

**Math 241, Exam 2, Fall, 2017 11:40 class**

Write everything on the blank paper provided. **You should KEEP this piece of paper.** If possible: return the problems in order (use as much paper as necessary), use only one side of each piece of paper, and leave 1 square inch in the upper left hand corner for the staple. If you forget some of these requests, don't worry about it – I will still grade your exam.

The exam is worth 50 points. Each problem is worth 10 points. Please make your work coherent, complete, and correct. Please CIRCLE your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solutions will be posted later today.

The exams will be returned on Thursday.

**No Calculators, Cell phones, computers, notes, etc.**

- (1) Express  $\vec{v} = 4\vec{i} + \vec{j}$  as the sum of a vector parallel to  $\vec{b} = -2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$  plus a vector perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$ . Check your answer. Make sure it is correct.

Observe that  $\vec{v} = \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v} + (\vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v})$  with  $\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v}$  parallel to  $\vec{b}$  and  $(\vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v})$  perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$ .

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v} &= \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}} \vec{b} = \frac{(-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}) \cdot (4\vec{i} + \vec{j})}{(-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}) \cdot (-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j})} (-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}) \\ &= \frac{-5}{13} (-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(\vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v}) = \frac{52}{13}\vec{i} + \frac{13}{13}\vec{j} - \left(\frac{10}{13}\vec{i} - \frac{15}{13}\vec{j}\right) = \frac{42}{13}\vec{i} + \frac{28}{13}\vec{j}.$$

Thus  $\vec{v} = \frac{-5}{13}(-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}) + \left(\frac{42}{13}\vec{i} + \frac{28}{13}\vec{j}\right)$  with  $\frac{-5}{13}(-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j})$  parallel to  $\vec{b}$  and  $\left(\frac{42}{13}\vec{i} + \frac{28}{13}\vec{j}\right)$  perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$ .

- (2) Find the point on the line

$$x = 2 + 3t, \quad y = 3 - t, \quad z = 1 + 2t$$

**which is nearest to the origin.**

Let  $O = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $P = (2, 3, 1)$ , and  $Q = (a, b, c)$  be the point on the line which is closest to  $O$ . Observe that  $P$  is on the line and  $\vec{v} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$  is parallel to the line. Look at the picture to see that  $\vec{PQ} = \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{PO}$ . It follows that

$$(a - 2)\vec{i} + (b - 3)\vec{j} + (c - 1)\vec{k} = \vec{PQ} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{PO}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \cdot (-2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - \vec{k})}{(3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \cdot (3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k})} (3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \\
&= \frac{(-6 + 3 - 2)}{9 + 1 + 4} (3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) = \frac{-5}{14} (3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k})
\end{aligned}$$

The point  $Q$  is  $Q = (2 + \frac{-15}{14}, 3 + \frac{5}{14}, 1 - \frac{10}{14}) = \boxed{(\frac{13}{14}, \frac{47}{14}, \frac{4}{14})}$ .

**Check.** First of all,  $Q$  is the point on the line when  $t = -5/14$ . Furthermore, the vector  $\overrightarrow{OQ}$  is  $\frac{13}{14}\vec{i} + \frac{47}{14}\vec{j} + \frac{4}{14}\vec{k}$  and this vector is perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$  because  $(\frac{13}{14}\vec{i} + \frac{47}{14}\vec{j} + \frac{4}{14}\vec{k}) \cdot (3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) = \frac{39-47+8}{14} = 0$

- (3) **Graph and describe the set of points in 3-space which satisfy both of the equations**

$$z = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad (x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-3)^2 = 16.$$

See the picture.

- (4) **Let  $f(x, y) = 3x^2 \sin(3y) + 7y \cos(2x)$ . Find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ .**

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6x \sin(3y) - 14y \sin(2x).}$$

- (5) **An object is fired from the origin in the  $xy$ -plane at an angle  $\alpha$  from the positive  $x$ -axis with an initial speed of  $v_0$ . The acceleration of the object is  $-g\vec{j}$ . How high is the object when its  $x$ -coordinate is  $R$ ?**

Let  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j}$  be the position vector of the object at time  $t$ . We are told that  $\vec{r}''(t) = -g\vec{j}$ ,  $\vec{r}'(0) = v_0 \cos \alpha \vec{i} + v_0 \sin \alpha \vec{j}$ , and  $\vec{r}(0) = 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j}$ . We integrate to learn  $\vec{r}'(t) = -gt\vec{j} + \vec{c}_1$ . Plug in  $t = 0$  to learn

$$v_0 \cos \alpha \vec{i} + v_0 \sin \alpha \vec{j} = \vec{r}'(0) = \vec{c}_1.$$

So,

$$\vec{r}'(t) = v_0 \cos \alpha \vec{i} + (v_0 \sin \alpha - gt)\vec{j}.$$

Integrate again to learn

$$\vec{r}(t) = (v_0 \cos \alpha)t\vec{i} + ((v_0 \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2)\vec{j} + \vec{c}_2.$$

Plug in  $t = 0$  to learn

$$0 = \vec{r}(0) = \vec{c}_2.$$

Thus,

$$\vec{r}(t) = (v_0 \cos \alpha)t\vec{i} + ((v_0 \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2)\vec{j}.$$

The  $x$ -coordinate of the object is  $R$  when

$$(v_0 \cos \alpha)t = R,$$

so  $t = R/(v_0 \cos \alpha)$ . When the  $x$ -coordinate is  $R$ , the  $y$  coordinate is

$$y(R/(v_0 \cos \alpha)) = (v_0 \sin \alpha)(R/(v_0 \cos \alpha)) - g \left( \frac{(R/(v_0 \cos \alpha))^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \boxed{R \tan \alpha - \frac{gR^2}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha}}.$$