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YEAR 12 MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST
SEMESTER ONE 2018
TEST 3: Vectors and Vector Calculus

Name: Solutions

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Mark /48 = %

- Answer all questions neatly in the spaces provided. **Show all working.**
- You are permitted to use the Formula Sheet in **both** sections of the test.
- You are permitted one A4 page (one side) of notes in the calculator assumed section.

Calculator free section Suggested time: ~25 minutes /22

Question 1 (3 marks)

The vector form of a sphere is given by $|\underline{r} - (3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 4\underline{k})| = 6$.

- a) Give the Cartesian equation of the sphere.

$$(x-3)^2 + (y+2)^2 + (z-4)^2 = 36$$

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- b) Does the point (2, 1, -5) lie inside, outside or on the sphere? Justify your answer.

$$\sqrt{[(2-3)^2 + (1+2)^2 + (-5-4)^2]} = \sqrt{[1 + 9 + 81]} = \sqrt{91} \checkmark$$

\Rightarrow outside the sphere. \checkmark

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Question 2 (3 marks)

The points A , B and C have coordinates (2, 1, -1), (-2, 4, -2) and $(a, -5, 1)$ respectively, relative to the origin O , where $a \neq 10$.

Given $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = (10-a)\underline{j} + 3(10-a)\underline{k}$ and the area of triangle ABC is $4\sqrt{10}$ square units, find the possible values of the constant a .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \Delta &= \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = 4\sqrt{10} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{[(10-a)^2 + 9(10-a)^2]} = 4\sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{10(10-a)^2} = 8\sqrt{10} \checkmark$$

$$\sqrt{10} \cdot |10-a| = 8\sqrt{10}$$

$$|10-a| = 8 \checkmark$$

$$a = 2 \text{ or } 18. \checkmark (\text{both})$$

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Question 3 (5 marks)

Solve the following system of equations by first forming an augmented matrix. Show each row operation beside the matrix.

$$x + y + z = 1$$

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

$$3x + 2y + z = 1$$

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right] R_2' = -R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] R_3' = R_3 + R_2 \quad \checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$$

$$z = 3.$$

$$y + 9 = 5 \Rightarrow y = -4$$

$$x - 4 + 3 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$x = 2, y = -4, z = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Question 4 (11 marks)

Referred to an origin O , the points A , B , C and D have coordinates $(1, 1, 0)$, $(3, 2, 5)$, $(0, -1, -4)$ and $(-2, -5, 0)$ respectively.

a) Find the vector equation of the plane Π passing through A , B and C .

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{n}$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 2+1 = 3$$

$$\underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3.$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-4+10)\underline{i} - (-8+5)\underline{j} + (-4+1)\underline{k}$$

$$= 6\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} - 3\underline{k} = 3(2\underline{i} + \underline{j} - \underline{k})$$

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The line l passes through D and is perpendicular to Π .

b) State a vector equation of l .

$$l: \underline{r} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The line l meets the plane Π at the point E .

c) Find the coordinates of E .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 + 2\lambda \\ -5 + \lambda \\ -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

$$-4 + 4\lambda - 5 + \lambda + \lambda = 3$$

$$6\lambda = 12$$

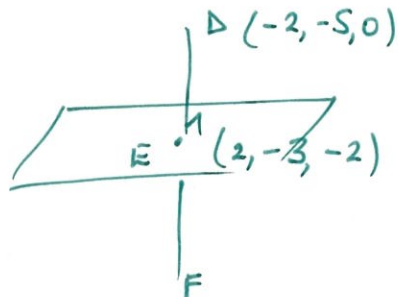
$$\lambda = 2.$$

$$E(2, -3, -2).$$

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The point F is the reflection of D in Π .

d) Find the coordinates of F .



$$F(6, -1, -4).$$

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Question 5 (8 marks)

The planes Π_1 and Π_2 are defined by the equations $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 5$ and $x + 4y + z = -2$.

