

1. An equation for the plane passing through the points  $(-1, 1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$ , and parallel to the  $z$ -axis is:

- A.  $-3x + 7y - 2z = 3$
- B.  $2x - z = 5$
- C.  $x - 2y = -3$
- D.  $x - y = 1$
- E.  $2y - z = 3$
- F.  $x + y + z = 2$

Such a plane is parallel to the vectors  $(1, 2, 3) - (-1, 1, 2) = (2, 1, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  and therefore a normal vector would be  $\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (1, -2, 0)$ .

The only equation representing a plane with normal parallel to  $(1, -2, 0)$  in the list above is  C. (One easily checks that this plane contains  $(-1, 1, 2)$  &  $(1, 2, 3)$ .)

2. Find an equation of the plane which passes through the point  $(-7, 1, 8)$  and which is perpendicular to the line whose (scalar) parametric equations are:

$$x = 7 - 4t, \quad y = 2 + 2t, \quad z = -3 + t; \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

- A.  $2x - 4y + z = 38$
- B.  $2x + 7y - 3z = -71$
- C.  $2x - 4y + z = -28$
- D.  $-4x + 2y + z = 38$
- E.  $-4x + 2y + z = -10$
- F.  $-4x + 2y + z = 10$

A normal for this plane will be the direction vector of the line above, namely  $(-4, 2, 1)$ . One need only note that, as  $(-7, 1, 8)$  belongs to

the plane, the only correct equation is D.

3. Parametric equations of the line containing  $(1, 0, -5)$  and which is parallel to the two planes  $x - 4y + 2z = 0$  and  $-2x - 3y + z = 1$  are:

- A.  $x = 1 + 2t, y = 3t, z = 5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- B.  $x = 1 - 10t, y = -5t, z = -5 + 5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- C.  $x = 1 - 2t, y = 5t, z = -5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- D.  $x = t, y = 0, z = -5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- E.  $x = 1 + 2t, y = -3t, z = -5 + 11t, t \in \mathbf{R}$
- F.  $x = t, y = 0, z = 5t, t \in \mathbf{R}$

A direction vector  $d$  for this line must be perpendicular to both normals above.

Hence  $d = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2, -5, -11)$ . Of

course,  $(-2, 5, 11)$  is a direction vector for this line as well. Since it also must contain  $(1, 0, -5)$ ,  C is correct.

4. One of the following is an equation for the plane with vector parametric description

$$v = (1, 1, 1) + s(0, 0, -1) + t(1, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Which is it?

- A.  $4x + 36y - 9z = 31$
- B.  $9x - 2y + 5z = 14$
- C.  $9x + 18y - 11z = -40$
- D.  $x - y = 0$
- E.  $9x + 2y - 2z = 5$
- F.  $3x - y + 2z = 0$

A normal vector is

$$(0, 0, -1) \times (1, 1, 0) =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1, -1, 0).$$

The only equation representing a plane with a normal  $\parallel$  to  $(1, -1, 0)$  is  D, and one can check it contains  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

5. Which two of the following are vector parametric descriptions for the plane with equation  $x - 2y + z = 4$ ?

- ~~I.  $v = (0, 0, 0) + s(0, 1, 2) + t(2, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ . (The plane above does not contain  $(0, 0, 0)$ .)~~  
 II.  $v = (0, -2, 0) + s(1, 0, -1) + t(2, 1, 0); s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ .  
 III.  $v = (4, 0, 0) + s(1, 1, 1) + t(1, 0, 1); s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ .

IV.  $v = (4, 0, 0) + s(1, 0, -1) + t(0, 1, 2); s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ .

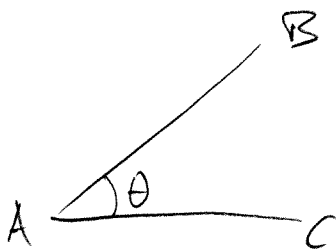
- A. I & II  
 B. I & III  
 C. I & IV  
 D. II & III  
 E. II & IV  
 F. III & V

When " $v = P + s v_1 + t v_2$ " is the vector parametric description of a plane, both vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  must be perpendicular to any normal; in this case  $(1, -2, 1)$ .

Simple checks show that  $(1, 0, -1)$ ,  $(2, 1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, -1)$  are  $\perp$  to  $(1, -2, 1)$ , but  $(1, 0, 1)$  is not. Hence III cannot be correct, so II & IV are correct.

6. If  $A = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $B = (2, 2, 1)$  and  $C = (1 + \sqrt{3}, 3, 1)$ , find the angle  $\angle BAC$ .

