

Assessment 3  
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Math 163

Name: key

*He is like the fox, who effaces his tracks  
in the sand with his tail.*

Niels Henrik Abel  
1802 - 1829 (Norwegian mathematician)

No work = no credit

Warm-ups (1 pt each):  $\vec{i} \times \vec{k} = -\vec{j}$        $\frac{2}{0} - \text{undefined} - 3^2 = -9$

1.) (1 pt) In the quote above, Abel talks about Gauss' writing style. According to Abel, how easy was it to understand Gauss' work? Answer using complete English sentences.

Gauss didn't show or explain his work.

2.) (5 pts) If  $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\vec{i} + 5\vec{k}$  find  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 15, -3, 3 \rangle$$

3.) (2 pts) Answer the following:

a.) Find a nonzero vector orthogonal to the plane through the points  $P(1,0,1)$ ,  $Q(-2,1,4)$ , and  $R(6,2,7)$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -2, 1, 4 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle -3, 1, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 6, 2, 7 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 5, 2, 6 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \langle 0, -(-18-15), -11 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, 33, 11 \rangle$$

b.) Find the area of the triangle  $PQR$



Area of  
parallelogram  
 $= |\langle 0, 33, 11 \rangle|$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Triangle Area} &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{33^2 + 11^2} \\ &= \frac{11}{2} \sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

4.) (4 pts) Find the symmetric AND vector equation(s) for the line of intersection of the planes  
 $6x - 3y - 3z = 0$  and  $3x + y + z = 5$ .

Find 2 points on the line of intersection.

① Let  $x=0$ .  $\begin{cases} -3y - 3z = 0 \\ y + z = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y + z = 20 \\ y + z = 5 \end{cases}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  No solution.  
 $\therefore x \neq 0$ .

② Let  $y=0$ .  $\begin{cases} 6x - 3z = 0 \\ 3x + z = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -5z = -10 \\ z = 2 \text{ AND } x=1 \end{cases}$

③ Let  $z=0$ .  $\begin{cases} 6x - 3y = 0 \\ 3x + y = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 2 \text{ AND } x=1 \end{cases}$

$P(1, 0, 2)$

and

$Q(1, 2, 0)$

$\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = \langle 0, 2, -2 \rangle$

vector equation

$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 0, 2, -2 \rangle$

symmetric equations

$1 = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z-2}{-2}$

5.) (4 pts) Find the equation of the plane that passes through  $(6, 0, -3)$  and contains the line  
 $x = 3 + 3t, y = 2 + 5t, z = 6 + 4t$ .

Need 2 vectors on the plane.

①  $\vec{n} = \langle -3, 5, 4 \rangle$

②  $\vec{v} = \langle 6, 0, -3 \rangle - \langle 3, 2, 6 \rangle = \langle 3, -2, -9 \rangle$

$\Rightarrow \vec{n} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -3 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & -9 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -37, -15, -9 \rangle$  normal vector

plane:  $-37(x-6) - 15(y-0) - 9(z+3) = 0$ .