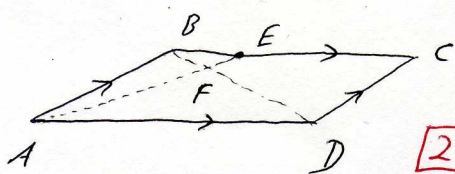


# Geometry & Vectors (Exam 06)

1)



$$\vec{AE} = \vec{AB} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{BC} \Rightarrow \vec{AF} = \kappa(\vec{AB} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{AD})$$

$$\vec{BD} = \vec{AD} - \vec{AB} \Rightarrow \vec{BF} = \lambda(\vec{AD} - \vec{AB})$$

Also  $\vec{AF} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BF} = \vec{AB} + \lambda(\vec{AD} - \vec{AB}) = \kappa(\vec{AB} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{AD})$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{AB} + \lambda\vec{AD} - \lambda\vec{AB} = \kappa\vec{AB} + \frac{\kappa}{3}\vec{AD}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 - \lambda - \kappa)\vec{AB} = (\frac{\kappa}{3} - \lambda)\vec{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + \kappa = 1 \quad \wedge \quad \lambda = \frac{\kappa}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\kappa}{3} + \kappa = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \kappa = \frac{3}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\vec{AF} = \frac{3}{4}\vec{AE}}} \quad \boxed{6}$$

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2)

$$\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

i)  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 6$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |\vec{u}| &= \sqrt{4+4} = 2\sqrt{2} \\ |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{4+1+1} = \sqrt{6} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{6}{2\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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ii) Take a general vector of the form  $\vec{w} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3^2$$

$$\vec{w} \perp \vec{u} \Leftrightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 = 2a + 2c \Rightarrow \underline{c = -a}$$

$$\vec{w} \perp \vec{v} \Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 = 2a - b + c \Rightarrow a - b = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{a = b}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^2 = a^2 + a^2 + a^2 \Rightarrow \underline{a = \pm\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\vec{w}_{1/2} = \pm\sqrt{3}(\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k})}} \quad \boxed{3}$$

iii) The triangle inequality reads

$$|\vec{u} + \vec{v}| \leq |\vec{u}| + |\vec{v}|$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = 4\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{u} + \vec{v}| = \sqrt{16+1+9} = \sqrt{26}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{26} \leq 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5.10 \leq 2.83 + 2.45 = 5.28 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$3) \quad \vec{u} = \vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \quad \vec{v} = -\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} \quad \vec{w} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} \quad \vec{x} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -6\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k} \quad \vec{w} \times \vec{x} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \quad [4]$$

$$\vec{p} = \lambda (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times (\vec{w} \times \vec{x}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -6 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \lambda = \lambda (-5, 13, -4) \quad [2]$$

$$|\vec{p}| = 1 \quad 1 = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = \lambda(25 + 169 + 16) \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{210}} \quad [2] \quad (8)$$

4) i) The normal form is  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  with  $a = \frac{k}{1-e^2}$  ;  $b = \frac{k}{\sqrt{1-e^2}}$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{9}{5} \frac{1}{1-(\frac{4}{5})^2} = \frac{9}{5} \frac{1}{\frac{9}{25}} = 5 \quad ; \quad b = \frac{9}{5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{9}{25}}} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 \quad [2]$$

ii) Line :  $y = mx + c$        $Q \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \underline{5 = c}$

$$P(x_0, y_0) \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow y_0 = mx_0 + c \Rightarrow m = \frac{y_0 - 5}{x_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{line through } P \text{ and } Q : \quad y = \frac{y_0 - 5}{x_0} x + 5 \quad (\Leftrightarrow) \quad \underline{\frac{y}{5} + \frac{5 - y_0}{5x_0} x = 1}$$

