

# Solutions

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**TEST 1**

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Tutorial Section (A1, A4, ...): \_\_\_\_\_

## PART I: Multiple Choice Questions

(Choose and CIRCLE only ONE answer - No part marks here.)

- [2 marks] Which of the following vectors is orthogonal to  $(1, -1, 2)$ ?  
(a)  $(2, 0, 1)$ , (b)  $(-1, 0, 1/2)$ , (c)  $(0, 1, 3)$ , (d)  $(2, 1, 0)$ .
- [2 marks] Find a vector orthogonal to the two vectors  $(2, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 3, 5)$ .  
(a)  $2\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ , (b)  $-3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ , (c)  $\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ , (d)  $-3\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ .
- [2 marks] Find the equation of the plane  $\Pi$  through the three points  $P(1, 0, -1)$ ,  $Q(2, 2, 1)$  and  $R(4, 1, 2)$ .  
(a)  $4x + 3y - 5z = 9$ , (b)  $-4x + 3y - 5z = -9$ , (c)  $4x - 3y + 5z = 6$ , (d)  $4x + 3y + 5z = 10$ .
- [2 marks] Which of the following represents a line through the point  $(-1, 0, 1)$  that is parallel to the vector  $(2, -1, 0)$ ?  
(a)  $x = -1, y = t, z = 1$ , (b)  $x = -t, y = 1, z = 1 - 2t$ , (c)  $x = -1 - 2t, y = t, z = 1$ , (d)  $x = -2 - t, y = 1, z = t$ .
- [2 marks] The lines defined by  $x = t, y = -2t, z = -t$  where  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , and  $\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-3}{-3}$  are orthogonal to each other.  
(a) TRUE, (b) FALSE.

## PART II: Show all work here and give details.

No additional pages will be accepted

- [10 marks] Find the equation of the plane passing through the two points  $P(2, -1, 4)$  and  $Q(-1, 3, 0)$  that is perpendicular to the plane  $3x - 4y + 5z - 1 = 0$ .

The vector  $\vec{n} = (3, -4, 5)$  is orthogonal/normal/perpendicular to the given plane.

The vector  $\vec{PQ}$  (or  $\vec{QP}$ ) given by  $(-3, 4, -4)$  (or  $(3, -4, 4)$ ) lies on the given plane.

So the vector  $\vec{PQ} \times \vec{n}$  (or  $\vec{QP} \times \vec{n}$ ) is a normal to the desired plane.

$$\text{Now } \vec{PQ} \times \vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (4, 3, 0) \quad (\text{or } 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k})$$

the plane is of the form  $4x + 3y = D$ .

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To find  $D$ , use either one of the points  $(-1, 3, 0)$  or  $(2, -1, 4)$ . Say  $(2, -1, 4)$ . Then

$$D = 4(2) + 3(-1) + 0 \cdot 4 = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$\therefore \boxed{D = 5} \quad \therefore \text{Plane has eq'n: } \boxed{4x + 3y = 5}$$

Check? Both  $(-1, 3, 0)$  and  $(2, -1, 4)$  are ON  $4x + 3y = 5$ .  
Also  $(4, 3, 0) \perp (3, -4, 5)$ . ( $\therefore$  Checks out)

7. [10 marks] Find the symmetric equations of the line of intersection of the two planes  $\Pi_1, \Pi_2$  defined by  $-2x + 3y - 4z = -3$  and  $2x + 8y - 4z = 14$  respectively.

The normals  $\vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2$  of  $\Pi_1, \Pi_2$  must both be perpendicular to the direction vector of the required line, say  $\vec{v}$ .

So can choose  $\vec{v} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$ .

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 8 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 20\vec{i} - 16\vec{j} - 22\vec{k} \\ = (20, -16, -22)$$

(or  $(10, -8, -11)$  is also OK)

Once we have  $\vec{v}$ , all we need is a point on  $L$ . To do this set  $z = 0$  (i.e., see where the line intersects the  $xy$ -plane).

Then  $\boxed{-2x + 3y = -3}$  and  $\boxed{2x + 8y = 14}$

Solving these simultaneously we get  $x = 3, y = 1$ .

$\therefore \boxed{(3, 1, 0)}$  is on  $L$ .  $\therefore$  Symmetric eq'n. is given

by

$$\boxed{\frac{x-3}{20} = \frac{y-1}{-16} = \frac{z-0}{-22}}$$

Parametric Equations are

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 + 20t \\ y &= 1 - 16t \\ z &= 0 - 22t = -22t \end{aligned}$$