

Question 1: Find an equation for the set of points (x, y, z) that are equidistant from the point $P(0, 2, 0)$ and the xz -plane. Simplify your equation as much as possible.

$$\text{Need } \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-0)^2} = |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (y-2)^2 + z^2 = y^2$$

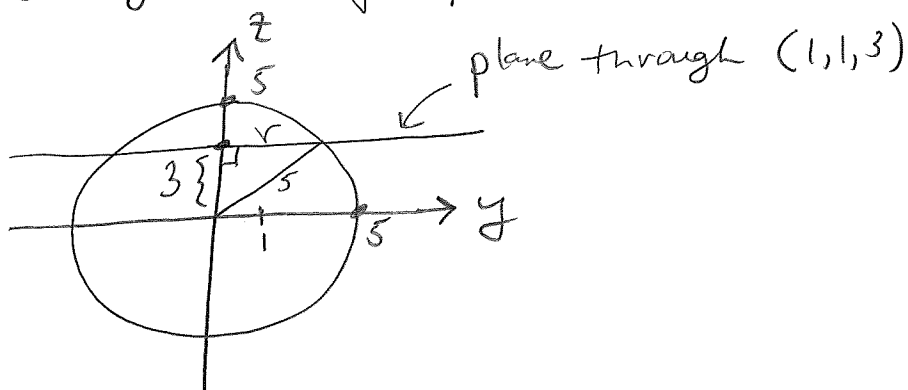
$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \cancel{y^2} - 4y + 4 + z^2 = \cancel{y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{x^2 + z^2 + 4}{4}}$$

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Question 2: The horizontal plane through the point $P(1, 1, 3)$ slices through the sphere of radius 5 centred at the origin. Determine the radius of the slice.

Projecting onto yz -plane we have:



$$\therefore r = \sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = \boxed{4}$$

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Question 3: For this question use the vectors

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

(a) Find a vector \mathbf{v} of magnitude 7 in the direction of \mathbf{c} .

$$\vec{v} = 7 \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} = 7 \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle|} = \boxed{\left\langle \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle}$$

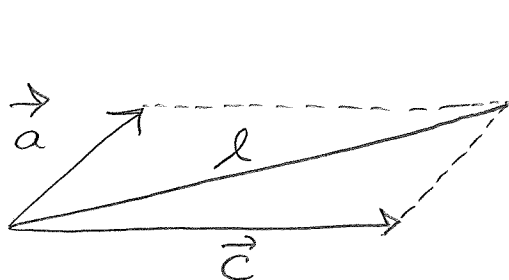
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(b) Determine the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \\ \therefore \theta &= \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \right] \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle| |\langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle|} \right] \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{6 + 2 + 3}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{14}} \right] \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{11}{14} \right] \\ &\approx \boxed{38.2^\circ} \end{aligned}$$

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(c) If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{c} are placed with their tails at the origin they define two sides of a parallelogram. Determine the length of the longest diagonal of that parallelogram.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{length } l &= |\vec{a} + \vec{c}| \\ &= |\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle + \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle| \\ &= |\langle 3, 0, 4 \rangle| \\ &= \boxed{5} \end{aligned}$$

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(d) Are \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} coplanar?

$$\text{Is } \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = 0?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(-3) - (-1)(2) + (3)(5) \\ &= -6 + 2 + 15 \\ &= 11 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore vectors are not coplanar.

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Question 4: A plane flying due east (that is, in the \mathbf{i} direction) at 200 km/hour experiences a north-easterly wind (that is, a wind blowing in the $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ direction) of 40 km/hour. Determine the resulting speed of the plane.

$$\vec{v}_{\text{plane}} = 200 \hat{i} = \langle 200, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{wind}} = 40 \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{|\hat{i} + \hat{j}|} = 40 \frac{\langle 1, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \left\langle \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

\therefore Speed of the plane is $|\vec{v}_{\text{plane}} + \vec{v}_{\text{wind}}|$

$$= |\langle 200, 0 \rangle + \langle \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle|$$

$$= |\langle 200 + \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle|$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(200 + \frac{40}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{40}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}$$

$$\approx \boxed{230 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}}$$

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Question 5: Let $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, -1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$. Find vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} such that $\mathbf{u} \parallel \mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{b}$, and $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$.

$$\vec{u} = \text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} \right) \left(\frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\langle 4, -1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle|^2} \right) \left(\frac{\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle|} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle}$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{a} - \vec{u} = \langle 4, -1, 0 \rangle - \langle 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 4, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \rangle}$$

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Question 6: Calculate $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \underbrace{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a}}_{=0} + 3 \underbrace{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{b}}_{=0} \\
 &= \boxed{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 7: If the angle between unit vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is $\pi/6$, determine $|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}|$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{u} + \vec{v}|^2 &= (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \\
 &= \sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}} \\
 \text{So } |\vec{u} + \vec{v}| &= \sqrt{|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 + 2|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)} \\
 &= \sqrt{1+1+2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)} \\
 &= \boxed{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 8: Find an equation of the line through $(1, -1, 1)$ that is parallel to the line

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} x+2 &= \frac{y}{2} = z-3 \end{aligned} \right.$$

You may state the answer using any form of a line you like.

Need direction vector of $\left\{ \begin{aligned} x+2 &= \frac{y}{2} = z-3 \end{aligned} \right.$: transform to parametric form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x+2 &= t \Rightarrow x = t-2 \\ \frac{y}{2} &= t \Rightarrow y = 2t \\ z-3 &= t \Rightarrow z = 3+t \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ so } \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle t-2, 2t, 3+t \rangle \\
 &= \langle -2, 0, 3 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \\
 &\quad \text{direction.}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Line through $(1, -1, 1)$ in direction $\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$ is

$$\vec{r} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$$

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Question 9: Find an equation of the plane containing the points $P(1, 1, 1)$, $Q(1, 2, -1)$ and $R(0, 1, 0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{normal to plane: } \vec{n} &= \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \langle -1, 2, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Using $R(0, 1, 0)$ and $\vec{n} = \langle -1, 2, 1 \rangle$:

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

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

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

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Question 10: Find an equation of the plane that contains the line $x = 1 + t$, $y = 2 - t$, $z = 4 - 3t$ and is parallel to the plane $5x + 2y + z = 1$.

↳ normal to plane is $\vec{n} = \langle 5, 2, 1 \rangle$.

For a point on plane, let $t=0$ in $\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 1+t \\ y = 2-t \\ z = 4-3t \end{array} \right\} (1, 2, 4)$

∴ Plane is $(\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle) \cdot \langle 5, 2, 1 \rangle = 0$

$$5(x-1) + 2(y-2) + z-4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{5x + 2y + z = 13}$$

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