

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

- A.  $7x - 3y + -2z = 3$
- B.  $2y - z = 5$
- C.  $x + y - z = 4$
- D.  $x - y = -1$
- E.  $2y - z = 0$
- F.  $x + y + z = 2$

Since the plane is  $\parallel$  to the  $x$ -axis, its normal will be  $\perp$  to the  $x$ -axis, and so any cartesian equation describing it will have 0 coefficient on "x."

Hence B and E are the only candidates. Since  $(1, 2, -1)$  does not satisfy  $2y - z = 0$ , B must be correct.

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

$$x = 2 + 2t, y = 1 + t, z = 3 - 4t; t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- A.  $2x + y - 4z = 6$
- B.  $2x + y + 3z = -11$
- C.  $2x - 3y + 7z = -71$
- D.  $2x - 4y + z = -28$
- E.  $2x + y - 4z = 38$
- F.  $-4x + y + 2z = 10$

A normal to the plane is  $n = (2, 1, -4)$ , so A and E are the only possibilities. Since

$$2(1) + 1(8) - 4(-7) = 38, \text{ E is correct}$$

3. Find parametric equations for the line  $L$  passing through  $(-1, 1, 1)$  and which is perpendicular to the plane  $3x - y + 2z = 1$ .

- A.  $x = -1 + 3t, y = 1 + t, z = 1 - 2t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- B.  $x = -1 + 3t, y = 1 - t, z = 1 + 2t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- C.  $x = -1 - 6t, y = 1 + t, z = 1 - t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- D.  $x = -1 - 3t, y = 1 - t, z = 1 - 2t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- E.  $x = -1 - t, y = 1 + t, z = 1 + t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- F.  $x = 1 - 4t, y = 1 - t, z = -1 - 3t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

A direction vector for  $L$  is  $d = (3, -1, 2)$ .

The only possibility is

therefore B (which does indeed contain  $(-1, 1, 1)$ .)

4. If  $u = (3, -3, -1)$ ,  $v = (-5, 4, -4)$  and  $w = (0, 3, 4)$ , find  $\|(2u + v) \times w\|$ .

- A.  $2\sqrt{5}$
- B.  $2\sqrt{10}$
- C.  $5\sqrt{2}$
- D.  $10\sqrt{5}$
- E. 25
- (F)  $5\sqrt{5}$

$$2u + v = (6, -6, -2) + (-5, 4, -4) = (1, -2, -6)$$

Hence  $(2u + v) \times w = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (10, -4, 3)$$

Hence  $\|(2u + v) \times w\|^2 = 10^2 + (-4)^2 + 3^2 = 125$ ,

So  $\|(2u + v) \times w\| = \sqrt{125} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 25} = 5\sqrt{5}$

5. Find a scalar equation for the plane with vector parametric equation

$$v = (2, 4, 3) + s(1, 2, -1) + t(3, -4, 0); s, t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

A.  $4x - 3y + 10z = -50$

B.  $4x + 3y - 10z = 50$

C.  $4x - 3y + 10z = 50$

D.  $-4x + 3y + 10z = 50$

E.  $4x + 3y + 10z = -50$

F.  $4x + 3y + 10z = 50$

A normal to the plane is

$$n = (1, 2, -1) \times (3, -4, 0)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$= (-4, -3, -10)$ . Hence the only possibilities are E and F.

Since  $4(2) + 3(4) + 10(3) = 50$ , F is correct.

6. If  $A = (3, 0, 9)$ ,  $B = (2, 4, 1)$  and  $C = (1, 4, 0)$ , find the angle  $\angle ABC$ .

A.  $\pi/2$

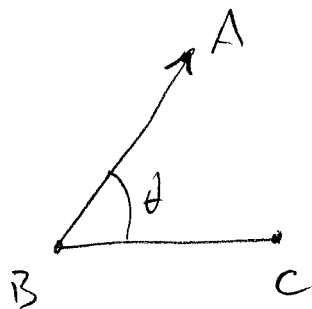
B.  $\pi/3$

C.  $\pi/4$

D.  $\pi/6$

E.  $3\pi/4$

F.  $4\pi/3$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{(A-B) \cdot (C-B)}{\|A-B\| \|C-B\|}$$

$$A-B = (1, -4, 8); \quad C-B = (-1, 0, -1), \quad \text{so}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-9}{\sqrt{1+16+64} \sqrt{2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$\theta = 3\pi/4.$$

7. If  $u = (3, 3, 3)$  and  $v = (2, 1, 3)$  find the orthogonal projection of  $u$  on  $v$ , i.e.  $\text{proj}_v u$ .

