MA 261

**Instructions.** Show all work, with clear logical steps. No work or hard-to-follow work will lose points.

**1.)** (5 points) Compute the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$  onto  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle$ .

Solution.

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{w}}\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}} \mathbf{w} = \frac{-4+6+4}{16+4+4} \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle.$$

**2.)** (5 points) Find a vector that is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle$ .

Solution. This is given by  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$ .

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$
$$= (6-4)\mathbf{i} - (-2-8)\mathbf{j} + (-2-12)\mathbf{k}$$
$$= 2\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} - 14\mathbf{k}$$
$$= \langle 2, 10, -14 \rangle \qquad \Box$$

**3.)** (5 points) Find the equation of the plane that is parallel to the vectors  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 4, 2, 2 \rangle$  passing through the point (2, 0, -2).

Solution. In the previous problem we found that  $\mathbf{n} = \langle 2, 10, -14 \rangle$  is a normal vector for this plane. So the equation of the plane is given by

$$0 = \mathbf{n} \cdot \langle x - 2, y, z + 2 \rangle$$
  
=  $\langle 2, 10, -14 \rangle \cdot \langle x - 2, y, z + 2 \rangle$   
=  $2(x - 2) + 10y - 14(z + 2).$ 

Or in general form, 2x + 10y - 14z = 32.

4.) (5 points) Identify the surface defined by

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6z^2 + 6x = -8.$$

Solution. We start by completing the square.

$$x^{2} + y^{2} + 6z^{2} + 6x = -8$$
$$x^{2} + 6x + 9 + y^{2} + 6z^{2} = -8 + 9$$
$$(x + 3)^{2} + y^{2} + 6z^{2} = 1$$
$$(x + 3)^{2} + y^{2} + \frac{z^{2}}{(1/\sqrt{6})^{2}} = 1$$

So this is an ellipsoid with center (-3, 0, 0) that has length 2 in the x- and y-directions and length  $2/\sqrt{6}$  in the z-direction.