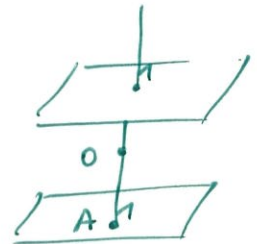
- a) Find, to the nearest degree, the acute angle between Π_1 and Π_2 . $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -2$

$$\text{angle} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = 86^\circ \text{ nearest degree.}$$

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The point A has coordinates $(2, 1, -2)$.

- b) Find the perpendicular distance between A and Π_1 .



$$\Pi_1: \underline{r} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}} \quad \checkmark$$

Plane \parallel to Π_1
through A : $\underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -3$

$$\therefore \underline{r} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{14}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{14}} \text{ or } \frac{4\sqrt{14}}{7} \quad \checkmark$$

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The plane Π_3 is perpendicular to Π_1 and Π_2 and the point with coordinates $(0, 4, -1)$ lies on Π_3 .

- c) Find the Cartesian equation of Π_3 .

$$\text{cross p} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Pi_3: \underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = -5$$

$$\therefore \underline{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = -5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow -13x + y + 9z = -5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(\text{or } 13x - y - 9z = 5)$$

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Question 6 (6 marks)

$$\frac{\sqrt{(9+16g^2)}}{3} \quad 4g$$

A firework company is testing its new brand of firework. One of the company's employees lights the firework on a large area of horizontal ground and it takes off at a small angle to the vertical. After a flight lasting 8 seconds it lands at a distance of 24 metres from the launch point.

The employee models the firework as a particle and ignores air resistance and any loss of mass which the firework experiences.

Using this model, find for this flight of the firework:



- a) the initial velocity vector

$$\underline{i} \text{ comp: } 8u_H = 24 \quad u_H = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{j} \text{ comp: } 8u_V - \frac{1}{2}g \cdot 64 = 0 \quad u_V = 4g \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{u} = 3\underline{i} + 4g\underline{j} \quad \checkmark$$

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- b) the initial speed, correct to 3 s.f.

$$|3\underline{i} + 4g\underline{j}| = 39.3 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

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- c) the maximum height attained

$$\text{max height} = \frac{|\underline{u}|^2 \cdot \sin^2 \theta}{2g} = \frac{39.3^2}{2g} \cdot \frac{16g^2}{(9+16g^2)} = 78.34 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$

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Question 7 (4 marks)

Determine the point of intersection of the two lines below. Explain your working.

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

For intersection

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 + 2\lambda \\ -1 \\ -8 - 3\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ 1 - \mu \\ -3 + 2\mu \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} 8 + 2\lambda = \mu \\ -1 = 1 - \mu \\ -8 - 3\lambda = -3 + 2\mu \end{array} \right\} \lambda, \mu \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda = -3 \quad \checkmark \\ \mu = 2 \quad \checkmark \end{array} \right.$$

check using $8 + 2\lambda = \mu \Rightarrow 8 - 6 = 2 \quad \checkmark$

Point of intersection $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2, -1, 1) \quad \checkmark$

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or $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Question 8 (8 marks)

The position vector of a particle at time t seconds is given by $\underline{r} = (t^3 - 2t)\underline{i} + (t^2 - 3t)\underline{j}$.

- a) Find the speed of the particle at time $t = 3$ seconds.

$$\underline{v} = \dot{\underline{r}}(t) = (3t^2 - 2)\underline{i} + (2t - 3)\underline{j} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{speed} = |\underline{v}(3)| = \sqrt{(25^2 + 3^2)} = 25.18 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

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- b) Does the particle ever come to a stop? If so, when and where does it stop? If not, explain why not.

Need \underline{i} and \underline{j} components of $\underline{v}(t) = 0$.

$$3t^2 - 2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2t - 3 = 0$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$t = \frac{3}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

t values not equal \Rightarrow particle doesn't stop. ✓

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- c) Find the position vector when the particle is moving parallel to the horizontal axis.

rate of change of \underline{j} component = 0. ✓

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$$\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 - 3t) = 0$$

$$2t - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\underline{r}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{8}\underline{i} - \frac{9}{4}\underline{j}$$

$$(\text{or } 0.375\underline{i} - 2.25\underline{j}). \quad \checkmark$$