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MATH 251H (Fall 2006) Exam 1, Sept 27th

No calculators, books or notes!

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 75 points.

- (1) <sup>15</sup> [12 pts] Suppose that

$$\mathbf{r}(s, t) = (1 + 2s - 3t, 5 + s, -3 + 4s - t)$$

is a parametrization of a plane. Find a level set equation for this plane, i.e., an equation of the form

Writing

$$ax + by + cz = d.$$

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

we have  $\vec{r}_0 = (1, 5, -3)$ , a point in the plane

$$\vec{u} = (2, 1, 4)$$

and  $\vec{v} = (-3, 0, -1)$  two vectors that lie in the plane.  $\vec{n} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$  is therefore a normal vector to the plane and the level set equation of the plane is  $(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  where now  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$

We have

$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -\vec{i} - (-2+12)\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} = (-1, -10, 3)$$

$$\text{So eqn is } (x-1, y-5, z+3) \cdot (-1, -10, 3) = 0$$

$$\text{or } -(x-1) - 10(y-5) + 3(z+3) = 0, \boxed{-x - 10y + 3z + 60 = 0}$$

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(2) [18 pts] Consider the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t^2\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}t^3\mathbf{k}$ .(a) Find a parametrization for the tangent line to this curve at  $t = 1$ .

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (1, \sqrt{2}t, t^2)$$

If give  $\vec{r}'(1)$ 

$$\vec{r}(1) = (1, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$$

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$$\mathbf{r}'(1) = (1, \sqrt{2}, 1)$$

$$\vec{\lambda}(s) = \vec{r}(1) + s \vec{r}'(1)$$

$$= (1+s, \sqrt{2}/2 + \sqrt{2}s, \frac{1}{3} + s)$$

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(b) Calculate the arc-length function of the curve  $\mathbf{r}$ .

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\mathbf{r}'(u)| du \quad (3)$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(u)|^2 = 1 + 2u^2 + u^4 = (1+u^2)^2$$

$$\text{So } |\mathbf{r}'(u)| = 1+u^2 \quad (3)$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t (1+u^2) du = \left[ u + \frac{1}{3}u^3 \right]_0^t = t + \frac{1}{3}t^3 \quad (2)$$

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on it

(c) Calculate the curvature of the curve.

~~$$K(t) = \frac{|\mathbf{T}'(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|}$$~~

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} = \frac{(1, \sqrt{2}t, t^2)}{1+t^2}$$

~~$$\mathbf{T}'(t) = \left( \frac{1}{1+t^2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}t}{1+t^2}, \frac{t^2}{1+t^2} \right)$$~~

(3) [17 pts] Show that the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 1)$  lies on the following two surfaces:

- (i)  $\rho = \sqrt{2}$  (in spherical coordinates)
- (ii)  $z = r$  (in cylindrical coordinates).

Also sketch both surfaces and the curve in the same figure.

