

Math 126, Section C, Autumn 2012, Solutions to Midterm I

1. (a) From $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \vec{AC} = \langle 2, 6, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} = \vec{BD} = \langle 4, 0, -2 \rangle$ we have $2\mathbf{v} = \langle 6, 6, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 6, 2 \rangle - \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$.
 (b) From $\langle 2, 6, 2 \rangle = \vec{AC}$ we get $C = (2, 8, 1)$. From $\langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle = \vec{AB}$ we get $B = (-1, 5, 1)$.
 (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AE} &= \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \\ &= \frac{\langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle}{\langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle} \langle 3, 3, 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

so $E = (1, 3, -1)$.

2. (a) The direction vector for the line is $\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle = \langle -1, 5, 7 \rangle$.

To compute a point on both planes we can take $x = 0$ and solve $0 - y + z = 5$ and $0 + 2y - z = 3$ to get $y = 8$ and $z = 13$ so the point is $(0, 8, 13)$.

Therefore the line equations are

$$x = 0 - t, y = 8 + 5t, z = 13 + 7t.$$

- (b) The normal for the plane is $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v} \times \vec{PQ}$ where $Q = (0, 8, 13)$. So the normal vector is $\langle -1, 5, 7 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 11 \rangle = \langle 48, 11, -1 \rangle$. Therefore, the plane equation is

$$48x + 11y - z = 75.$$

- (c) The same as the line in part (a)

3. (a) $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle t + 3, 2t - 1, -t + 4 \rangle F$ $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle 2t + 3, 2t - 1, t + 4 \rangle E$ $\mathbf{r}_3(t) = \left\langle t \cos(t), t, \frac{t \sin(t)}{2} \right\rangle D$
 $\mathbf{r}_4(t) = \langle t, \sin(t), 0 \rangle B$ $\mathbf{r}_5(t) = \langle t + 1, 2t^2 - 5t + 1, t^3 \rangle E$ $\mathbf{r}_6(t) = \left\langle \cos(t), 10t, \frac{\sin(t)}{2} \right\rangle F$

- (b) Plugging in $t = 2$, the point is $(2 + 1, 8 - 10 + 1, 8) = (3, -1, 8)$. The direction vector is $\mathbf{r}'(2)$. We compute $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 4t - 5, 3t^2 \rangle$ so $\mathbf{r}'(2) = \langle 1, 3, 12 \rangle$. Therefore the line equation is $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3 + t, -1 + 3t, 8 + 12t \rangle$.

4. (a) Completing the square and rearranging terms we get

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + z^2 = (y - 1)^2$$

which is a double cone with the y axis running through it. The two cones meet at the point $(0, 1, 0)$.

- (b) We solve

$$(8t)^2 - 4(5t + 1 - 1)^2 + 4(3 - t)^2 = 0$$

simplifying we get

$$-8t^2 - 6t + 9 = 0$$

so $t = -3/2$ or $t = 3/4$, giving us the points $(-12, -13/2, 9/2)$ and $(6, 19/4, 9/4)$.

- (c) Here any three functions $f(t)$, $g(t)$, $h(t)$ with

$$\frac{f(t)^2}{4} + h(t)^2 = (g(t) - 1)^2$$

would give a curve on the cone. For example $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, t + 1, 0 \rangle$ or $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t \cos t, t + 1, t \sin t \rangle$.