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## MATH 251 (Fall 2009) Exam I, Sept 28th

No calculators, books or notes! Show all work and give **complete explanations**. This is 65 min exam is worth 50 points.

(1) [10 pts]

(a) Calculate the projection,  $\text{Proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{w})$ , of the vector  $\vec{w} = (1, -2, 5)$  onto the vector  $\vec{v} = (0, 4, -3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PROJ}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{w}) &= \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{(\vec{v})^2} \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{v}|^2} \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \quad (\text{Parallel to } \vec{v} !!) \\ &= \frac{(0, 4, -3) \cdot (1, -2, 5)}{\sqrt{0^2 + 4^2 + (-3)^2}} (0, 4, -3) = \frac{-23}{25} (0, 4, -3) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Calculate the volume of the parallelepiped with three adjacent edges given by the vectors  $\vec{a} = (2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\vec{b} = (1, 3, 0)$ , and  $\vec{c} = (1, 2, -4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VOL} &= \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= \left| 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= \left| (-24 + 4 + 0) \right| = \left| -20 \right| = 20. \end{aligned}$$

(2) [12 pts]

(a) Find a vector parametric equation for the line through the point  $(1, 2, -1)$  that is normal to the plane  $2x - y + 3z = 12$ .

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

where  $\vec{r}_0 = (1, 2, -1)$  is point on line

$\vec{v}$  = vector in direction of line

= normal to plane =  $(2, -1, 3)$

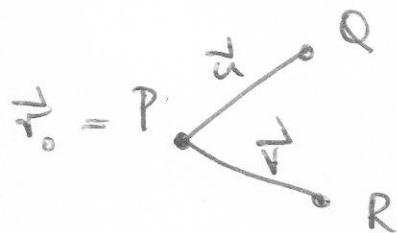
which read off from coefficients of  $2x - y + 3z = 12$ .

$$\text{So } \vec{r}(t) = (1, 2, -1) + t(2, -1, 3)$$

$$= (1 + 2t, 2 - t, -1 + 3t)$$

(b) Find a parametrization of the plane containing the points  $(1, -2, 1)$ ,  $(2, -1, 0)$  and  $(3, -2, 2)$ .

P      Q      R



$$\vec{r}_0 = P = (1, -2, 1)$$

$$\vec{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = Q - P = (1, 1, -1)$$

$$\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PR} = R - P = (2, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{r}(s, t) = \vec{r}_0 + s\vec{u} + t\vec{v}$$

$$= (1, -2, 1) + s(1, 1, -1) + t(2, 0, 1)$$

$$= (1 + s + 2t, -2 + s, 1 - s + t)$$

(3) [12 pts] Consider the quadric surface

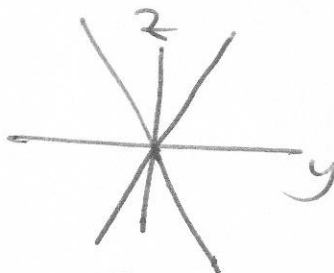
$$z^2 = x^2 + 4y^2.$$

Find the equations for the slices (i.e., traces) of this surface in the planes  $x = k$ ,  $y = k$ ,  $z = k$  for a few appropriately chosen values of  $k$ . Sketch each of these traces in a plane. Then sketch the surface in space.

$x=0$

$$z^2 = 4y^2$$

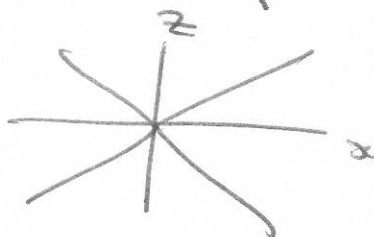
$$z = \pm 2y$$



$y=0$

$$z^2 = x^2$$

$$z = \pm x$$



$z=0$

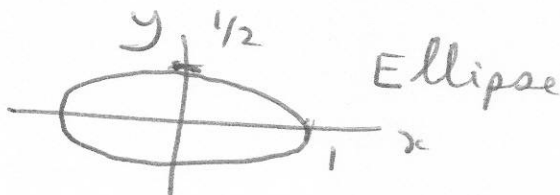
$$x^2 + 4y^2 = 0$$

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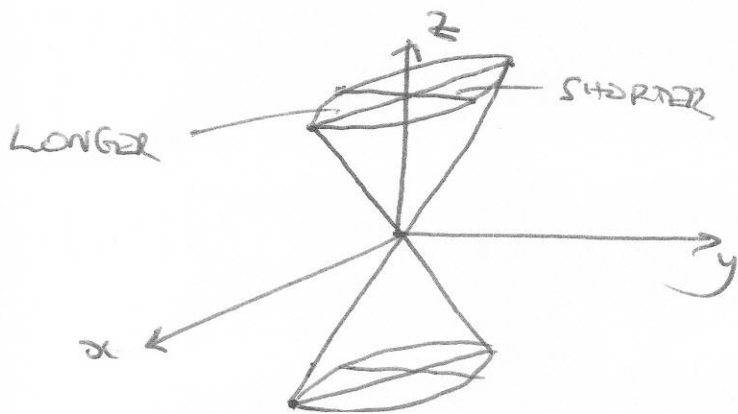
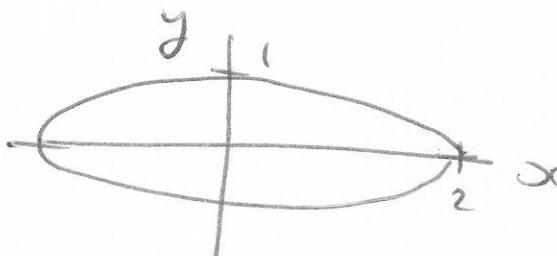
$z = \pm 1$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$$



