

Question 1:

and centre $(0,0,0)$

- (a) Find all points on the sphere of radius 1 that are a distance $1/\sqrt{2}$ from each of the xy -plane and xz -plane.

Let (x, y, z) be such a point.

$$\text{Distance to } xy\text{-plane} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow z = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Distance to } xz\text{-plane} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Since (x, y, z) is on sphere of radius 1,

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

\therefore points are $\left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ [5]

- (b) A sphere with radius 5 and centre $(2, -6, 4)$ intersects the xy plane to form a circle. Determine the radius of this circle.

$$\text{Sphere has equation } (x-2)^2 + (y+6)^2 + (z-4)^2 = 5^2$$

On xy -plane $z=0$, so circle has equation

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+6)^2 + (0-4)^2 = 5^2$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+6)^2 = 25 - 16$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+6)^2 = 3^2$$

\therefore radius of circle is 3

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Question 2: For this question use the vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$$

(a) Compute $|2\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}|$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= |2\langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle - 4\langle 3, 0, -1 \rangle| \\
 &= |\langle -10, -6, 8 \rangle| \\
 &= \sqrt{(-10)^2 + (-6)^2 + 8^2} \\
 &= \boxed{10\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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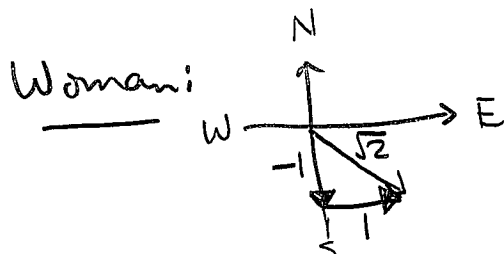
(b) Find a vector \mathbf{c} which when added to $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ gives $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{\mathbf{c}} &= (\vec{\mathbf{a}} - \vec{\mathbf{b}}) - (\vec{\mathbf{a}} + \vec{\mathbf{b}}) \\
 &= -2\vec{\mathbf{b}} \\
 &= -2\langle 3, 0, -1 \rangle \\
 &= \boxed{\langle -6, 0, 2 \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad -6\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 3: A ship is travelling north at 20 km/hr. A woman on the deck of the ship walks south-east at $\sqrt{2}$ km/hr. What is the speed of the woman relative to the surface of the water?

Ship: $\vec{v}_s = 20\hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$



$$\vec{v}_w = \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

∴ Speed is

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 19^2} \\
 &= \boxed{\sqrt{362} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}} \\
 &= 19 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \vec{v}_s + \vec{v}_w = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 19\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

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Question 4: Determine all angles in the triangle with vertices $P(1, -3, -2)$, $Q(2, 0, -4)$ and $R(6, -2, -5)$. (If giving a calculator answer round your final answers to one decimal place.)



$$\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PR} = |\vec{PQ}| |\vec{PR}| \cos(\angle QPR)$$

$$\langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 1, -3 \rangle = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{35} \cos(\angle QPR)$$

$$14 = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{35} \cos(\angle QPR)$$

$$\therefore \angle QPR = \arccos\left(\frac{14}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{35}}\right) = \arccos\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\right) \doteq 50.8^\circ$$

$$\vec{QP} \cdot \vec{QR} = |\vec{QP}| |\vec{QR}| \cos(\angle PQR)$$

$$\langle -1, -3, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -2, -1 \rangle = \sqrt{15} \sqrt{21} \cos(\angle PQR)$$

$$0 = \sqrt{15} \sqrt{21} \cos(\angle PQR)$$

$$\therefore \angle PQR = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle QRP = 90 - 50.8 = 39.2^\circ$$

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Question 5: What angle does the vector $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ make with the xy -plane? (If giving a calculator answer round your final answers to one decimal place.)

Projection of $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ onto xy -plane is $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$.

Angle θ of interest is that between $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ & $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$:

$$\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle = |\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle| |\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle| \cos \theta$$

$$5 = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{5} \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{14}}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \arccos\left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{14}}\right) \doteq 53.3^\circ$$

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Question 6: Determine the area of the triangle with vertices $P(1, -3, -2)$, $Q(2, 0, -4)$ and $R(6, -2, -5)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \frac{1}{2} | \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} | \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} | \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle \times \langle 5, 1, -3 \rangle | \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} | -7\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 14\hat{k} | \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{(-7)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-14)^2}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{294}}{2} = \boxed{\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 7: If $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{3}$ and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ find the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

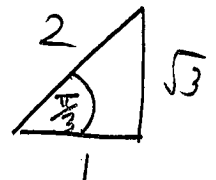
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = \sqrt{3} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta = |\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle| = 3 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \div \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} = 60^\circ$$



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Question 8: Find an equation of the line through $A(1, 0, -2)$ which is orthogonal to the plane containing the points $P(1, -3, -2)$, $Q(2, 0, -4)$ and $R(6, -2, -5)$. State your answer in parametric form.

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} =$$

$$= \langle 1, 3, 2 \rangle \times \langle 5, 1, -3 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -7, -7, -14 \rangle \text{ using Question 6}$$

$$= -7 \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

\therefore Using $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ for direction vector of line and $A(1, 0, -2)$ as point on the line:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v} = \langle 1, 0, -2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

In parametric form:

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + t \\ y = t \\ z = -2 + 2t \end{cases}$$

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Question 9: Find an equation of the plane through $P(1, -1, 1)$ that is parallel to both $r_1 = \langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle + t\langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle$ and $r_2 = \langle 1, 2, -5 \rangle + t\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$.

Normal to plane is $\vec{n} = \langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$= \langle -2, 1, 1 \rangle.$$

\therefore using $P(1, -1, 1)$ and $\vec{n} = \langle -2, 1, 1 \rangle$:

$$(\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle) \cdot \langle -2, 1, 1 \rangle = 0$$

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

$$\boxed{-2x + y + z = -2}$$

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