



Problem 1. (23)

a) (8) Find an equation of the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  through the points  $A = (1, 0, 3)$ ,  $B = (3, 0, 4)$ , and  $C = (2, 1, 4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AB} &= \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle \\ \vec{AC} &= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad \vec{N} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -1, -1, 2 \rangle$$

$$-x - y + 2z = 5$$

$$(\text{or } x + y - 2z = -5).$$

b) (8) Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the line through  $Q = (4, 3, 0)$  and perpendicular to the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  of part (a). Find the point  $R$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  intersects  $\mathcal{P}$ .

$$\mathcal{L} \parallel \vec{N} = \langle -1, -1, 2 \rangle, \text{ parametric equations } \begin{cases} x = 4 - t \\ y = 3 - t \\ z = 2t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{intersects } \mathcal{P} \text{ when } -x - y + 2z = (t - 4) + (t - 3) + 4t = 6t - 7 = 5$$

$$6t = 12$$

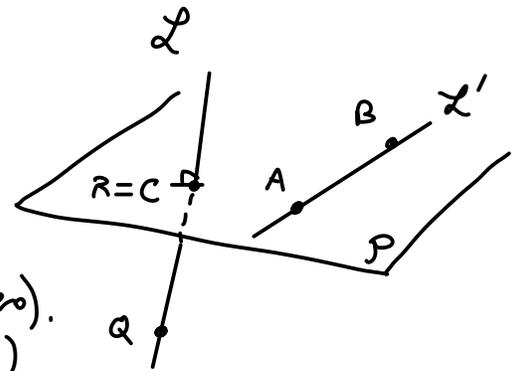
$$t = 2$$

$$\text{so } \underline{R = (2, 1, 4)} \quad (= C).$$

c) (7) Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the same line as in part (b), and let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the line through the points  $A$  and  $B$  of part (a). Are  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}'$  parallel, intersecting, or skew? Justify your answer.

$\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$  are skew:

- not parallel ( $\mathcal{L} \perp \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}'$  contained in  $\mathcal{P}$ )
- don't intersect:  $\mathcal{L}'$  is contained in  $\mathcal{P}$ , but  $\mathcal{L}$  hits  $\mathcal{P}$  only at  $R = C$  which is not on  $\mathcal{L}'$ .



( $A, B, C$  not aligned since cross-product in (a) was non-zero).  
 (or:  $R$  is not on  $\mathcal{L}'$  because  $y = 0$  everywhere on  $\mathcal{L}'$ )

**Problem 2.** (17)

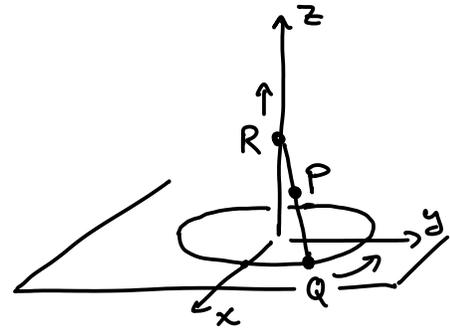
A point  $Q$  moves counterclockwise at unit speed around the unit circle in the  $xy$ -plane, starting at  $(1, 0, 0)$  when  $t = 0$ , while a point  $R$  moves at unit speed up the  $z$ -axis, starting at the origin when  $t = 0$ . An elastic band connects  $Q$  to  $R$ .

a) (10) Find parametric equations for the motion of the midpoint  $P$  of the elastic band.

$$Q = (\cos t, \sin t, 0)$$

$$R = (0, 0, t)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{midpoint } \underline{P = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos t, \frac{1}{2} \sin t, \frac{t}{2}\right)}$$



b) (7) Find the length of the trajectory of  $P$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 10$ .

