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**Math 20C.**  
**Midterm Exam 1**  
**October 17, 2005**

*Read each question carefully, and answer each question completely.*  
*Show all of your work. No credit will be given for unsupported answers.*  
*Write your solutions clearly and legibly. No credit will be given for illegible solutions.*

1. (6 points) Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 6, 2, -3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle -2, 2, 1 \rangle$ .

(a) Find a vector normal to both,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

(b) Find the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

(c) Find a vector of length one in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

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2. (6 points) Find an equation for the plane that passes through the points  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, -1, 1)$ , and  $(0, 0, 2)$ .

3. (6 points) Consider the line given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle + \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle t$  and the plane given by  $2x + y - z = 1$ .

(a) Does the line intersect the plane? If yes, find the intersection point. In any case, justify your answer.

(b) Find the equation of the line, passing through the point  $(0, 1, 1)$  and orthogonal to the plane given above.

4. (6 points) A particle moves in a plane with a velocity function given by the expression  $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 2 \sin(t), 3 \cos(t) \rangle$ , for  $t \geq 0$ .

(a) Find the acceleration  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  function of the particle.

(b) Find the position function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  of the particle knowing that the initial position of the particle is  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$ .