

Quiz 7 (10pts)
Math 214 Section Q1 Winter 2010

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Please, use the reverse side if needed.

- 1.(5 pts) Find the distance from the point $P(2, -3, 1)$ to the plane

$$2x + 2y - z - 6 = 0.$$

Solution.

$$d = \frac{|2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-3) - 1 \cdot 1 - 6|}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{|-9|}{3} = 3.$$

- 2.(5 pts) Find parametric equations for the line that is tangent to the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \ln t \mathbf{i} - 2t\mathbf{j} - t^3\mathbf{k}$ at $t = 1$.

Solution.

$$\mathbf{r}(1) = -2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k},$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{1}{t}\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3t^2\mathbf{k},$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}(1) = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}.$$

Tangent line:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \tau, \\ y &= -2 - 2\tau, \\ z &= -1 - 3\tau, \end{aligned} \quad -\infty < \tau < \infty.$$

(Using t instead of τ is also OK).