$z = \pm 2$

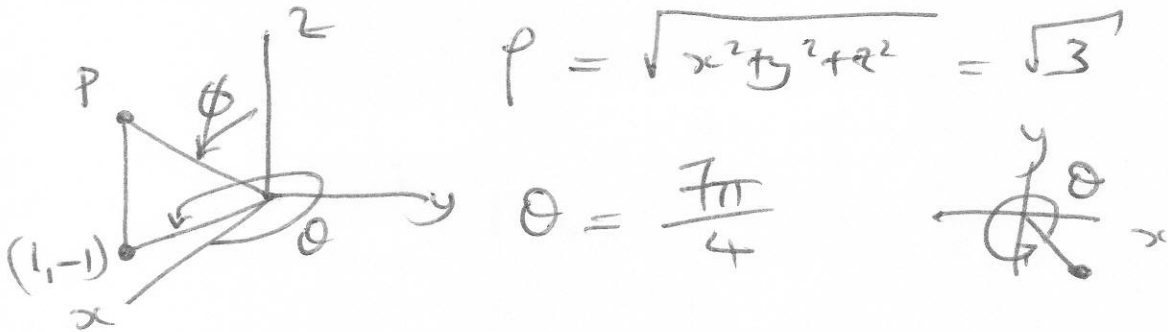
$$x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$$



Double Elliptical  
Cone

(4) [10 pts]

(a) Convert the point  $(x, y, z) = (1, -1, 1)$  in rectangular coordinates to spherical coordinates. [Hint: You may find it helpful to draw a picture.]

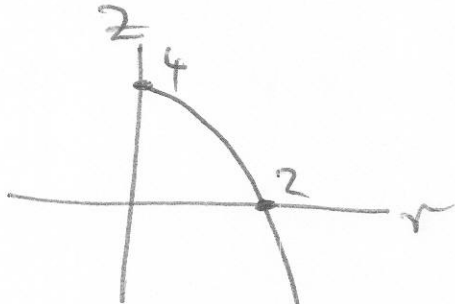


$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

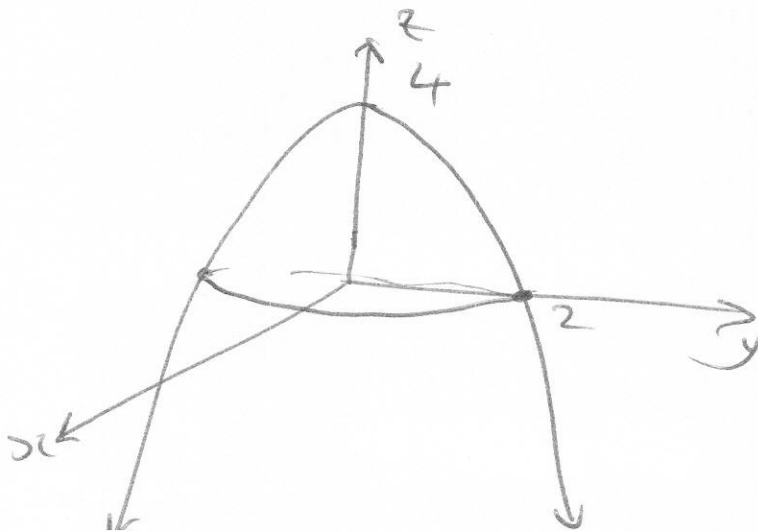
$$\phi = \arccos\left(\frac{z}{\rho}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

( $\phi$  is in range  $[0, \pi]$  as required)

(b) Sketch the graph of the surface whose equation in cylindrical coordinates is  $z = 4 - r^2$ .



As eqn is  $\theta$  independent ~~spin~~  
 SPIN around  $z$  axis to get



Upside Down  
 Truncated  
 Circular  
 Paraboloid

(5) [6 pts] Which of the following statements are *always true* and which are *not always true*. Give reasons for your answers.

(a)  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$

$$\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$$
$$\vec{j} \times \vec{i} = -\vec{k}$$

(We know

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta$$
$$= |\vec{v}| |\vec{u}| \sin \theta$$
$$= |\vec{v} \times \vec{u}|$$

So NOT ALWAYS TRUE  
In fact by Right Hand Rule  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$

(b)  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} \perp \vec{u} \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

$$\text{So } (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u} = |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| |\vec{u}| \cos \theta$$
$$= 0.$$

ALWAYS TRUE

(c)  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$

NEVER TRUE

$\vec{u} \times \vec{u}$  is a vector (It is  $\vec{0}$ )

BUT  $|\mathbf{u}|^2$  is a scalar (It can be  $\neq 0$ )

Pledge: I have neither given nor received aid on this exam

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