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MATH 251 (Fall 2010) Exam I, Sept 23rd

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

(1) [10 pts] Let  $\mathbf{u} = (6, 0, 8)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (1, -2, 3)$  be two vectors in space.

(a) Calculate the vector projection,  $\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u})$ , of the vector  $\mathbf{u}$  onto the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PROJ}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) &= \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \mathbf{v} \\ &= \frac{(6, 0, 8) \cdot (1, -2, 3)}{|(1, -2, 3)|^2} (1, -2, 3) \\ &= \frac{6 + 24}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} (1, -2, 3) = \frac{30}{14} (1, -2, 3) = \frac{15}{7} (1, -2, 3)\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find a vector that is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

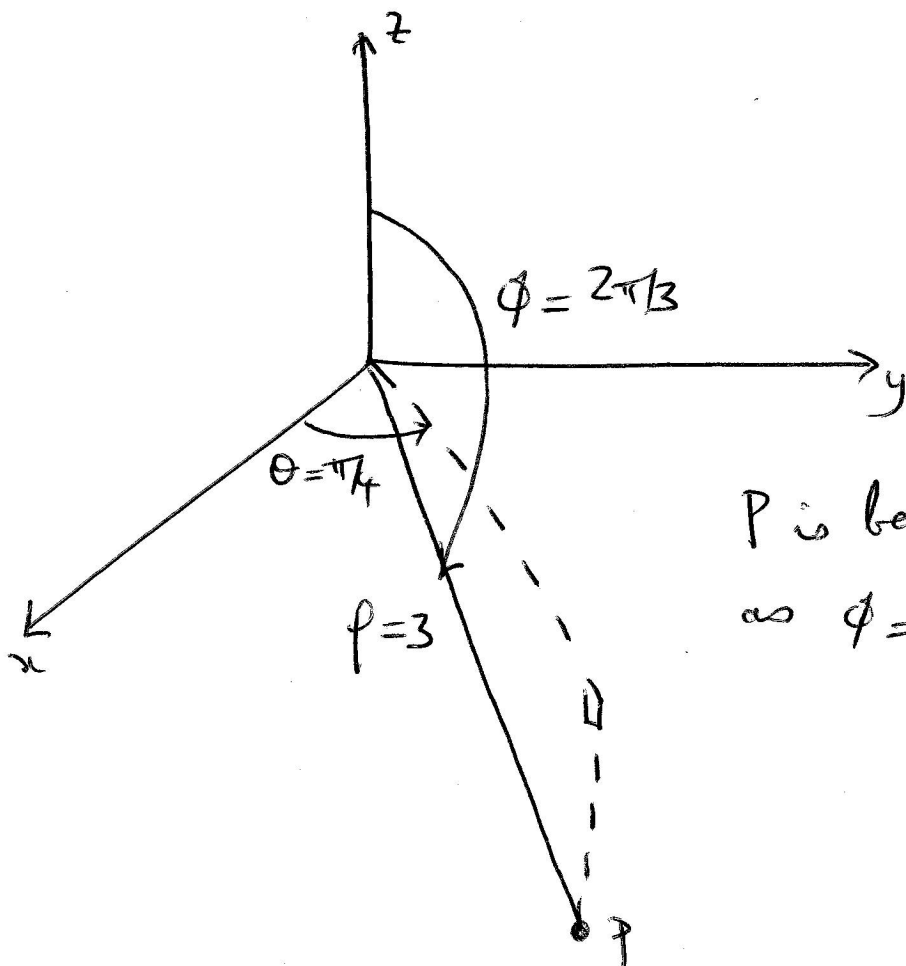
$$\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to both } \vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v}.$$

$$\vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 6 & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0 \times 3 + 2 \times 8) \vec{i} - (6 \times 3 - 1 \times 8) \vec{j} + (6 \times -2 + 1 \times 0) \vec{k}$$

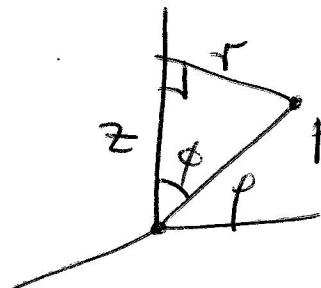
$$= 16 \vec{i} - 10 \vec{j} - 12 \vec{k}$$

(3) [8 pts] Let  $P$  be the point in space with spherical coordinates  $(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (3, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ . Sketch  $P$  and convert  $P$  to both rectangular and cylindrical coordinates.



