

MTH 201
Multivariable calculus and differential equations
Homework 2
Quadric surfaces and vector valued functions

1. Consider the planes

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

- (a) Find parametric equation for the line of intersection of the planes.
(b) Find the angle between the planes.

2. Consider the plane that passes through points P, Q , and R . Let S be the point **not** on this plane. Show that the distance d from S to the plane is (HW)

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})|}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|},$$

where $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$, $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PR}$, and $\mathbf{w} = \overrightarrow{PS}$.

3. Sketch the surfaces

- (a) Elliptic paraboloid: $z = 4x^2 + y^2$
(b) Hyperbolic paraboloid: $z = y^2 - x^2$.

4. Find the vector valued function that represents the curve of intersection of the circular cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $y + z = 2$.

5. Find points of intersection of the helix $\overrightarrow{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$ and the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 5$.

6. Find limits

(a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(e^{-10t} \mathbf{i} + \frac{t^2}{\sin^2 t} \mathbf{j} + \cos 2t \mathbf{k} \right)$

(b) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{t^2 - t}{t - 1} \mathbf{i} + \sqrt{t} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\sin \pi t}{\log t} \mathbf{k} \right)$

7. Let $\overrightarrow{u}(t)$, $\overrightarrow{v}(t)$, and $\overrightarrow{w}(t)$ be differentiable vector valued functions.

(a) Show that functions $t \rightarrow \overrightarrow{u}(t) \cdot \overrightarrow{v}(t)$ and $t \rightarrow \overrightarrow{u}(t) \times \overrightarrow{v}(t)$ are differentiable.

(b) Find an expression for $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\overrightarrow{u}(t) \cdot \left(\overrightarrow{v}(t) \times \overrightarrow{w}(t) \right) \right]$.

8. Let $\overrightarrow{c}(t) = \langle |t|, |t - \frac{1}{2}| \rangle$, $t \in [-1, 1]$, describes the path of a billiard ball on a table. Find the distance travelled by the ball. (HW)

9. Find the arc length of the cycloid $\overrightarrow{c}(t) = \langle t - \sin t, 1 - \cos t \rangle$, if $t \in [-1, 1]$.

Note: The cycloid is traced out by a point moving on a rolling circle along a straight line.

10. Reparametrize the helix $\overrightarrow{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$ with respect to arc length measured from $(1, 0, 0)$ in the direction of increasing t .

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11. Suppose a particle moves along the curve given by $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3 \cos 2t, 3 \sin 2t, 2t \rangle$. Find the position of the particle after travelling for a distance of $\frac{\pi\sqrt{10}}{3}$ units. (HW)
12. Show that
 - (a) the curvature of Straight line is 0,
 - (b) the curvature of a Circle of radius r is $1/r$. (HW)
13. Find unit tangent vector \vec{T} , principal unit normal vector \vec{N} , binormal vector \vec{B} , curvature κ , and torsion τ at a general point on the helix.
14. A particle moves with position function $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$. Find the tangential and normal components of acceleration.