

Spring '05

MATH 331 (L20)

Assignment 3

Due date: Tutorial  
Class

Attempt all Problems.

- 1 (i) Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $\vec{A} = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $\vec{B} = (0, 1, 0)$ .  
(ii) Find the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by  $\vec{A} = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $\vec{C} = (2, 0, 3)$ .

- (iii) Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $P = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $Q = (2, 2, 2)$  and  $R = (0, 1, 0)$ .  
2. Find the shortest distance between the two lines:

$$L_1: X = (1, 0, -1) + t(1, -1, 1), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$L_2: X = (1, -1, 0) + s(-1, -1, 2), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- 3 (i) Find the length of the curve  $X(t) = \left(\frac{1}{3}e^{3t}, \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t}, \sqrt{2}t\right)$  from  $t=0$  to  $t=\frac{1}{3}$ .

- (ii) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve at  $t=\frac{1}{3}$ .

- 4 The curve  $X(t) = (2t^2, 1-t, 3+t^2)$  hits the plane  $3x - 14y + z = 10$ .

- (i) Find the points of hitting.

- (ii) Find the angles between  $X'$  and the normal to the plane at these points.