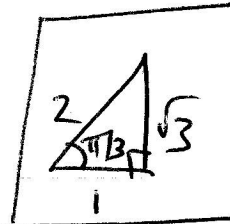
$P$  is below  $xy$ -plane  
as  $\phi = \frac{2\pi}{3} > \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

GENERAL PICTURE



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

$$r = \rho \sin \phi$$



CYL

$$r = \rho \sin \phi = 3 \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = 3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

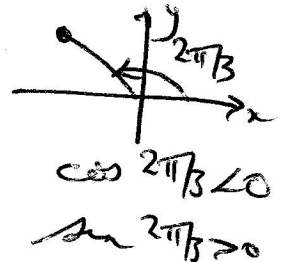
$$z = \rho \cos \phi = 3 \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

RECT

$$x = r \cos \theta = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

$$z = -\frac{3}{2}$$



(4) [14 pts] Find the traces (i.e., slices) of the surface

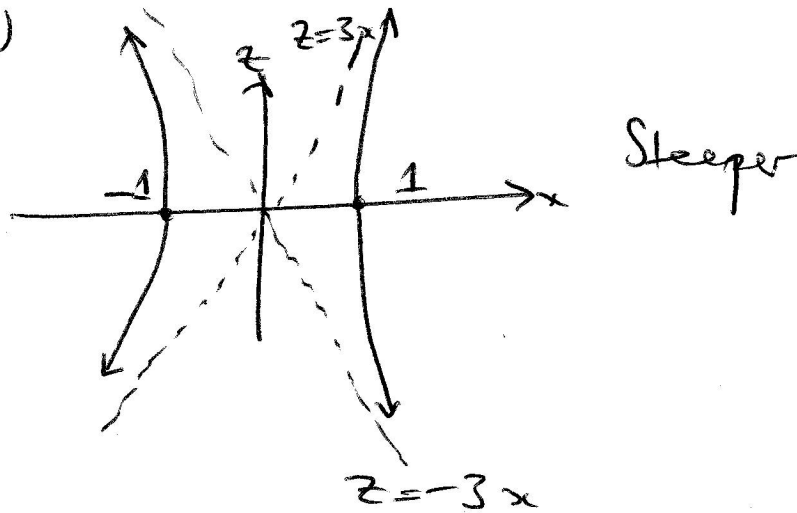
$$x^2 = 1 + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{9}$$

in the planes  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $x = k$ , for  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ . Then sketch the surface and name it.

$y=0$   $x^2 - \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 = 1$  Hyperbola

Asymptotes are  $x^2 - \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 = 0$ , i.e.  $z = \pm 3x$ .

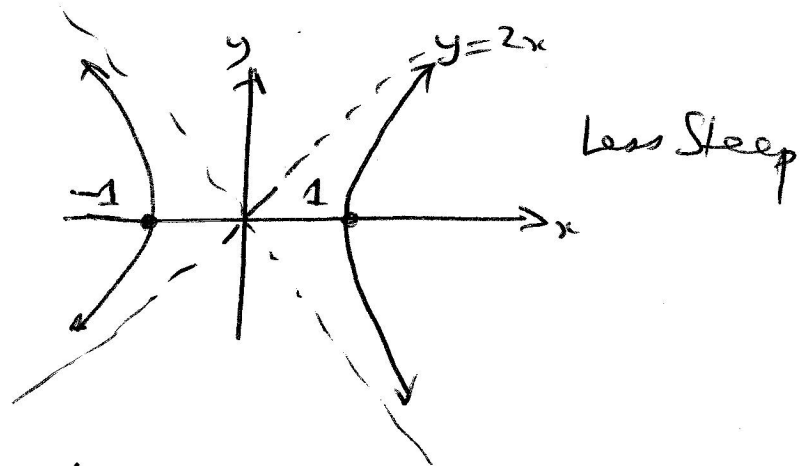
Goes thru  $(\pm 1, 0)$



$z=0$   $x^2 - \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = 1$

Asymptotes  $y = \pm 2x$ .

