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PROBLEMS

DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR SOLUTIONS WITHOUT THE COVER PAGE.
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS WRITTEN ON THAT PAGE.

1. Spheres

a) Find the distance between the two spheres S_1 and S_2 :

$$S_1 : (x + 3)^2 + (y + 7)^2 + (z - 1)^2 = 9, \quad S_2 : x^2 + (y + 5)^2 + (z - 5)^2 = 4.$$

b) Find the distance between the sphere S_1 and the plane P :

$$P : x + 2y - 2z = 5.$$

2. Ellipse

a) Consider the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

What is the center and the radius of the osculating circle at the x -intercepts and y -intercepts?

b) Draw the ellipse and its foci for $a = 1$, $b = 2$. Draw the osculating circles at the points of intersection with the x and y axes.

3. Cross-product

a) Let \mathbf{v} be a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^3 . Let \mathbf{a} be a vector, orthogonal to \mathbf{v} . Explain why

$$\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}) = -\mathbf{a}.$$

b) Let \mathbf{v} be a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^3 and \mathbf{u} any vector in \mathbb{R}^3 . Explain why

$$\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}))) = -\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}).$$

4. Let $\mathbf{r}(t)$ be a curve in \mathbb{R}^3 . Denote by $\mathbf{v}(t)$ its velocity. Denote by $\theta(t)$ the angle between $\mathbf{r}(t)$ and $\mathbf{v}(t)$.

a) Give an expression for $\frac{d}{dt}|\mathbf{r}(t)|$ in terms of $\mathbf{v}(t)$ and $\theta(t)$ only.

b) If $\theta(t) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all t , what can you conclude from question a)?

5. Consider the curve defined by the vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t + t \sin t) \mathbf{i} + (\sin t - t \cos t) \mathbf{j} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t^2 \mathbf{k}.$$

a) Find $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and $\mathbf{N}(t)$.

b) Find the curvature κ .

c) Determine the tangential and normal components of the acceleration; express the acceleration vector $\mathbf{a}(t)$ in terms of \mathbf{T} and \mathbf{N} .