MATH 1210

## Assignment 3

Attempt all questions and show all your work. Due November 3, 2010.

- 1. Let  $\mathbf{u} = [1, 1, 1], \mathbf{v} = [-1, 2, 5], \mathbf{w} = [0, 1, 1]$ . Calculate each of the following:
  - (a)  $(2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{v} 3\mathbf{w})$
  - (b)  $||\mathbf{u}|| 2||\mathbf{v}|| + ||(-3)\mathbf{w}||$
- 2. Prove the associative rule for addition of vectors in  $E^3$

$$(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$$

in the following two different ways:

- (a) by writing each of  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  in terms of their coordinates and simplifying both sides algebraically in coordinate form
- (b) by a geometric argument using arrow representations for  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$
- 3. Find the points where the plane 3x 2y + 5z = 30 meets each of the x, y and z axes in  $E^3$ . Use these "intercepts" to provide a neat sketch of the plane.
- 4. (a) Find an equation for the line through points (1,3) and (5,4) in parametric form.
  - (b) Find an equation for the line through points (1, 2, 3) and (5, 5, 0) in parametric form.
- 5. Consider the triangle A(5, 4, 1), B(1, 1, 0), and C(0, 1, 1). Determine (with justification) whether this triangle:
  - (a) is a right angle triangle
  - (b) is an isosceles triangle
  - (c) is an equilateral triangle
  - (d) has an obtuse angle
- 6. Let Q be the plane through points (0,0,0), (1,3,-1) and (1,1,1), and let R be the plane through point (2,2,1) with normal vector [5,0,2]. To find the line of intersection of these two planes in parametric form, one can proceed as follows:
  - (a) Find an equation for R in point-normal form and then in standard form
  - (b) Find parametric equations for Q
  - (c) Find an equation for Q in standard form using the parametric form you found above (HINT: Eliminate parameters s and t).
  - (d) Give a system of linear equations whose solution is the line of intersection of Q and R.
  - (e) Find a parametric form for the line of intersection of Q and R by solving the above system, using z as the parameter.