

Exam I: MTH 111, Spring 2025

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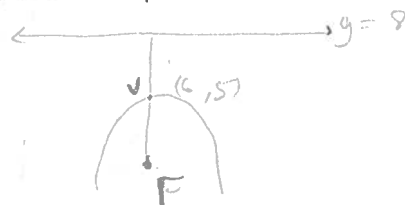
Points = $\frac{59}{60}$

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QUESTION 1. (6 points) Given $y = 8$ is the directrix of a parabola that has the point $(6, 5)$ as its vertex point.

a) Find the equation of the parabola

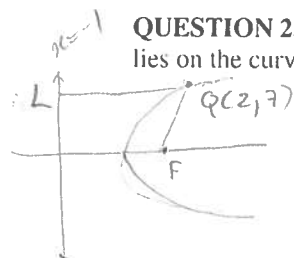
distance btw directrix & vertex, $d = 8 - 5 = 3$
 $\therefore$ equation of parabola $\Rightarrow -4d(x - x_0) = (y - y_0)^2$
 $\Rightarrow -4(3)(x - 6) = (y - 5)^2$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{-12(x - 6) = (y - 5)^2}$



b) Find the focus of the parabola.

Focus $F = (6, 5 - d)$
 $= (6, 5 - 3)$
 $= \boxed{(6, 2)}$

QUESTION 2. (3 points) Given that $x = -1$ is the directrix of a parabola that has focus F . If the point $Q = (2, 7)$ lies on the curve of the parabola, find $|QF|$ (i.e., find the distance between F and Q).



From properties of parabola, we know: $|QL| = |QF|$

$|QL| = \sqrt{(2+1)^2 + (7-7)^2}$

$\boxed{|QF| = 3 \text{ units}}$

QUESTION 3. (8 points) Given $(-3, -1), (-3, 9)$ are the vertices of the major axis of an ellipse (recall major axis is the longer axis) and $(-3, 7)$ is one of the foci.

(i) Find the vertices of the minor axis (shorter axis). (you may want to draw such ellipse (roughly) on the right-side).

$|v_1 F_1| = |v_2 F_2| \therefore |v_1 F_2| = 9 - 7 = 2$

centre $= \left(\frac{-3 + -3}{2}, \frac{7 + 7}{2} \right)$
 $= (-3, 4)$

$\therefore |CF_1| = 3$

(ii) Find the ellipse-constant K .
 $K = \text{length of major axis} = |v_1 v_2|$

$\therefore \boxed{K = 10}$

From (ii) $K/2 = 5$

$|CF_1|^2 = \left(\frac{K}{2}\right)^2 - b^2$

$a = 25 - b^2$

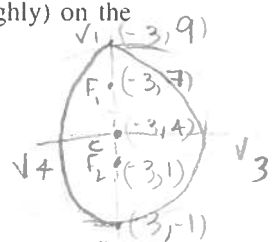
$b = \sqrt{25 - 9}$

$b = \sqrt{16}$

$b = 4 \text{ units}$

$\therefore v_3 = (-3 + 4, 4) = \boxed{(-7, 4)}$

$v_4 = (-3 + 4, 4) = \boxed{(1, 4)}$



(iii) Find the second foci of the ellipse.

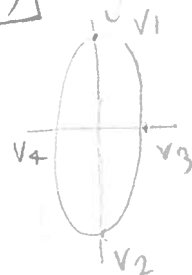
$v_2 F_2 = 2 \therefore F_2 = (-3, -1 + 2)$

$= \boxed{(-3, 1)}$

(iv) Find the equation of the ellipse.

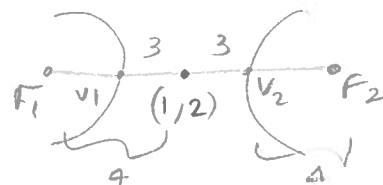
general equation $\Rightarrow \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{(b)^2} + \frac{(y - y_0)^2}{(a)^2} = 1$

$\frac{(x + 3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y - 4)^2}{25} = 1$



QUESTION 4. (8 points)

Draw roughly the hyperbola $\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} - \frac{(y-2)^2}{7} = 1$. Then find



a) The hyperbola-constant K .

$$(K/2)^2 = 9 \quad \boxed{K=6}$$

$$\frac{K}{2} = 3$$

b) The two vertices of the hyperbola.

$$v_1 = (1-3, 2) \quad v_2 = (1+3, 2)$$

$$\boxed{v_1 = (-2, 2)} \quad \boxed{v_2 = (4, 2)}$$

c) The foci of the hyperbola.

$$CF_1 = CF_2 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{K}{2}\right)^2 + b^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9+7}$$

$$= 4 \text{ units}$$

$$\therefore F_1 = (1-4, 2)$$

$$\boxed{F_1 = (-3, 2)}$$

$$F_2 = (1+4, 2)$$

$$\boxed{F_2 = (5, 2)}$$

QUESTION 5. (8 points) Given $y = x^2 + 6x + 11$ is an equation of a parabola. Write the equation of the parabola in the standard form. Then

a) Draw roughly the parabola.

