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1. Consider the vector  $\vec{v} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ , and the lines:  $L_1$  through the point  $(0, 1)$  and parallel to  $\vec{v}$ , respectively the line  $L_2$  through the point  $(2, 10)$  and perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$ . The intersection point of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is:

- (a)  $(0, 3)$  (b)  $(2, 0)$  (c)  $(-1, 1)$  (d)  $(0, 0)$  (e)  $(-2, 2)$  (f)  $(1, 1)$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } \vec{v}.$$

$$L_1: \vec{w} \cdot \langle x-0, y-1 \rangle = 0$$

$$x + 2(y-1) = 0$$

$$L_2: \vec{v} \cdot \langle x-2, y-10 \rangle = 0$$

$$2(x-2) - (y-10) = 0$$

$$x + 2y - 2 = 0$$

$$2x - y + 6 = 0$$

$$5x + 10 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$-2 + 2y - 2 = 0$$

$$2y = 4$$

$$y = 2$$

2. Find  $\vec{r}(1)$ , provided  $\vec{r}(t)$  satisfies:

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \langle -t^2, 1, -t \rangle, \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(1) = \langle \frac{2}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{2} \rangle, \quad \vec{r}(0) = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle.$$

- a)  $(\frac{23}{12}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$  b)  $(2, -\frac{1}{2}, 0)$  c)  $(2, 1, 0)$  d)  $(2, -1, 1)$  e)  $(2, 0, -1)$  f)  $(\frac{23}{2}, 0, 0)$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle -\frac{1}{3}t^3 + a, t + b, -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + c \rangle = \langle -\frac{1}{3}t^3 + 1, t - 1, -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(1) = \langle -\frac{1}{3} + a, 1 + b, -\frac{1}{2} + c \rangle = \langle \frac{2}{3}, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$a = 1, \quad b = -1, \quad c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle -\frac{1}{12}t^4 + t + d, \frac{1}{2}t^2 - t + e, -\frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t + f \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle d, e, f \rangle = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle -\frac{1}{12}t^4 + t + 1, \frac{1}{2}t^2 - t - 1, -\frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(1) = \langle 2 - \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{2} - 2, -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

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3. The point on the intersection line of the planes  $2x - y - z = 2$  and  $x + y + z - 1 = 0$  which is closest to the point  $(9, 0, -1)$  is:

- (a)  $(9, 1, \frac{1}{2})$  (b)  $(0, 9, -\frac{1}{2})$  (c)  $(-1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0)$  (d)  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  (e)  $(-1, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2})$  (f)  $(2, 0, 9)$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 2, -1, -1 \rangle \quad \vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \langle 0, -3, 3 \rangle \quad \text{direction of line of intersection}$$

Point on intersection

$$(1, 0, 0)$$

$$2x - y - z = 2$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$3x = 3$$

$$t = \frac{-6}{2 \cdot 18} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$L: \langle 1, -3t, 3t \rangle$$

$$d^2(t) = 8^2 + (-3t)^2 + (-1-3t)^2 = 65 + 18t^2 + 6t$$

4. Which of the following planes contains the  $x$ -axis and is perpendicular on the plane  $3x - y + z = 20$ ?

- (a)  $y - 2z = 0$  (b)  $2y + z = 0$  (c)  $x = -z$  (d)  $z = 1$  (e)  $x + 2y = 0$  (f)  $2y = -2z$

Contains  $x$ -axis:  $(x, 0, 0)$  solves for any  $x$ .

a), b), f)

$$\vec{n} = \langle 3, -1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n}_a = \langle 0, 1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n}_b = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n}_f = \langle 0, 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}_f = 0$$

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5. Find the distance from the  $x$ -axis to the intersection line of the planes  $x + y + z - 1 = 0$  and  $-2x - 2y + z = 1$ .

(a)  $-1$     (b)  $0$     (c)  $1$     (d)  $\sqrt{2}$     (e)  $\sqrt{3}$     (f)  $\sqrt{4}$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \quad \vec{n}_2 = \langle -2, -2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3i - 3j = \langle 3, -3, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z - 1 &= 0 \\ -2x - 2y + z - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3z - 3 &= 0 \\ z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$L: \langle 3t, -3t, 1 \rangle$$

distance<sup>2</sup> to  $x$ -axis:

$$d^2(t) = (y(t))^2 + (z(t))^2$$

$$= 9t^2 + 1$$

smallest value is  
1 (when  $t=0$ .)

