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## MATH 251

### Assignment 1

1. (4 marks) Consider two points  $A$  and  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Suppose  $A = (3, 0, 2)$  and  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (a) Find the coordinates of point  $B$ .
  - (b) Find two distinct unit vectors that are parallel to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ .
  - (c) Find parametric equations for the line passing through points  $A$  and  $B$ .
  - (d) At what point does the line from part (c) intersect the  $xy$ -plane?

2. (7 marks) Consider the three points

$$A = (2, 0, -5), \quad B = (8, 2, -9), \quad C = (7, 9, -7).$$

- (a) Find the area of triangle  $\triangle ABC$ . Give an exact, simplified answer.
- (b) Find the angle  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$  between  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ . Round your answer to two decimal places.
- (c) Determine whether or not  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle.
- (d) Find the equation, in general form, of the plane passing through the points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

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3. (3 marks) Using projections, find the distance between the parallel planes  $x + y - 2z = 2$  and  $x + y - 2z = 4$ . Given an exact, simplified answer.

4. (3 marks) Let  $\mathbf{u} = [-4, 0, 3]$  and  $\mathbf{v} = [2, 5, 1]$ . Find vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  so that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{q}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . [*Hint: Use projections to find one of the vectors.*]

5. (3 marks) Find an equation, in parametric form, of the line passing through the point  $P = (1, 2, -1)$  and orthogonal to the plane defined by

$$\begin{cases} x = 6 + 2s - t \\ y = 1 - 3s + 5t \\ z = -7 + s - t. \end{cases}$$

6. (3 marks) Find the vector form of the equation of the plane  $3x - 4y + 2z = 12$ .

7. (2 marks) Find the value(s) of  $k$  such that the vector

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ k \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is orthogonal to the plane  $2x + 3y - 4z = 0$ .