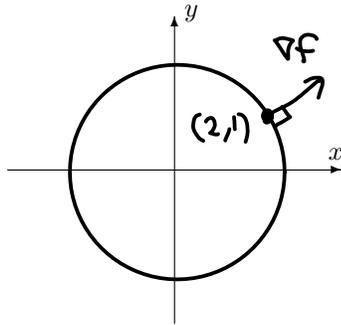
$$\text{Velocity } \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{2} \sin t, \frac{1}{2} \cos t, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 t}{4} + \frac{\cos^2 t}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Length } \int_0^{10} |\vec{v}| dt = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} = \underline{5\sqrt{2}}.$$

**Problem 3.** (15) Let  $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ .

a) (5) Sketch the level curve of  $f$  through  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$  and the direction of the gradient vector.



b) (5) Calculate the gradient of  $f$  at  $(2, 1)$ .

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \left\langle \frac{2x}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{2y}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\nabla f(2, 1) = \left\langle \frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right\rangle$$

c) (5) Let  $x(t) = t + 1$  and  $y(t) = t^3$ . Find  $\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t))$  at  $t = 1$ .  
At  $t = 1$ ,  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{r} = \langle 1, 3t^2 \rangle = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$ .

$$\frac{df}{dt} = f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4}{5} \cdot 1 + \frac{2}{5} \cdot 3 = \frac{10}{5} = 2.$$

**Problem 4.** (20) Let  $f(x, y) = 3x^2y - y^3 - 6x$ .

a) (8) Find all the critical points of  $f$ .

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 6xy - 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow xy = 1 \\ f_y = 3x^2 - 3y^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = \pm x \end{cases}$$

So:  $\pm x^2 = 1$ ,  $x = \pm 1$ . 2 critical points  $(-1, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$ .

b) (7) Find the type of the critical point(s) which lie(s) in the first quadrant ( $x \geq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$ ).

Second derivative test at  $(1, 1)$ :

$$f_{xx} = 6y = 6$$

$$f_{yy} = -6y = -6$$

$$f_{xy} = 6x = 6$$

$$f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 6 \cdot (-6) - 6^2 = -72 < 0$$

saddle point.

c) (5) Without any further calculation, what can you say about the maximum of  $f$  in the region where  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 5$ ?

No local max in this region, so max is achieved at a point of the boundary. (would need to test each of  $x=0$ ,  $x=5$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $y=5$ ).

**Problem 5.** (25) (The three parts can be solved in any order.)

a) (7) Find an equation of the tangent plane to the surface  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 18$  at  $(2, 1, 1)$ .

Normal vector to  $g = 18$ :  $g(x, y, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla g &= \langle 4x^3, 4y^3, 4z^3 \rangle \\ &= \langle 32, 4, 4 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$32(x-2) + 4(y-1) + 4(z-1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 32x + 4y + 4z = 72$$

$$\underline{8x + y + z = 18}$$

b) (8) The equation  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 18$  defines implicitly  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $z = z(x, y)$ . Find  $\partial z / \partial x$  at  $(x, y, z) = (2, 1, 1)$ .

$$dg = 4x^3 dx + 4y^3 dy + 4z^3 dz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow dz = -\frac{x^3}{z^3} dx - \frac{y^3}{z^3} dy = -8 dx - dy.$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -8.$$

(or use formula  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{g_x}{g_z}$ , or use eq. of tangent plane  $z = -8x - y + 18$  from (a)).

c) (10) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the minimum and maximum values of  $f(x, y, z) = 8x + y + z$  on the surface  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 18$ .

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g: \quad \begin{cases} 8 = \lambda \cdot 4x^3 \\ 1 = \lambda \cdot 4y^3 \\ 1 = \lambda \cdot 4z^3 \end{cases} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{x^3}{8} = y^3 = z^3 \quad (= \frac{1}{4\lambda}).$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{x}{2} = y = z$$

$$\text{and } x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 18 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{matrix} x=2z \\ y=z \end{matrix} \quad 16z^4 + z^4 + z^4 = 18, \quad z^4 = 1, \quad z = \pm 1.$$

$$\text{So: } (x, y, z) = (2, 1, 1) \quad \text{or} \quad (-2, -1, -1)$$

$$f = 18$$

maximum

$$f = -18$$

minimum