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**No calculators, cell phones, computers, notes, etc.**

Circle your answer. Make your work correct, complete and coherent.

Please take a picture of your quiz (for your records) just before you turn the quiz in. I will e-mail your grade and my comments to you. I will keep your quiz.

The quiz is worth 5 points. The solutions will be posted on my website later today.

### Quiz 2, September 1, 2022

Find the equation of the plane in 3-space which contains the points  $(1, 1, -1)$ ,  $(2, 0, 2)$ , and  $(0, -2, 1)$ . Please make sure that all three points satisfy your equation.

**Answer:** Let  $P = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $Q = (2, 0, 2)$ , and  $R = (0, -2, 1)$ . Observe that

$$\vec{PQ} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{PR} = -\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}.$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= 7\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}. \end{aligned}$$

The plane through  $(1, 1, -1)$  perpendicular to  $7\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$  is

$$7(x-1) - 5(y-1) - 4(z+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{7x - 5y - 4z = 6}$$

**Check** The point  $P = (1, 1, -1)$  satisfies the proposed answer because  $7 - 5 + 4 = 6$ . ✓

The point  $Q = (2, 0, 2)$  satisfies the proposed answer because  $14 - 8 = 6$ . ✓

The point  $R = (0, -2, 1)$  satisfies the proposed answer because  $10 - 4 = 6$ . ✓