- A.  $\frac{9}{7}(2, 1, 3)$
- B.  $\frac{12}{7}(2, 1, 3)$
- C.  $\frac{9\sqrt{14}}{7}(2, 1, 3)$
- D.  $\frac{2}{2}(3, 3, 3)$
- E.  $\frac{9}{7}(3, 3, 3)$
- F.  $6\sqrt{3}(1, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proj}_v u &= \frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2} v \\ &= \frac{(3, 3, 3) \cdot (2, 1, 3)}{4 + 1 + 9} \cdot (2, 1, 3) \\ &= \frac{18}{14} \cdot (2, 1, 3) = \frac{9}{7} (2, 1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

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

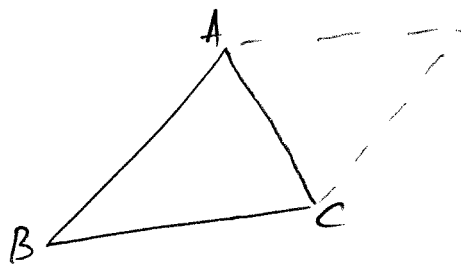
$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol} &= |u \cdot v \times w| \\ v \times w &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (1, -5, -2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } u \cdot v \times w &= (1, 1, -1) \cdot (1, -5, -2) \\ &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the volume is 2.

9. What is the area of the triangle with vertices  $(3, 0, -2)$ ,  $(5, 2, -1)$  and  $(5, 9, 0)$ ?

- A. 11
- B. 13
- C. 15
- D.  $\frac{13}{2}$
- E.  $\frac{15}{2}$
- F.  $\frac{17}{2}$



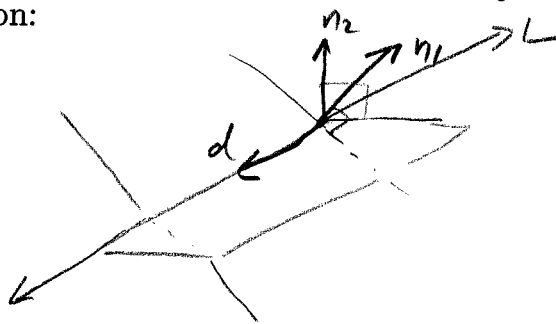
$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \|(A-B) \times (C-B)\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A-B) \times (C-B) &= (-2, -2, -1) \times (0, 7, 1) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (5, +2, -14) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus Area} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{25 + 4 + 196} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{225} = \frac{15}{2}$$

10. The intersection of the planes with equations  $x + 11y - 4z = 40$  and  $x - y = -8$  is the line with (vector) parametric equation:

- A.  $(-4, 4, 0) + t(1, 3, 1), t \in \mathbb{R}$
- B.  $(4, 4, 0) + t(1, 1, 8), t \in \mathbb{R}$
- C.  $(-4, 4, 0) + t(1, 1, 3), t \in \mathbb{R}$
- D.  $(4, -4, 0) + t(-1, 1, -3), t \in \mathbb{R}$
- E.  $(0, 4, -4) + t(1, 3, -1), t \in \mathbb{R}$
- F.  $(4, 0, 4) + t(-1, 3, 1), t \in \mathbb{R}$



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$$\text{As } n_1 \times n_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 11 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-4, -4, -12), \text{ or } (1, 1, 3). \text{ Hence C}$$

must be correct. (The point  $(-4, 4, 0)$  does indeed belong to both planes.)

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

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

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

- A.  $z_1 = 1 - i; z_2 = 4 + 4i$
- B.  $z_1 = -1 + i; z_2 = 2 + 4i$
- C.  $z_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = 2 - 6i$
- D.**  $z_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i; z_2 = 2 + 6i$
- E.  $z_1 = 2 - \frac{1}{4}i; z_2 = 6 - 2i$
- F.  $z_1 = 1 - i; z_2 = 0$

Thus (D) must be correct!

(Indeed,  $(2+i)(2+2i) = 2 + 6i$ )

12. Find the polar form of  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{-1 + i}$

$$1 - \sqrt{3}i = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{3}^2} \cdot e^{i\theta} = 2e^{i\theta}$$

where  $\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$  &  
 $\sin\theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

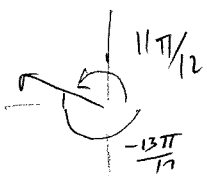
Hence  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

$$-1 + i = \sqrt{2} e^{3\pi/4}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{-1 + i} = \frac{2 e^{-i\pi/3}}{\sqrt{2} e^{3\pi/4}}$$

Now,  $-\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{(-4-9)\pi}{12} = -\frac{13\pi}{12}$ . But  $e^{-\frac{13\pi}{12}}$

$= e^{i\frac{11\pi}{12}}$ . Hence (B) is correct



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