Compare with the equation of the tangent through  $P(x_0, y_0)$

on the ellipse  $\frac{xx_0}{25} + \frac{yy_0}{9} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_0}{25} = \frac{5 - y_0}{5x_0} \quad \wedge \quad \frac{y_0}{9} = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y_0 = \frac{9}{5}}} \Rightarrow \frac{5x_0^2}{25} = 5 - \frac{9}{5} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x_0 = \frac{16}{5}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{4x}{25} + \frac{y}{5} = 1}} \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{+4x + 5y - 25 = 0}} \quad [6]$$

(8)



$$5) \text{ if } A(3, 1, 2) \quad B(-1, 2, 0) \quad \Rightarrow \vec{AB} = -4\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$\Rightarrow$  equation of the line through A and B

$$\mathcal{L}: \frac{x-3}{-4} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{-2} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow P(-4\lambda+3, \lambda+1, -2\lambda+2) \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in XY\text{-plane for } \lambda=1$$

$\Rightarrow$  The point of intersection is  $P(-1, 2, 0)$ . 4

ii) The line intersects the plane  $\mathcal{P}: 2x - 4y - z = 30$  when

$$2(-4\lambda+3) - 4(\lambda+1) - (-2\lambda+2) = 30$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{-8\lambda+6} - \underline{4\lambda-4} + \underline{2\lambda-2} = 30 \quad \Rightarrow -10\lambda = 30 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda = -3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The point of intersection:  $P(-4(-3)+3, -3+1, -2(-3)+2) \in \mathcal{P}$

$$\underline{P(15, -2, 8)} \in \mathcal{P}$$

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6) Normal vector to  $\mathcal{P}_1$ :  $\vec{n}_1 = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$

normal vector to  $\mathcal{P}_2$ :  $\vec{n}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$  is parallel to  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{P}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_2$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -8\vec{i} - 19\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

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Any point on  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies; i.e. take  $z=0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x - y = 17 \\ -x + 2y = -14 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 5x = 20 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{x=4} \quad \Rightarrow \underline{y=-5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The line of intersection is

$$\mathcal{L}: \frac{x-4}{-8} = \frac{y+5}{-19} = \frac{z}{5} = \lambda$$

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7) i) Axiom 1 (line axiom):

3] Through any two distinct points  $P$  and  $Q$  there is exactly one line  $L = \overleftrightarrow{PQ}$ .

Axiom 2 (plane axiom):

3] Through any three noncollinear points there is exactly one plane.

Axiom 3 (dimension axiom):

3] Any line contains at least two distinct points.  
Any plane contains at least two distinct lines.  
There are at least 2 distinct planes in space.

Axiom 4 (line-plane intersection axiom):

3] If two distinct points  $P_1, P_2$  on a line  $L$  lie in a plane  $P$ , then the whole line lies in  $P$ .  
( $P_1, P_2 \in L, P \Rightarrow L \in P$ )

Axiom 5 (parallel axiom):

3] For a given point  $P$  and line  $L$  there is one and only one line  $L'$  which passes through  $P$  and is parallel to  $L$ .

ii) Proof: (seen)

• from axiom 3  $\Rightarrow \exists$  at least two distinct points  $Q, R \in L$

11] •  $P, Q, R$  are not collinear since the unique line  $L$  through  $Q$  and  $R$  does not pass through  $P$

26] • from axiom 2  $\Rightarrow$  there is a unique plane  $P$  through  $P, Q, R$

•  $P$  contains two points of  $L$ , namely  $Q, R \Rightarrow$  from axiom 4  
 $L \in P$  q.e.



8)  $A(3, -1, 0)$   $B(2, 1, 8)$   $C(2, 3, 4)$

i) Take  $P(x, y, z)$  to be an arbitrary point in the plane  $\mathcal{P}$ .