Goes thru  $(\pm 1, 0)$



$x = \pm k$   $\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 = k^2 - 1$

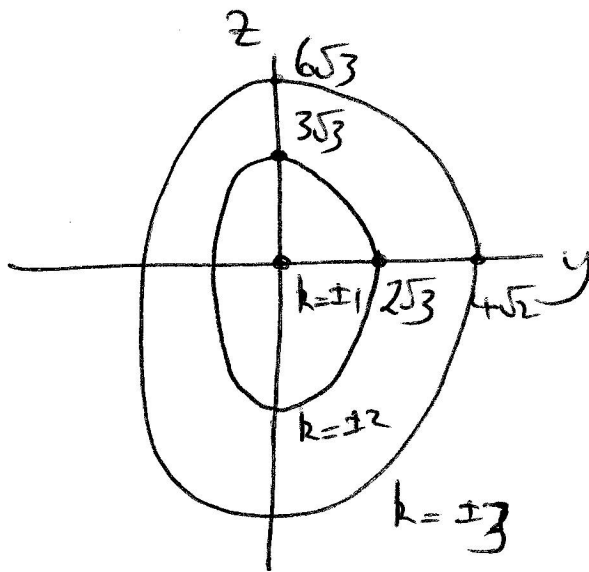
$k=0$  NO SOLUTIONS

$k = \pm 1$   $\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 = 0$ , So  $(y, z) = (0, 0)$  ORIGIN.

$$\underline{k = \pm 2} \quad \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 = 3$$

So  $\left(\frac{y}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = 1$  Ellipse

$\underline{k = \pm 3}$   $\left(\frac{y}{4\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{6\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = 1$  Ellipse

