

Homework 1 Solutions

22. The largest sphere contained in the first octant must have a radius equal to the minimum distance from the center $(5, 4, 9)$ to any of the three coordinate planes. The shortest such distance is to the xz -plane, a distance of 4. Thus an equation of the sphere is $(x - 5)^2 + (y - 4)^2 + (z - 9)^2 = 16$.

32. The inequality $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 > 2z \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2 > 1$ is equivalent to $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2} > 1$, so the region consists of those points whose distance from the point $(0, 0, 1)$ is greater than 1. This is the set of all points outside the sphere with radius 1 and center $(0, 0, 1)$.

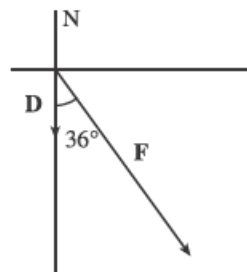
30. Set up the coordinate axes so that north is the positive y -direction, and east is the positive x -direction. The wind is blowing at 50 km/h from the direction $N45^\circ W$, so that its velocity vector is 50 km/h $S45^\circ E$, which can be written as $\mathbf{v}_{\text{wind}} = 50(\cos 45^\circ \mathbf{i} - \sin 45^\circ \mathbf{j})$. With respect to the still air, the velocity vector of the plane is 250 km/h $N60^\circ E$, or equivalently $\mathbf{v}_{\text{plane}} = 250(\cos 30^\circ \mathbf{i} + \sin 30^\circ \mathbf{j})$. The velocity of the plane relative to the ground is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{v}_{\text{wind}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{plane}} = (50 \cos 45^\circ + 250 \cos 30^\circ) \mathbf{i} + (-50 \sin 45^\circ + 250 \sin 30^\circ) \mathbf{j} \\ &= (25\sqrt{2} + 125\sqrt{3}) \mathbf{i} + (125 - 25\sqrt{2}) \mathbf{j} \approx 251.9 \mathbf{i} + 89.6 \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

The ground speed is $|\mathbf{v}| \approx \sqrt{(251.9)^2 + (89.6)^2} \approx 267$ km/h. The angle the velocity vector makes with the x -axis is $\theta \approx \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{89.6}{251.9}\right) \approx 20^\circ$. Therefore, the true course of the plane is about $N(90 - 20)^\circ E = N70^\circ E$.

42. Let P_1 and P_2 be the points with position vectors \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2 respectively. Then $|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1| + |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_2|$ is the sum of the distances from (x, y) to P_1 and P_2 . Since this sum is constant, the set of points (x, y) represents an ellipse with foci P_1 and P_2 . The condition $k > |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|$ assures us that the ellipse is not degenerate.

48. $W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{D} = |\mathbf{F}| |\mathbf{D}| \cos \theta = (400)(120) \cos 36^\circ \approx 38,833$ ft-lb



50. $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}) = 0$ implies that the vectors $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b}$ are orthogonal.

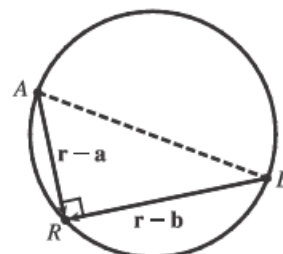
From the diagram (in which A, B and R are the terminal points of the vectors), we see that this implies that R lies on a sphere whose diameter is the line from A to B .

The center of this circle is the midpoint of AB , that is,

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + b_1), \frac{1}{2}(a_2 + b_2), \frac{1}{2}(a_3 + b_3) \right\rangle, \text{ and its radius is}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2}.$$

Or: Expand the given equation, substitute $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and complete the squares.



30. (a) $\vec{PQ} = \langle -3, 2, -1 \rangle$ and $\vec{PR} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$, so a vector orthogonal to the plane through P , Q , and R is

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \langle (2)(1) - (-1)(-1), (-1)(1) - (-3)(1), (-3)(-1) - (2)(1) \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle \text{ (or any scalar multiple thereof).}$$

(b) The area of the parallelogram determined by \vec{PQ} and \vec{PR} is $|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}| = |\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$,

so the area of triangle PQR is $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}$.