

HOMEWORK #1s (Chapter 7 Vectors · 9.1 Vector Functions)

1) Find a vector  $\vec{b}$  that is parallel to the given vector and has the indicated magnitude

$$\vec{a} = 3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j}, \quad |\vec{b}| = 2 \quad (\text{Problem 31, page 302}).$$

$$\boxed{\text{ANS}} \quad |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{9+49} = \sqrt{58}; \quad \vec{b} = 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{58}}\right)(3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j}) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{58}}\vec{i} + \frac{14}{\sqrt{58}}\vec{j}$$

2)  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{c} = \langle 2, 6, 9 \rangle$ . Find the indicated vector or scalar

$$\left| \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right| + 5 \left| \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right| \quad (\text{Problem 47, page 309}).$$

$$\boxed{\text{ANS}} \quad \left| \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right| + 5 \left| \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right| = \frac{1}{|\vec{a}|}|\vec{a}| + 5 \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}|\vec{b}| = 1 + 5 = 6$$

3) Find parametric and symmetric equations for the line through the given point parallel to the given vector  $(4, 6, -7)$ ,  $\vec{a} = \langle 3, 1/2, -3/2 \rangle$  (Problem 19, page 329).

$$\boxed{\text{ANS}} \quad \text{parametric: } x = 4 + 3t, \quad y = 6 + t/2, \quad z = -7 - 3t/2$$

$$\text{symmetric: } \frac{x-4}{3} = \frac{y-6}{1/2} = \frac{z+7}{-3/2}$$

4) Find the parametric equation of the tangent line to the given curve at the indicated value of

$$t. \quad x = t, \quad y = t^2/2, \quad z = t^3/3; \quad t = 2 \quad (\text{Problem 25, page 454}).$$

$$\boxed{\text{ANS}} \quad \vec{r}(t) = t\vec{i} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{j} + \frac{1}{3}t^3\vec{k}; \quad \vec{r}(2) = 2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \frac{8}{3}\vec{k}; \quad \vec{r}'(t) = \vec{i} + t\vec{j} + t^2\vec{k}; \quad \vec{r}'(2) = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$$

Using the point  $(2, 2, 8/3)$  and the direction vector  $\vec{r}'(2)$ , we have

$$x = 2 + t, \quad y = 2 + 2t, \quad z = 8/3 + 4t$$

5) Find the length of the curve traced by the given vector function on the indicated interval

$$\vec{r}(t) = a \cos(t)\vec{i} + a \sin(t)\vec{j} + ct\vec{k}; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \quad (\text{Problem 41, page 454}).$$

$$\boxed{\text{ANS}} \quad \vec{r}'(t) = -a \sin t \vec{i} + a \cos t \vec{j} + c \vec{k}; \quad \left| \vec{r}'(t) \right| = \sqrt{(-a \sin t)^2 + (a \cos t)^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}$$

$$s = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{a^2 + c^2} dt = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2} t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}$$