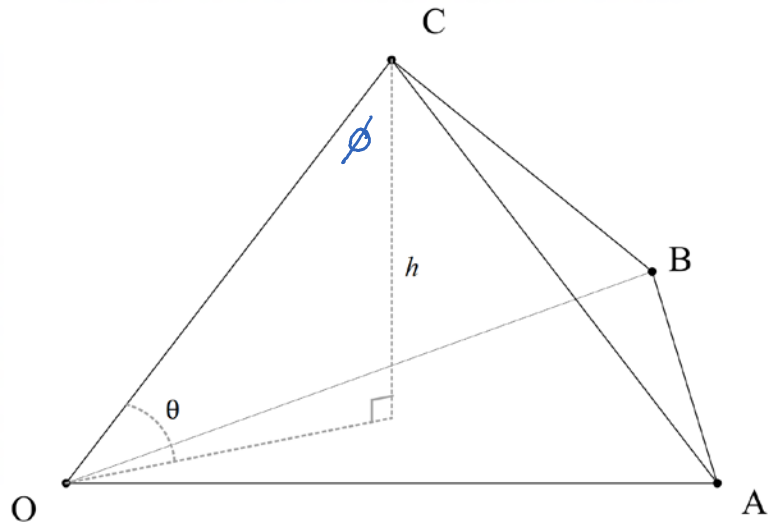
✓ vect eq<sup>n</sup> plane

$$-3x + 4y + z = 19.$$

✓ cart eq<sup>n</sup> plane.

5. [1, 4 = 5 marks]

In the tetrahedron shown,  $\overline{OA} = \underline{a}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = \underline{b}$  and  $\overline{OC} = \underline{c}$ .



(a) Express  $h$  in terms of  $\underline{c}$  and  $\theta$ .

$$h = |\underline{c}| \sin \theta \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Given  $V = \frac{1}{3} \text{Base} \times h$ , show that the volume of the tetrahedron can be found by

$$V = \frac{1}{6} |(\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) \cdot \underline{c}|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\text{base}) &= \frac{1}{2} |\underline{a}| |\underline{b}| \sin \angle AOB \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |\underline{a} \times \underline{b}| \end{aligned}$$

$\checkmark$  Determines  $A(\text{base})$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} |\underline{a} \times \underline{b}| \times |\underline{c}| \sin \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{6} |\underline{a} \times \underline{b}| |\underline{c}| \cos \phi \\ &= \frac{1}{6} |(\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) \cdot \underline{c}| \end{aligned}$$

$\checkmark$  Express for  $V$  in terms of  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}, \theta$

where  $\phi$  is angle between  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$   $\checkmark \sin \theta = \cos \phi$   
 $\checkmark$  illustrates  $\phi$  between  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$

$\checkmark$  Uses dot product

6. [3, 3 = 6 marks]

A curve, called the "witch of Maria Agnesi", is defined by the vector equation

$$\underline{r} = \frac{2}{\tan(t)} \underline{i} + 2 \sin^2(t) \underline{j}, \quad 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

(a) Determine the Cartesian equation of this curve.

$$x = \frac{2}{\tan t} \quad y = 2 \sin^2 t$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4 \cos^2 t}{\sin^2 t}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4(2 - 2 \sin^2 t)}{2 \sin^2 t}$$

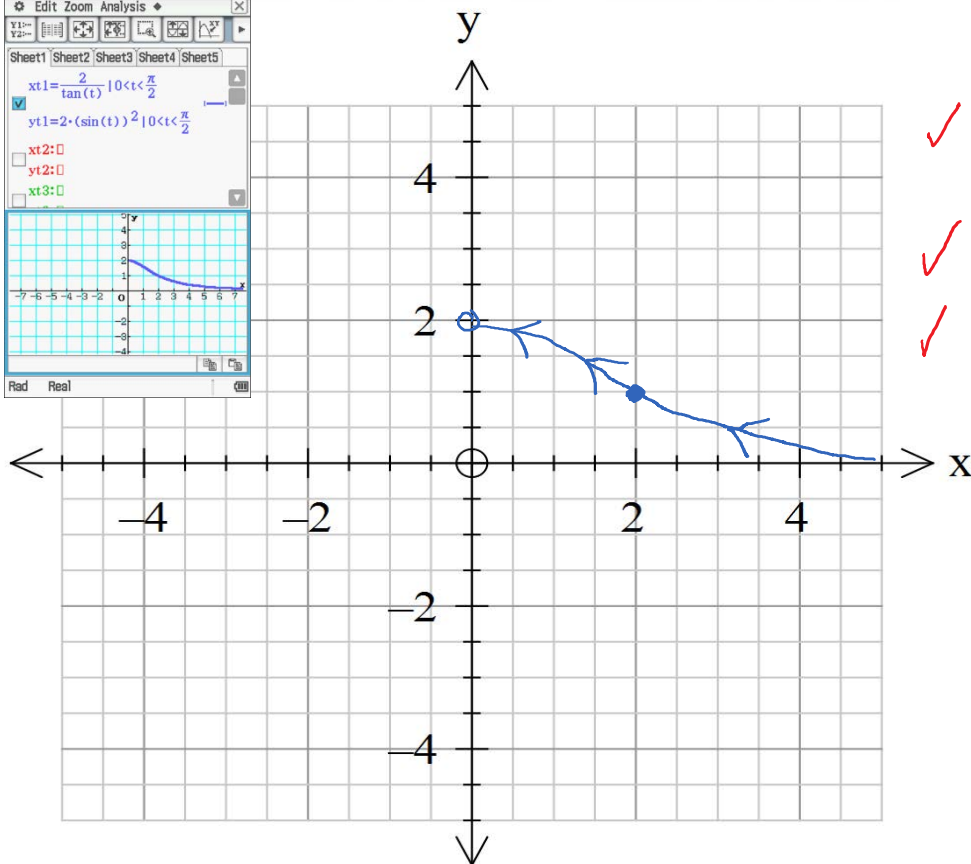
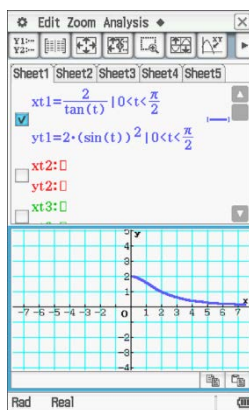
$$x^2 = \frac{4(2 - y)}{y}$$