6. Let  $L$  be the line tangent to the trajectory  $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos^2(t), \sin(t) + 1, -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + t + 2)$  at the point  $\vec{r}(0)$ . Then the angle (in radians) of  $L$  with the  $xy$ -plane is:

(a)  $0$     (b)  $\pi/2$     (c)  $\pi/3$     (d)  $\pi/4$     (e)  $\pi/6$     (f)  $-\pi/2$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2\sin t \cos t, \cos t, -t + 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \quad \vec{n} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

angle between  $\vec{r}'(0)$  and  $\vec{n}$ :  $\arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

angle between  $\vec{r}'(0)$  and  $xy$  plane  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

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7. Consider the unit vectors  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$  having all the components positive numbers, and satisfying:  $\vec{u}_1$  is parallel to the line through the origin and  $(-3, -1, -1)$ ;  $\vec{u}_2$  is parallel to the intersection line of  $x - y - 3z = 0$  and  $-x + 2y + 2z = 0$ , and  $\vec{u}_3$  is a multiple of  $3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ . Then the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$  is:

- a)  $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{63}}$    b)  $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{33}}$    c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{331}}$    d)  $\frac{1}{10\sqrt{21}}$    e)  $\frac{1}{6\sqrt{77}}$    f)  $\frac{1}{12\sqrt{13}}$

$$\text{Let } v_1 = \langle 3, 1, 1 \rangle, \quad v_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$v_3 = \langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

$$\text{Then } U_1 = \frac{v_1}{|v_1|} \quad U_2 = \frac{v_2}{|v_2|} \quad U_3 = \frac{v_3}{|v_3|} \quad = \langle 4, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$(U_1 \times U_2) \cdot U_3 = \frac{1}{|v_1||v_2||v_3|} (v_1 \times v_2) \cdot v_3$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{18}\sqrt{14}} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{77}} \left( 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{6\sqrt{77}} \cdot (0 - 1 + 2)$$

8. Consider the statements:

- (i) The curvature of the curve  $x = 3 \cos(t), y = 5 + 3 \sin(t), z = 1$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
(ii) If the acceleration of a motion  $\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$  is everywhere zero, then the trajectory of the motion is a circle.

Which of the following assertions is true?

- a) (i) only   b) (ii) only   c) (i) and (ii)   d) neither of (i) and (ii)   e) (ii) is true if  $t < 0$   
f) none of the above

i) Circle of radius 3  $\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{3}$ .

ii)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t, t \rangle$  has  $\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$   $\vec{r}''(t) = \vec{0}$   
But  $\vec{r}$  traces a line.

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9. Find the value of the  $x$ -coordinate where the plane through the points  $(4, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2, 1)$ , and  $(1, 1, 2)$  intersects the  $x$ -axis.

- a) 14    b) 10    c) 8    d) 5    e) 3    f) 1

$$\vec{v} = \langle 3, -1, 0 \rangle \quad \vec{w} = \langle 3, 0, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= i + 3j + 3k$$

$$\mathcal{P}: 1(x-1) + 3(y-1) + 3(z-2) = 0$$

$$x\text{-axis: } y=z=0$$

$$x - 1 + 3(-1) + 3(-2) = 0$$

$$x = 1 + 3 + 6 = 10$$

10. The space curves define by the following vector-valued functions  $\vec{r}(t) = (t, \sin(t), t^4)$  and  $\vec{s}(t) = (t^3, t, \sin(t))$  intersect at the point  $\vec{r}(0) = (0, 0, 0) = \vec{s}(0)$ . Then the angle (in radians) between the two curves at the point  $(0, 0, 0)$  is:

- a) 0    b)  $\pi/6$     c)  $\pi/4$     d)  $\pi/3$     e)  $\pi/2$     f)  $2\pi/3$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, \cos t, 4t^3 \rangle \quad \vec{r}'(0) = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{s}'(t) = \langle 3t^2, 1, \cos t \rangle \quad \vec{s}'(0) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{s}'(0) \cdot \vec{r}'(0) = 1 = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\text{So } \theta = \arccos \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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11. Answer whether the following is true or false, and give a **reason** / **counterexample**:

The vector  $(\vec{j} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{i})) \times \vec{i}$  is a unit vector, i.e., has length one.

$$(\vec{j} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{i})) \times \vec{i} = (\vec{j} \times (\vec{j})) \times \vec{i} = \vec{0} \times \vec{i} = \vec{0}$$

FALSE

12. Answer whether the following is true or false, and give a **reason** / **counterexample**:

(a) If  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$ , then  $3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}$  and  $-3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}$  have the same length. TRUE

(b) If  $3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}$  and  $-3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}$  have the same length, then  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$ . TRUE

$$\begin{aligned} |3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}|^2 &= (3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}) \cdot (3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}) \\ &= 9\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + 6\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + 6\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} + 4\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} \\ &= 9|\vec{v}|^2 + 12\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + 4|\vec{w}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$|-3\vec{v} + 2\vec{w}|^2 = 9|\vec{v}|^2 - 12\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + 4|\vec{w}|^2$$

a) If  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$ , then  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$ , so both lengths are  $9|\vec{v}|^2 + 4|\vec{w}|^2$

b) If lengths are equal,  $12\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = -12\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$

So  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$ , hence  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$