

## WORKSHEET 24

1. Find the line in the plane of  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 2, 0)$ , and  $(0, 1, -2)$  that passes through the origin perpendicular to the line

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = 2z.$$

2. Two surface ships on maneuvers are trying to determine a submarine's course and speed to prepare for an aircraft intercept. Ship  $A$  is located at  $(4, 0, 0)$  while ship  $B$  is located at  $(0, 5, 0)$ . All coordinates are given in thousands of feet. Ship  $A$  locates the submarine in the direction of the vector  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - (1/3)\mathbf{k}$ , and ship  $B$  locates it in the direction of the vector  $18\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ . Four minutes ago, the ship was located at  $(2, -1, -1/3)$ . The aircraft is due in 20 minutes. Assuming the submarine moves in a straight line at a constant speed, to what position should the surface ships direct the aircraft?
3. Two helicopters,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , are traveling together. At time  $t = 0$  hours, they separate and follow different straight line paths given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 : \quad x &= 6 + 40t, & y &= -3 + 10t, & z &= -3 + 2t \\ H_2 : \quad x &= 6 + 110t, & y &= -3 + 4t, & z &= -3 + t \end{aligned}$$

all coordinates measured in miles. Due to system malfunctions,  $H_2$  stops its flight at  $(446, 13, 1)$  and, in a negligible amount of time, lands at  $(446, 13, 0)$ . Two hours later,  $H_1$  is advised of this fact and heads toward  $H_2$  at 150 mph. How long will it take  $H_1$  to reach  $H_2$ ?

4. Prove that four points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are coplanar (lie in a common plane) if and only if  $\vec{AD} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}) = 0$ .
5. If the four vectors  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}$  are coplanar, show that  $(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
6. a) Let  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . Describe the domain and range of this function. What uses might such a function have?
- b) If  $\mathbf{F}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$ , then the derivative  $d\mathbf{F}/dt$  is defined by

$$\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} = \left( \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right).$$

Find  $d\mathbf{F}/ds$  as a function of  $s$  if  $t = s^2 - 1$  and  $\mathbf{F}(t) = (1, \sin(t+1), \sqrt{t})$ .

- c) Prove the following differentiation rules for two vector functions  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{V}) = \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}) = \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} \times \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{U} \times \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}.$$