$$x^2 y = 4(2 - y)$$

$$y = \frac{8}{x^2 + 4}$$

- ✓ determines parametric
- ✓ squares  $x$
- ✓ eliminates the  $t$

(b) Sketch the curve and indicate the direction of motion.



- ✓ Correct quadrant
- ✓ Point (2, 1)
- ✓ Direction

7. [5 marks]

Particle A starts from  $(2, -1, 5)$  and has a velocity vector  $2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Particle B starts 5 seconds later from  $(12, -10, 6)$  and has a velocity vector  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Find the time at which the particles are closest together and the minimum distance.

Let  $t=0$  be when particle B begins moving.

$$\mathbf{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + (t+5) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -16 \\ 35 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -10 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Method 1

$$\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 29 \\ -29 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Closest distance when  $\vec{v}_{AB} \perp (\vec{BA} + t\vec{v}_{AB})$

i.e.  $\vec{v}_{AB} \cdot (\vec{BA} + \vec{v}_{AB}t) = 0$

$$4(4+29) + 4(4+6)t = 0$$

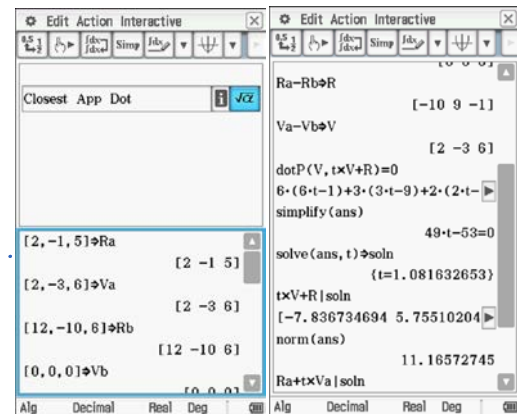
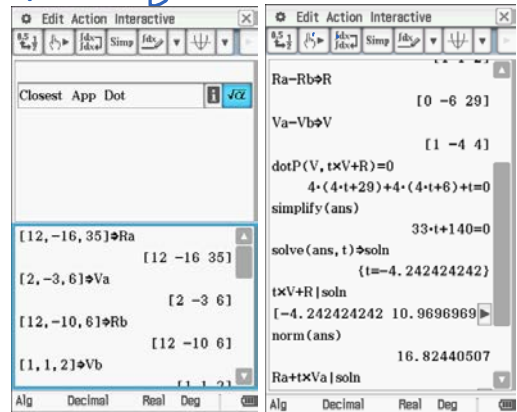
$$33t + 140 = 0$$

$$t = -4.24 \text{ s}$$

As closest distance happens before B moving, check when B is stationary.

i.e.  $\mathbf{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$   $\mathbf{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -10 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

Closest Approach Calc:  $t = 1.08 \text{ s}$   
 $d = 11.17 \text{ m}$



METHOD 2

$$d = |\mathbf{r}_B - \mathbf{r}_A| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} 0+t \\ -6-4t \\ 29+4t \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$d_{\min} = 16.8 \text{ m} \quad t_{\min} = -4.24 \text{ s}$$

check  $0 \leq t \leq 5$ , B stationary  $d = \left| \begin{pmatrix} -6+2t \\ 9-3t \\ -1+6t \end{pmatrix} \right|$

$$\therefore t = 1.05 \text{ s} \quad d = 11.17 \text{ m}$$

- ✓ determines  $\mathbf{r}_A$
- ✓ determines  $\mathbf{r}_B$
- ✓ expression for  $\vec{v}_{AB} \cdot (\vec{BA} + t\vec{v}_{AB}) = 0$
- ✓  $d_{\min} \cdot t_{\min}$
- ✓ Sol<sup>n</sup> when B stationary.

fMin(((2\*x-10)^2+(9-3\*x)^2+(-1+6\*x)^2)^0.5,x)  
 {MinValue=11.1657274455252,x=1.08163265306122}