The following vectors are in the plane

$$\vec{AB} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 8\vec{k} \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$\vec{AC} = -\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k} \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$\vec{AP} = (x-3)\vec{i} + (y+1)\vec{j} + z\vec{k} \in \mathcal{P}$$

The vector  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathcal{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AP} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} (x-3) & (y+1) & z \\ -1 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-3)(8-32) - (y+1)(-4+8) + z(-4+2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -24x + 72 - 4y - 4 - 2z = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}: \underline{\underline{12x + 2y + z - 34 = 0}} \quad \boxed{9}$$

ii) The shortest distance for any point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  from a plane  $ax + by + cz = 0$  is

$$D = \left| \frac{ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right| \quad \boxed{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The distance to the origin is therefore  $D = \left| \frac{-34}{\sqrt{12^2 + 2^2 + 1}} \right| = \frac{34}{\sqrt{149}}$

iii)  $P(2\lambda-1, 5\lambda-15, \lambda+6) \in \mathcal{L}_1$

$$\Rightarrow P \in \mathcal{P} \text{ when } 12(2\lambda-1) + 2(5\lambda-15) + \lambda+6 - 34 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 24\lambda - 12 + 10\lambda - 30 + \lambda + 6 - 34 = 0 \quad \boxed{6}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 35\lambda - 70 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda = 2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The point of intersection is  $P(3, -5, 8)$ .



iv)

$$L_2: \frac{\lambda-5}{4} = \frac{\lambda+8}{-2} = \frac{2-11}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2(4\mu+5, -2\mu-8, 5\mu+11) \in L_2$$

$$P_1(2\lambda-1, 5\lambda-15, \lambda+6) \in L_1$$

For the lines to intersect we require  $P_1 = P_2$

$$\therefore \left. \begin{array}{l} (1) \quad 4\mu+5 = 2\lambda-1 \\ (2) \quad -2\mu-8 = 5\lambda-15 \\ (3) \quad 5\mu+11 = \lambda+6 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (1)+2(2): -11 = 12\lambda-31 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{20}{12} = \frac{5}{3} \\ \Rightarrow (1): 4\mu+5 = \frac{10}{3}-1 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{-2}{3} \end{array}$$

$$\text{check (3): } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{LHS: } 5 \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) + 11 = \frac{23}{3} \\ \text{RHS: } \frac{5}{3} + 6 = \frac{23}{3} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \text{ and } L_2 \text{ intersect}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The point of intersection is } P_1 = P_2 & \left( 2 \cdot \frac{5}{3} - 1, \frac{5 \cdot 5}{3} - 15, \frac{5}{3} + 6 \right) \\ & = P \left( \frac{7}{3}, -\frac{20}{3}, \frac{23}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

9)

$$S_1: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$$

$$S_2: x^2 + (y+6)^2 + z^2 = 36$$

$$P: \lambda x + \mu y + z = 6$$

i) - The distance  $d_1$  of the centre  $C_1$  of  $S_1$ , i.e. the origin, to the plane  $P$  is:

$$d_1 = \left| \frac{-6}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1}} \right|$$

- For the point in  $P$  to be on the sphere as well we need

$$d_1 = 3 \Rightarrow 3\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1 = 2^2 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \mu^2 = 3$$



i) - The centre of  $S_2$  is  $C_2(0, -6, 0)$

- The distance  $d_2$  of  $C_2$  to  $\mathcal{P}$  is

$$d_2 = \left| \frac{-6\mu - 6}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1}} \right|$$

- For this point to be on  $S_2$  as well we require  $d_2 = 6$

$$\Rightarrow 6\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1} = 6(\mu + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 1 = \mu^2 + 2\mu + 1 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\lambda^2 = 2\mu}} \quad [8]$$

iii) For  $\mathcal{P}$  to be a tangent plane to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  we have to solve

$$\lambda^2 + \mu^2 = 3 \quad | \quad \lambda^2 = 2\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^2 + 2\mu - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{1/2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{1+3} = -1 \pm 2$$

$\therefore \lambda^2 = 2\mu > 0$  discard the minus sign

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\mu = 1}} \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}}} \quad [8]$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P} : \pm\sqrt{2}x + y + z = 6$  is the tangent plane to  $S_1, S_2$

iv) For instance  $A(0, 0, 6)$  and  $B(0, 6, 0)$  are in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} = (0, 6, -6) \in \mathcal{P} \quad [2]$$