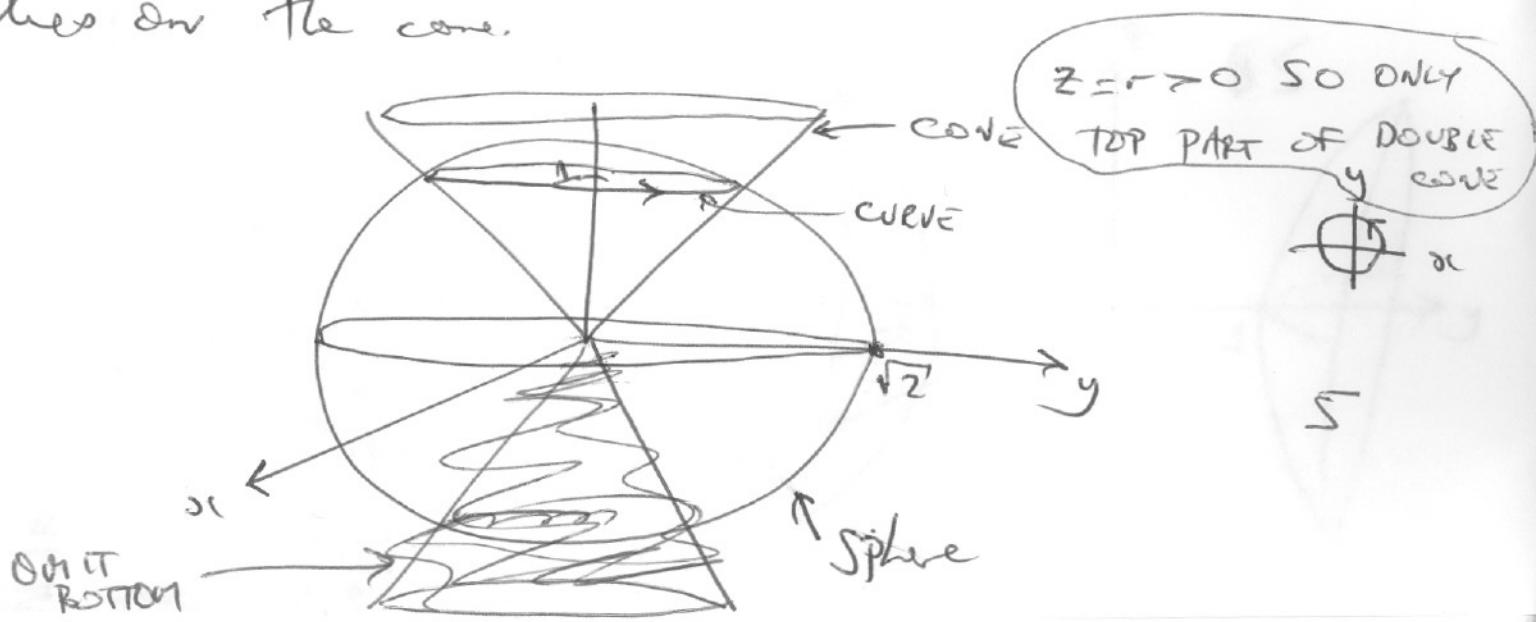
$$(1) \rho = \sqrt{2} \text{ as } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2 = 2 \text{ as a sphere} \\ \text{center } (0,0,0) \text{ radius } \sqrt{2}. \quad ]_2$$

$$x^2(t) + y^2(t) + z^2(t) = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 1^2 = 2 \quad ]_4 \\ \text{shows that } \tilde{\gamma}(t) \text{ lies on } \rho = \sqrt{2}$$

$$(2) z = r \text{ as } z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ or } z^2 = x^2 + y^2, z \geq 0 \\ \text{which is a cone. Now} \quad ]_2$$

$$z^2(t) = 1^2 \\ x^2(t) + y^2(t) = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1 \quad ]_4$$

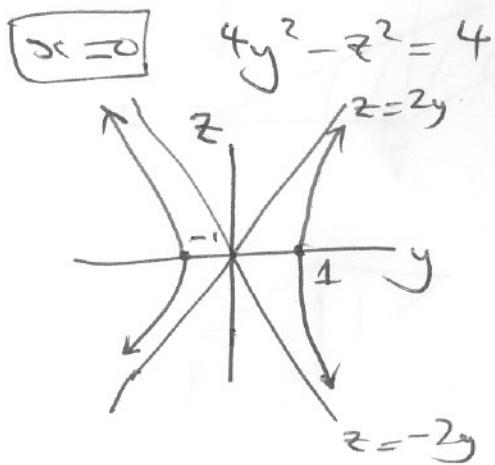
Shows that  $z^2(t) = x^2(t) + y^2(t)$  so  $\tilde{\gamma}$  also lies on the cone.



(4) [18 pts] Find the traces (i.e., slices) of the surface

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

in the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $y = k$  for several well-chosen values of  $k = 0, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ .  
Also sketch the surface and name it.