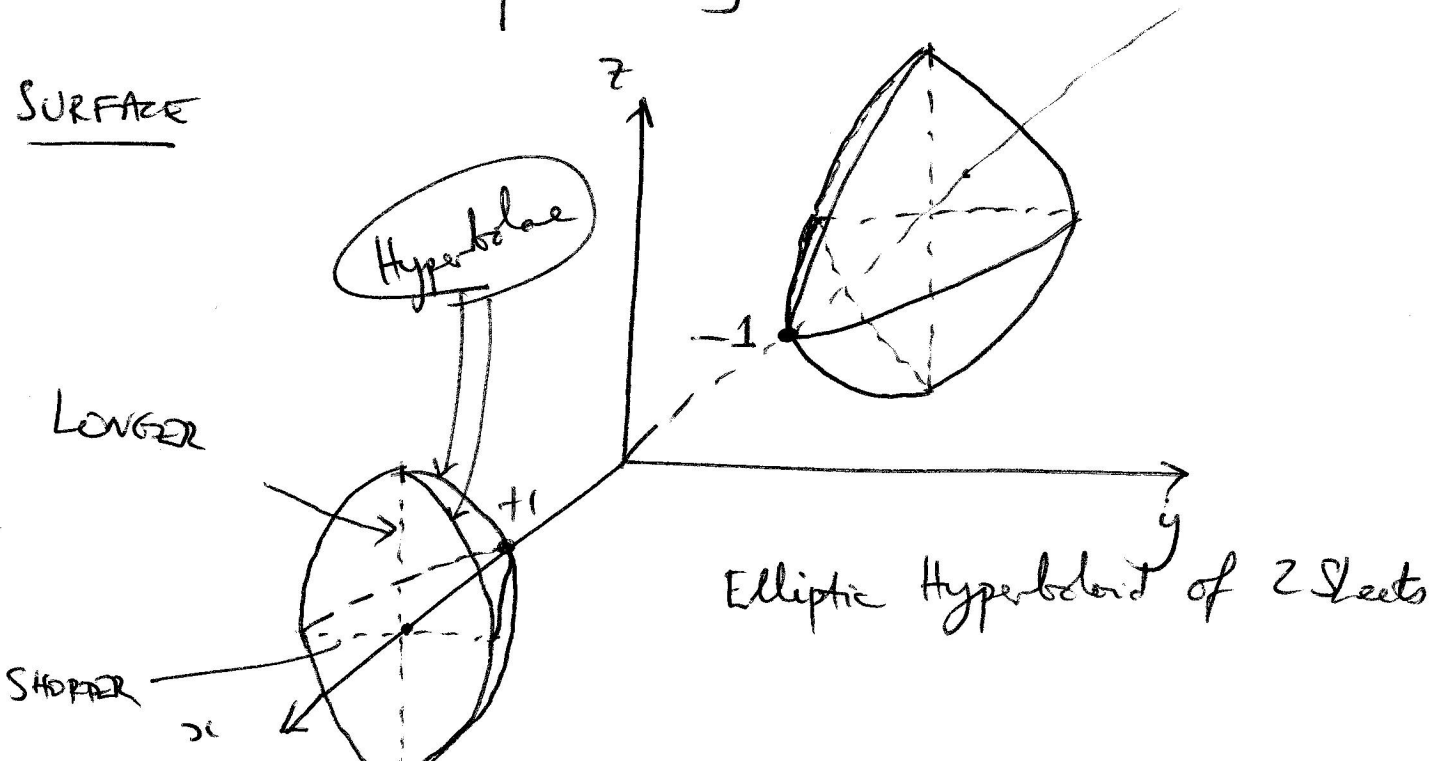


SURFACE

LONGER

Hyperbolae

SHORTER

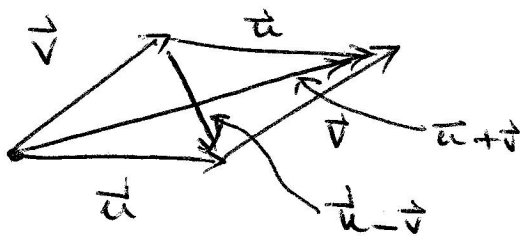


(5) [8 pts] The Parallelogram Law states that, for any vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ,

$$|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}|^2 + |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^2 = 2|\mathbf{u}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{v}|^2.$$

(a) Give a geometrical interpretation of the Parallelogram Law.

The diagonals of the parallelogram determined by  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{u} - \vec{v}$ .



PARALLELOGRAM LAW SAYS

The sum of squares of lengths of diagonals of any parallelogram equals sum of squares of lengths of 4 sides.

(b) Prove the Parallelogram Law using vector algebra. [Hint: Use  $|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}|^2 = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$  together with the distributive law for the dot product.]

$$|\vec{u} + \vec{v}|^2 + |\vec{u} - \vec{v}|^2$$

$$= (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$+ \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= 2|\vec{u}|^2 + 2|\vec{v}|^2 \quad \text{as } |\vec{u}|^2 = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}$$

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(2) [10 pts]

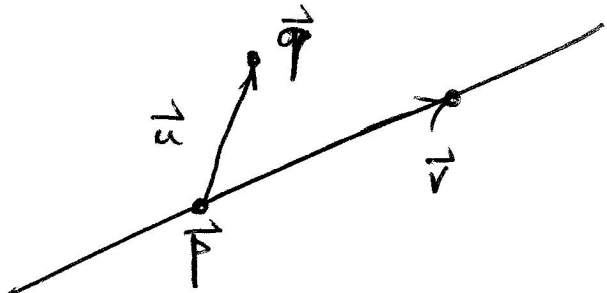
(a) Find a parametrization of the plane that contains both the point  $(2, 4, 6)$  and the line  $x = 7 - 3t$ ,  $y = 3 + 4t$ ,  $z = 5 + 2t$ .

$$\vec{r}(t) = (7 - 3t, 3 + 4t, 5 + 2t) = \vec{p} + t\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{q} = (2, 4, 6)$$

$$\vec{p} = \vec{r}(0) = (7, 3, 5)$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{r}'(0) = (-3, 4, 2)$$



The plane goes thru endpoint of  $\vec{p}$  and contains the vectors  $\vec{u} = \vec{q} - \vec{p}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . So a parametrization of this plane is

$$\vec{u} = (-5, 1, 1)$$

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

$$= (7 - 3t - 5s, 3 + 4t + s, 5 + 2t + s) \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

(b) Find a level set equation (i.e., an equation of the form  $ax + by + cz = d$ ) for the plane in (a).

normal vector to the plane is  $\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

The plane contains the point  $\vec{p}$ .

so level set equation is  $(\vec{r} - \vec{p}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  where  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$

$$\text{since } \vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -5 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-2, 7, -17)$$

the level set equation is

$$-2(x - 7) + 7(y - 3) - 17(z - 5) = 0$$