

1. (9 pts) Calculate the indefinite integral

$$\int \left\langle 4e^t, \frac{3}{t^2 + 1}, \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) \right\rangle dt.$$

Solution: Integrate component-wise to get

$$\int \left\langle 4e^t, \frac{3}{t^2 + 1}, \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) \right\rangle dt = \left\langle 4e^t, 3 \tan^{-1}(t), -3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) \right\rangle + \vec{c}.$$

2. (9 pts) Determine whether the two lines given below are parallel, intersecting, or skew:

$$\begin{cases} x = -2t - 2 \\ y = t - 3 \\ z = 4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x = 2t - 1 \\ y = -t + 1 \\ z = 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution: The direction vectors for the two lines are $\langle -2, 1, 4 \rangle$ and $\langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$ respectively so the lines are clearly not parallel (these vectors are not multiples of one another). To see whether they intersect, replace t with s in the second equation. Then set the expressions for x, y and z equal to each other to obtain the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} -2t - 2 = 2s - 1 \\ t - 3 = -s + 1 \\ 4 = 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

From the last equation, t must be equal to 1. Substituting $t = 1$ into the second equation and solving for s , we obtain $s = 3$. But in the first equation, $s = 3$ and $t = 1$ yields $-4 = 5$, a false statement. So this system has no solution for the variables s and t ; therefore the lines do not intersect. Thus they are skew.

3. (12 pts) Write an equation of the plane containing the point $(3, -3, 1)$ and the line given by the symmetric equations

$$\frac{x - 1}{3} = y + 1 = \frac{z}{2}.$$

Solution: The point $(1, -1, 0)$ lies on the given line (choose x and solve for y and z to get this point). So the vector $(3, -3, 1) - (1, -1, 0) = \langle 2, -2, 1 \rangle$ lies in the plane and so does the direction vector for the line, namely $\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle$. Therefore a normal vector to the plane is given by

$$\langle 2, -2, 1 \rangle \times \langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle = \langle -5, -1, 8 \rangle.$$

Finally using this normal vector and any point in the plane (I use $(1, -1, 0)$), we see the equation of the plane is

$$-5(x - 1) - (y + 1) + 8z = 0.$$

4. (15 pts) Write down a definite integral (you do not need to evaluate the integral) which gives the circumference of the ellipse given by the equation

$$\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1.$$

Solution: The vector-valued function which gives this ellipse is $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \sqrt{5} \cos t, \sqrt{3} \sin t \rangle$ where $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. So the circumference of the ellipse is the length of $\vec{r}(t)$ which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \int_0^{2\pi} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-\sqrt{5} \sin t)^2 + (\sqrt{3} \cos t)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{5 \sin^2 t + 3 \cos^2 t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

5. (9 pts) Sketch a rough graph in 3-dimensional space of each of the following:

(a) $x^2 = y^2 + z^2$

Solution: This is a cone which opens in the positive and negative directions of the x -axis.

(b) $y^2 = x^2 + z^2 + 1$

Solution: This is a hyperboloid of two sheets opening in the direction of the positive and negative y -axis.

(c) $y^2 + z^2 = 1$

Solution: This is a cylinder parallel to the x -axis, cross-sections to the cylinder are circles of radius 1.

6. (10 pts) Prove (using techniques from Math 230) that if the sides of a parallelogram all have the same length, then the diagonals of that parallelogram are perpendicular.

Solution: Let \vec{v} and \vec{w} be vectors which give adjacent sides of the parallelogram. Then the two diagonals are $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ and $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) &= (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}) - (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) - (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}) \\ &= \|\vec{v}\|^2 - \|\vec{w}\|^2 \\ &= 0 \text{ since by hypothesis, } \|\vec{v}\| = \|\vec{w}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since their dot product is zero, $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ and $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$ are perpendicular.

7. (20 pts) Consider the vector-valued function $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, t^3, 4 \sin t \rangle$, where $-\infty < t < \infty$.

- (a) Sketch the graph of $\vec{r}(t)$ as seen from the positive y -axis.

Solution: This is an ellipse centered at the origin; the ellipse extends to 1 and -1 in the x -direction and extends to 4 and -4 in the z -direction. The orientation of the ellipse goes from the positive x -axis to the positive z -axis.

- (b) Suppose $\vec{r}(t)$ gives the position vector for a particle moving in 3-dimensional space. Find the particle's velocity, speed, and acceleration when $t = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) &= \langle -\sin t, 3t^2, 4\cos t \rangle \\ \vec{v}(0) &= \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle \\ \vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) &= \langle -\cos t, 6t, -4\sin t \rangle \\ \vec{a}(0) &= \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \text{speed at } t = 0 &= \|\vec{v}(0)\| = 4.\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Sketch the graph of $\vec{r}(t)$ as seen from the usual perspective. Indicate the velocity and acceleration vectors at $t = 0$ on your graph.

Solution: This is an elliptical helix; the graph moves from left to right in the y -axis as t increases; the size of the ellipse is always the same (see part (a)). The velocity vector at $t = 0$ points from the point $(1, 0, 0)$ upward to $(1, 0, 4)$ and the acceleration vector at $t = 0$ points from the point $(1, 0, 0)$ to the origin.

8. (16 pts) To say that two planes in \mathbb{R}^3 are perpendicular means heuristically that the two planes meet at right angles. For example, the xy -plane is perpendicular to the xz -plane.

- (a) Here is an incorrect definition of what it means for two planes to be perpendicular:

Wrong definition: Two planes \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} are said to be *perpendicular* if every vector in \mathcal{P} is perpendicular to every vector in \mathcal{Q} .

Explain why this definition is wrong.

Solution: If two planes are perpendicular, then they intersect in a line. Take a nonzero vector that lies in both planes; it cannot be perpendicular to itself.

- (b) Give a precise and correct mathematical definition of what it means for two planes to be perpendicular (there are many possible answers). Your answer should be a complete sentence that starts "Two planes \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} are said to be perpendicular if ...".

Solution: Two planes are perpendicular if they have normal vectors which are perpendicular.

- (c) Verify using the definition you gave in part (b) above that the xy - and xz -planes are perpendicular.

Solution: A normal vector to the xy -plane is $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$; a normal vector to the xz -plane is $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$. These vectors are perpendicular as $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle = 0$.