$z = \pm 2y$  are asymptotes

$$z=0 \Rightarrow y=\pm 1$$

$y=k$

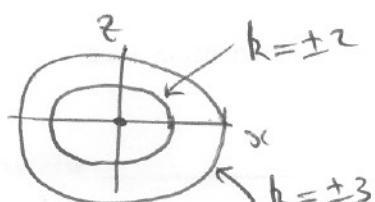
$$x^2 + z^2 = 4(k^2 - 1)$$

If  $|k| < 1$  Trace is empty

If  $k = \pm 1$ , Trace is point  $(0, 0)$

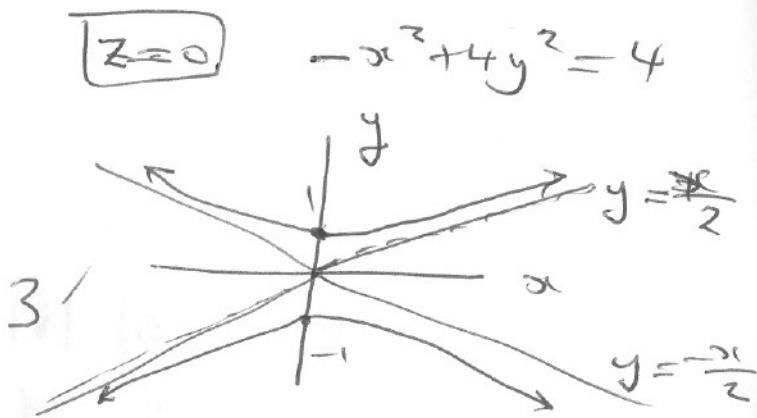
If  $|k| > 1$  Trace is circle

$$\text{radius } 2\sqrt{k^2 - 1}$$



$$\underline{k=2} \text{ radius} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\underline{k=3} \text{ radius} = 2\sqrt{8}$$

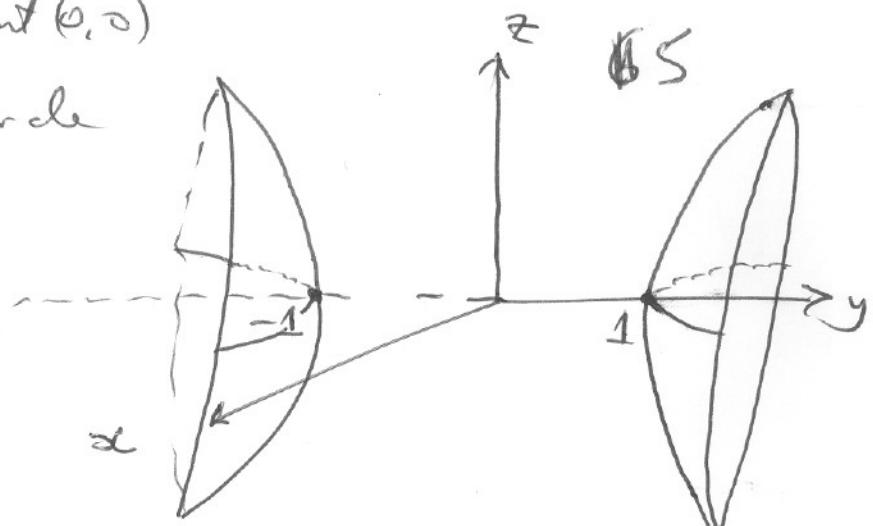


$x^2 = 4y^2$  or  $x = \pm 2y$   
are asymptotes

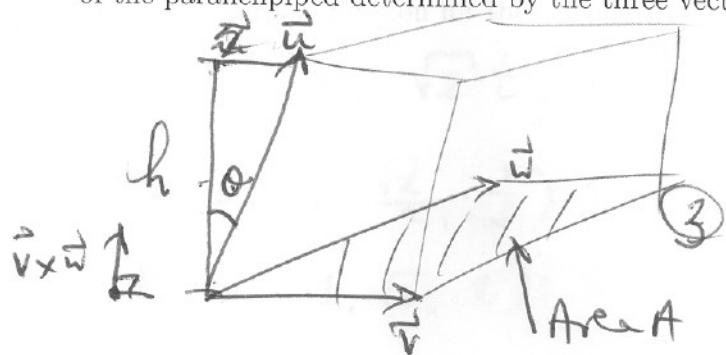
$$x=0 \Rightarrow y=\pm 1$$

Elliptic

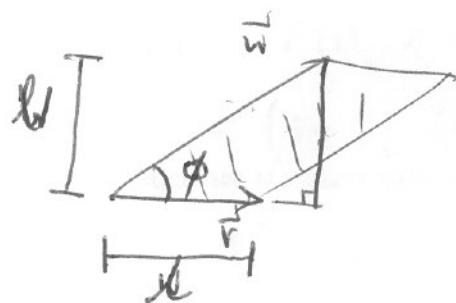
Hyperboloid of 2 sheets 1  
~~whose~~ whose axes of symmetry is y axis



(5) [10 pts] Use the geometric definitions of the dot product and the cross product to show that the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the three vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})|$ .



$$V = A h \quad ①$$



$$A = lw = |\vec{v}| \cdot |\vec{w}| \sin \phi$$

$$A = |\vec{v} \times \vec{w}| \quad ③$$

$$h = \frac{lw \cos \theta}{|\vec{w}|} = \frac{|\vec{w}| (|\vec{u}| (\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})))}{(|\vec{w}| |\vec{v} \times \vec{w}|)} = \frac{|\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})|}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}|}$$

$$\text{So } V = A \cdot h = |\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})|. \quad ③$$

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

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