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Tutorial Sheet 5

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1. Describe the sets of points in space whose coordinates satisfy the given inequalities or combinations of equations and inequalities:
  - (a)  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z = 0$
  - (b)  $0 \leq x \leq 1$
  - (c)  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, z = 3$
2. Given that  $u = 2i - 3j + 4k, v = -2i - 3j + 5k$  and  $w = i - 7j + 3k$ , find
  - (a)  $u \cdot v$
  - (b)  $(u + v) \cdot w$
  - (c)  $Proj_w u$
  - (d) the angle between  $u$  and  $w$
3. Find the unit vector(s) whose direction angles are equal.
4. Use the dot product to find two unit vectors perpendicular to the vectors  $-2i + 4k$  and  $3i - 2j - k$ .
5. Find an equation for the line:
  - (a) containing the point  $(3, 1, -2)$  and parallel to  $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{6} = \frac{z-5}{2}$
  - (b) in the  $xy$ -plane that passes through the points  $(1, 3, 0)$  and  $(2, 4, 0)$
  - (c) perpendicular to, and passing through the point of intersection of the lines  $x = -1 + 2t, y = 1 - t, z = 7 + 3t$  and  $\frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y+4}{8} = \frac{z-6}{-1}$
6. Discuss the intersection of the following pair of lines:
  - (a)  $\mathcal{L}_1: \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-5}{2} = \frac{z-1}{-1}$   
 $\mathcal{L}_2: \frac{x-4}{-4} = \frac{y-5}{4} = \frac{z+2}{1}$
  - (b)  $\mathcal{L}_1: x = -2 - 5t, y = -3 - 2t, z = 1 + 4t$   
 $\mathcal{L}_2: x = 2 + 3n, y = -1 + n, z = 3n$
  - (c)  $\mathcal{L}_1: x = 1 - 2t, y = 3t, z = 0$   
 $\mathcal{L}_2: x = -2 + 3m, y = 3 - 6m, z = 1 + m$
  - (d)  $\mathcal{L}_1: \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 7, -1, 1 \rangle + t \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$   
 $\mathcal{L}_2: \frac{x-3}{-2} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-4}{-3}$
  - (e)  $\mathcal{L}_1: \frac{x+1}{20} = \frac{y}{-5} = \frac{z-1}{10}$   
 $\mathcal{L}_2: x = 11 - 4t, y = -3 + t, z = 7 - 2t$
7. Find the area of a parallelogram with adjacent vertices at  $(-2, 1, 0), (1, 4, 2)$  and  $(-3, 1, 5)$ .
8. Calculate the area of a triangle with vertices at  $(3, 1, 7), (2, -1, 4)$  and  $(7, -2, 4)$ .
9. Calculate the volume of a parallelepiped determined by the points  $P(2, 1, -1), Q(-3, 1, 4), R(-1, 0, 2)$  and  $S(-3, -1, 5)$ .
10. Find an equation for the plane:
  - (a) through the points  $P(1, -1, 2), Q(2, 1, 3),$  and  $R(-1, 2, -1)$
  - (b) through the point  $(-1, 6, 0)$  perpendicular to the line  $x = -1 + t, y = 6 - 2t, z = 3t$
  - (c) containing the line  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle + t \langle -1, -4, 1 \rangle$  and parallel to  $u = 2i + 3j + k$  and  $v = i - j + 2k$ .

11. Find the distance between:

(a) the point  $(2, 2, 0)$  and the line  $x = -t, y = t, z = -1 + t$

(b) the lines  $\frac{x+2}{-5} = \frac{y+3}{-2} = \frac{z-1}{4}$  and  $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z}{3}$

(c) the point  $(3, 0, 10)$  and the plane  $2x + 3y + z = 2$

12. (a) Show that the distance between the parallel planes  $Ax + By + Cz = D_1$  and  $Ax + By + Cz = D_2$  is

$$d = \frac{|D_1 - D_2|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}.$$

(b) Hence find an equation for the plane parallel to the plane  $2x - y + 2z = -4$  if the point  $(3, 2, -1)$  is equidistant from the two planes.

13. Discuss the intersection of each of the following pair of a lines and a plane:

(a)  $x = 3 + 2t, y = 2t, z = t$  and  $x + 3y - z + 4 = 0$

(b)  $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{z}{5}, y = -2$  and  $2x - 3z = 7$

14. Discuss the intersection of following planes:

(a)  $x - 2y + 4z = 2; x + y - 2z = 5$

(b)  $3x - 3y + 21z = 4; 7x - 7y + 49z = 5$

(c)  $-2x + 4y - 12z = 5; 3x - 6y + 18z = 7.5$

15. In each of the following,  $R(t)$  is the position of a particle in space at time  $t$ . Find the particle's velocity, acceleration, speed and acceleration scalar:

(a)  $R(t) = (\sec t)i + (\tan t)j + \frac{4}{3}tk, t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

(b)  $(2 \ln(t+1))i + t^2j + \frac{t^2}{2}k$

16. Find the length of the indicated portion of the curve:

(a)  $R(t) = \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)i + \left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right)k, 0 \leq t \leq \sqrt{8}$

(b)  $R(t) = (t \cos t)i + (t \sin t)j + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)t^{\frac{3}{2}}k, 0 \leq t \leq \pi$

(c)  $R(t) = (1 + 2t)i + (1 + 3t)j + (6 - 6t)k, \text{ from } (-1, -2, 12) \text{ to } (1, 1, 6)$

17. Find the point on the curve

$$R(t) = (12 \sin t)i - (12 \cos t)j + 5tk$$

at a distance  $13\pi$  units along the curve from the origin in the direction opposite to the direction of increasing arc length.

18. For each given space curve  $R(t)$ , find the unit tangent vector,  $\mathbf{T}$ , the principal unit normal vector,  $\mathbf{N}$ , the Binormal vector,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and the curvature,  $\kappa$ :

(a)  $R(t) = \left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right)i + \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)j, t > 0$

(b)  $R(t) = (\cos t + t \sin t)i + (\sin t - t \cos t)j + 3k$

(c)  $R(t) = (\cos t)i + (\sin t)j + tk, t = 0$

(d)  $R(t) = (\cosh t)i - (\sinh t)j + tk$

19. In each of the following, write  $\mathbf{a} = a_T \mathbf{T} + a_N \mathbf{N}$  without finding  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ :

(a)  $R(t) = (1 + 3t)i + (t - 2)j - 3tk$

(b)  $R(t) = (t + 1)i + (2t)j + t^2k, t = 1$

(c)  $R(t) = (e^t \cos t)i + (e^t \sin t)j + \sqrt{2} e^t k, t = 0$