

\* Answer Key \*

Please show all work and **box your final answers**. If you need more room, you may use the backs of the pages. Calculators are not allowed. Good luck!

1. (4 points) Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a} = \langle 4, 0, 2 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle$ . You may leave your answer as a trigonometric expression.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \langle 4, 0, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle = (4)(2) + (0)(-1) + (2)(0) = 8$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 0^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = \sqrt{20} \sqrt{5} \cos \theta = \sqrt{100} \cos \theta = 10 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{8}{10} = \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

2. (4 points) Give parametric equations for the line that passes through the points  $(2, 1, 2)$  and  $(7, -1, 8)$ .

DIRECTION OF LINE :  $\langle 7, -1, 8 \rangle - \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle = \langle 5, -2, 6 \rangle$

LINE IN VECTOR FORM :  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle + t \langle 5, -2, 6 \rangle$

$$= \langle \underbrace{2+5t}_x, \underbrace{1-2t}_y, \underbrace{2+6t}_z \rangle$$

$$x = 2 + 5t, \quad y = 1 - 2t, \quad z = 2 + 6t$$

3. Consider the three points  $P(-2, 3, 2)$ ,  $Q(-1, 1, 5)$ , and  $R(0, 4, 2)$ .

(a) (4 points) Give an equation for the plane through  $P, Q$ , and  $R$ .

NORMAL VECTOR TO PLANE IS NORMAL TO  $\vec{PQ}$  &  $\vec{PR}$

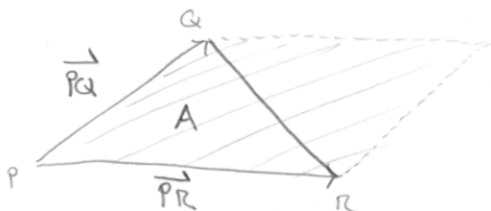
$$\begin{aligned} \text{SO USE } \vec{n} &= \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \langle -1+2, 1-3, 5-2 \rangle \times \langle 0+2, 4-3, 2-2 \rangle \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -3, 6, 5 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle -3, 6, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle x+2, y-3, z-2 \rangle = 0$$

$$-3(x+2) + 6(y-3) + 5(z-2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{-3x + 6y + 5z = 34}$$

(b) (4 points) Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $P, Q$ , and  $R$ .



$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{AREA OF PARALLELOGRAM DETERMINED BY } \vec{PQ} \text{ \& } \vec{PR} \right)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle -3, 6, 5 \rangle \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 6^2 + 5^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{70}}$$

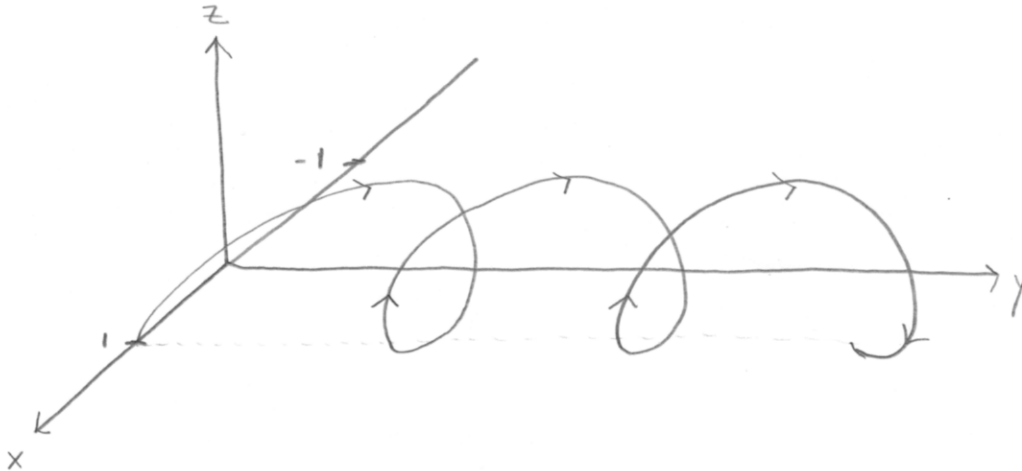
4. Consider the parametrized curve

$$x(t) = \cos t, \quad y(t) = t, \quad z(t) = \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 6\pi, \quad (\text{parametric})$$

i.e.,

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, t, \sin t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 6\pi. \quad (\text{vector})$$

(a) (4 points) Sketch the curve.



(b) (4 points) Find the unit tangent vector to the curve when  $t = 2\pi$ .

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, 1, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}'(2\pi) &= \langle -\sin(2\pi), 1, \cos(2\pi) \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } |\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle| = \sqrt{2}$$

so to make it  
unit vector

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$