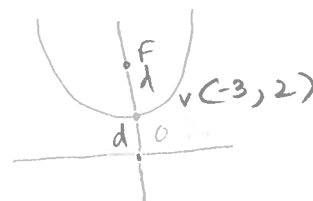
$$y = x^2 + 6x + 11$$

$$y = (x)^2 + 2(3)x + (3)^2 - (3)^2 + 11$$

$$y = (x+3)^2 - 9 + 11$$

$$y - 2 = (x+3)^2$$

$$4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(y-2) = (x+3)^2$$



b) Find the equation of the directrix line.

$$d = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$\therefore \text{eqn of directrix} \Rightarrow y = 2 - 0.25$$

$$\boxed{y = 1.75}$$

c) Find the focus of the parabola.

$$F = (-3, 2 + d)$$

$$F = (-3, 2 + 0.25)$$

$$\boxed{F = (-3, 2.25)}$$

QUESTION 6. (8 points) a) Given two lines $L_1: x = 3t + 1, y = 2t + 3, z = 10t + 2$ ($t \in \mathbb{R}$) and $L_2: x = 6w - 5, y = 6w - 3, z = -3w + 5$ ($w \in \mathbb{R}$). Convince me that $L_1 \perp L_2$. Given that L_1 intersects L_2 in a point Q . Find Q .

If $L_1 \perp L_2 \Rightarrow N_1 \cdot N_2 = 0$
 $N_1 = \langle 3, 2, 10 \rangle, N_2 = \langle 6, 6, -3 \rangle$
 $N_1 \cdot N_2 = 18 + 12 - 30 = 0$
 $\therefore L_1 \perp L_2$
 Q satisfies eqns of L_1 & L_2
 $\therefore$ we have $3t + 1 = 6w - 5$ ①
 $2t + 3 = 6w - 3$ ②
 $10t + 2 = -3w + 5$ ③

① - ②
 $3t + 1 - 2t - 3 = 6w - 5 - 6w + 3$
 $t - 2 = -2$
 $t = 0$
 $\therefore$ it is given L_1 intersects L_2
 $Q = (x, y, z)$
 $Q = (3t + 1, 2t + 3, 10t + 2)$
 $Q = (1, 3, 2)$

QUESTION 7. (15 points)

Given that $q_1 = (0, 4, 2)$, $q_2 = (2, 1, -1)$, and $q_3 = (2, 3, 5)$ are not co-linear.

a) Find a vector F that is perpendicular to both vectors q_1 and q_2 .

$q_1 q_2 = \langle 2, -3, -3 \rangle$
 $q_1 q_3 = \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$
 If $F \perp q_1 q_2$ & $F \perp q_1 q_3$
 then $F = q_1 q_2 \times q_1 q_3$

$F = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= i(-9 - 3) - j(6 + 6) + k(-2 + 6)$
 $= -12i - 12j + 4k$

$\therefore F = \langle -12, -12, 4 \rangle$

b) Find the area of the triangle with vertices q_1, q_2, q_3 .

Area of $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} |q_1 q_2 \times q_1 q_3|$
 $= \frac{1}{2} |F|$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{304}}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow 8.715$
 $\therefore$ the area of the Δ is 8.715 sq. units

c) Find the equation of the plane, say P , that passes through q_1, q_2, q_3 .

$\vec{F}$ is a vector $\perp$ to P
 $\Rightarrow P: -12x - 12y + 4z = C$
 consider $q_1 (0, 4, 2)$
 $-12(0) - 12(4) + 4(2) = C$
 $C = -48 + 8 = -40$
 $\therefore$ equation of plane P
 $-12x - 12y + 4z = -40$

d) The point $Q = (1, 1, 10)$ does not lie in the plane, P , as in (c). Find $|QP|$ (the distance between Q and the plane, P)

eqn of $P \Rightarrow -12x - 12y + 4z + 40 = 0$
 $|QP| = \frac{|\text{sub. } Q \text{ in } P|}{\sqrt{304}} = \frac{56}{\sqrt{304}} = 1.05$

e) Find a vector F such that $|F| = 2025$ that is perpendicular to both vectors q_1 and q_2 .

F is $\perp$ to $q_1 q_2$ & $q_1 q_3$
 $|F|$ from (b) = $\sqrt{304}$
 $2025 = \sqrt{304} \cdot a$
 $\therefore F = 2025 \langle -12, -12, 4 \rangle$
 $\therefore F = 116.17 \langle -12, -12, 4 \rangle$
 Let $D = \langle -12, -12, 4 \rangle$

QUESTION 8. (4 points) The line $L_1: x = 2t + 1, y = 3t + 1, z = at + 5$ ($t \in \mathbb{R}$) lies entirely in the plane $P: 3x + 2y + 4z = c$. Find the values of a and c .

At $t = 0$
 $x = 1, y = 1, z = 5$
 substituting in P
 $3(1) + 2(1) + 4(5) = c$
 $3 + 2 + 20 = c$
 $c = 25$

substituting L_1 in $P: L_1$ lies entirely in P
 $3(2t + 1) + 2(3t + 1) + 4(at + 5) = 25$
 $6t + 3 + 6t + 2 + 4at + 20 = 25$
 $(12 + 4a)t + 25 = 25$
 $12 + 4a = 0$
 $4a = -12$
 $a = -3$

$2025 \sqrt{304}$
 $-12 - 12 + 40 + 40$