- A.  $\pi/2$   
 B.  $\pi/3$   
 C.  $\pi/4$   
 D.  $\pi/6$   
 E.  $3\pi/4$   
 F.  $4\pi/3$



$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{(B-A) \cdot (C-A)}{\|B-A\| \|C-A\|} \\ &= \frac{(1, 0, 0) \cdot (\sqrt{3}, 1, 0)}{1 \cdot 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{Hence } \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

7. If  $u = (2, 2, 2)$  and  $v = (1, 0, 1)$  then  $\text{proj}_u v = \frac{v \cdot u}{\|u\|^2} u$

A.  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}(2, 2, 2)$

B.  $\frac{1}{3}(2, 2, 2)$

C.  $(2, 0, 2)$

D.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1, 0, 1)$

E.  $\frac{12}{7}(3, 3, 3)$

F.  $\frac{11}{7}(3, 3, 3)$

$$= \frac{4}{12} \cdot (2, 2, 2)$$

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

8. Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $u = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $v = (2, 0, 1)$  and  $w = (1, -1, 3)$ .

A. -2

B. 4

C. 6

D. 8

E. 16

F. 2

This is  $|u \cdot v \times w|$ . But

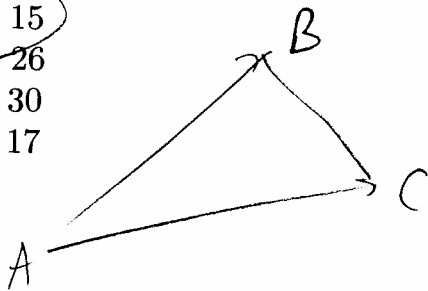
$$v \times w = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (1, -5, -2).$$

Hence the volume is  $|(1, 1, -1) \cdot (1, -5, -2)|$

$$= |1 - 5 + 2| = |-2| = 2$$

9. What is the area of the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(5, 4, 3)$  and  $(3, 9, 3)$ ?

- A. 20
- B. 13
- C. 15
- D. 26
- E. 30
- F. 17



The area is  $\frac{1}{2} \|(B-A) \times (C-A)\|$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|(-10, -4, 28)\|$$

$$= \|(-5, -2, 14)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 4 + 196}$$

$$= \sqrt{225}$$

$$= 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 14 \\ \hline 56 \\ 140 \\ \hline 196 \end{array}$$

$$225 = 5 \cdot 45$$

$$= 5 \cdot 9$$

$$= 5^2 \cdot 3^2 \\ = 15^2$$

10. Let  $L$  be the line passing through  $(0, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 3, 2)$ . The point of intersection of  $L$  with the plane  $-x + y + z = 1$  is:

- A.  $(0, 1/2, 1/2)$
- B.  $(-1/2, 0, 1/2)$
- C.  $(0, 0, 1)$
- D.  $(-1/2, 1/2, 0)$
- E.  $(0, 1, 0)$
- F.  $(-1, 0, -1)$

A direction vector for  $L$  is  $B - A = (1, 2, 1)$ . Hence scalar parametric equations for  $L$  are

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 + t \\ y &= 1 + 2t \\ z &= 1 + t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } -x + y + z = 1 &\Leftrightarrow -t + (1 + 2t) + 1 + t = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2t = -1 \Leftrightarrow t = -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } (x, y, z) = (-1/2, 0, 1/2).$$

11. Express the following complex numbers in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$(3+0) \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{131^2}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{i}{1+i} = i \frac{(1-i)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$z_2 = (2+i)(-1+i)$$

A.  $z_1 = 1+i; z_2 = -2+2i = -2-1+i$

B.  $z_1 = -1-i; z_2 = -2+i = -3+i$

C.  $z_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = -3+i$

D.  $z_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = 3+i$

E.  $z_1 = \frac{1}{4} + 2i; z_2 = 1+3i$

F.  $z_1 = 1+i; z_2 = 2i$

12. Find the polar form of

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{1-\sqrt{3}i}{1+i} = \frac{r_1 e^{i\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{i\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1-\theta_2)}$$

A.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(-5\pi/12) + i \sin(-5\pi/12))$

B.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(11\pi/12) + i \sin(11\pi/12))$

C.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(-7\pi/12) + i \sin(-7\pi/12))$

D.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(5\pi/12) + i \sin(5\pi/12))$

E.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(-\pi/12) + i \sin(-\pi/12))$

F.  $\sqrt{2}(\cos(\pi/12) + i \sin(\pi/12))$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{1^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = 2$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}; \sin \theta_1 = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \theta_1 = -\pi/3$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sin \theta_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \theta_2 = \pi/4$$

$$\therefore \theta_1 - \theta_2 = \pi(-1/3 - 1/4) = -\frac{7\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \therefore C \text{ is correct}$$

