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MAT 226 (Fall 2019)
Quiz 1

1. (7 pts) Write the equation of the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 that contains the origin and the line

$$\vec{r}(t) = (2t + 1, t, 3t - 2)$$

Need normal vector. \vec{n} .

Two vectors in the plane are $\vec{r}(0) = (1, 0, -2)$ and $\vec{r}(1) = (3, 1, 1)$

Thus, $\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2, -7, 1)$

Since the origin belongs to this plane, its eqn is:

$$[2x - 7y + z = 0]$$

2. (3 pts) Write the equation of the plane $x + y = 0$ in cylindrical coordinates.

Recall that cylindrical coordinates are given by $(x, y, z) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z)$.

$$x + y = 0 \implies r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta = 0$$

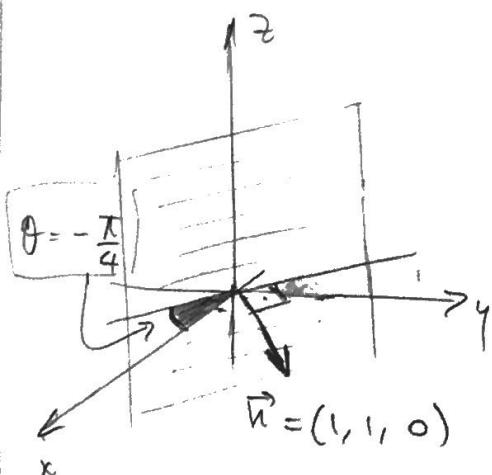
$$\Rightarrow r (\cos \theta + \sin \theta) = 0$$

$r \neq 0$: $\cos \theta + \sin \theta = 0$

$\cos \theta \neq 0$: $1 + \tan \theta = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}}$$



The equation of the plane is:

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ variables } r, z \text{ are free}$$