

Math 241, Exam 2, Fall, 2017 1:15 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 $\vec{v} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ as the sum of a vector parallel to $\vec{b} = 5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$ 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

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v} = \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}} \vec{b} = \frac{(5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) \cdot (\vec{i} + 2\vec{j})}{(5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) \cdot (5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j})} (5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) = \frac{13}{41} (5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}).$$

It follows that

$$(\vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{v}) = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \frac{13}{41}(5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) = -\frac{24}{41}\vec{i} + \frac{30}{41}\vec{j}.$$

Thus $\vec{v} = \frac{13}{41}(5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) + (-\frac{24}{41}\vec{i} + \frac{30}{41}\vec{j})$ with $\frac{13}{41}(5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j})$ parallel to \vec{b} and $-\frac{24}{41}\vec{i} + \frac{30}{41}\vec{j}$ perpendicular to \vec{b} .

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 9x^2 \cos(3y) + 7 \cos(2x)$$

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- (3) Find the point on the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 2$ which is closest to the point $(2, 1, 3)$.

The line through $(2, 1, 3)$ which is perpendicular to the plane is

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

The line and the plane meet when

$$(2 + t) + 2(1 + 2t) + 3(3 + 3t) = 2.$$

$$14t = -11.$$

The line and the plane meet at $t = -11/14$. The point of intersection is

$$(2 - 11/14, 1 - 22/14, 3 - 33/14) = \boxed{(17/14, -8/14, 9/14)}.$$

Check. The point is on the plane because

$$(1/14)(17 - 16 + 27) = 2.$$

The vector

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{(2, 1, 3)(17/14, -8/14, 9/14)} &= (1/14)((17 - 28)\vec{i} + (-8 - 14)\vec{j} + (9 - 42)\vec{k}) \\ &= (-11/14)(\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \end{aligned}$$

is perpendicular to the plane.

- (4) **Describe and graph the set of all points in three space which satisfy the equation $x^2 + z^2 = y^2$.**

The graph is a cone with the y -axis in its center. See the picture.

- (5) **The position vector of an object at time t is $\vec{r}(t) = \cos(2t)\vec{i} - \sin(2t)\vec{j}$.**

- (a) **Eliminate the parameter and give the path of the object.**

Use the identity $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ to see that $x^2 + y^2 = \cos^2(2t) + \sin^2(2t) = 1$. The path of the object is $\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 1}$.

- (b) **Is the object moving clock-wise or counter clock-wise? (Please explain.)**

At time zero the object is standing on $(0, 0)$. At time $\frac{\pi}{4}$ the object is standing on $(0, -1)$. The object is moving $\boxed{\text{clock-wise}}$.

- (c) **What is the speed of the object at time t ?**

The speed at time t is $|\vec{r}'(t)| = |-2\sin(2t)\vec{i} - 2\cos(2t)\vec{j}| = \sqrt{4\sin^2(2t) + 4\cos^2(2t)} = \boxed{2}$

- (d) **Draw the velocity vector $\vec{r}'(\frac{\pi}{4})$ on a picture of the path of the object. Put the tail of the velocity vector on the position of the object at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.**

$\vec{r}'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -2\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})\vec{i} - 2\cos(\frac{\pi}{2})\vec{j} = \boxed{-2\vec{i}}$. I drew the vector on the picture.