WS - Week 2

1. Describe in words and sketch a picture of the region in \mathbb{R}^3 represented by the following inequality.

$$1 \le \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 \le 4$$

2. Show the following equation represents a sphere, then find its center and radius.

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 8z + 17 = 0$$

3. Find parametric equations of the line through the point (0, 14, -10), parallel to the following line.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -1 + 2t, 6 - 3t, 3 + 9t \rangle$$

4. Find a vector equation of the line parametrizing the path of a particle that arrives at the point (2, 0, -3) at t = 0 and (-1, -1, 0) at t = 2.

5. Show that the following lines L_1 and L_2 are **skew lines**, that is they do not intersect and they are not parallel.

$$L_1: \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1+t, -2+3t, 4-t \rangle, \qquad L_2: \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, 3+t, -3+4t \rangle$$

6. In this problem you will use the Law of Cosines to derive the following property of the dot product.

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = ||\mathbf{v}|| \, ||\mathbf{w}|| \cos \theta$$

Consider the triangle pictured below.



- (a) Let **v** denote the vector \overrightarrow{AB} and **w** denote the vector \overrightarrow{AC} , and let θ be the angle between them. Find **v w** in the picture.
- (b) Use the Law of Cosines to find $||\mathbf{v} \mathbf{w}||^2$ in terms of $||\mathbf{v}||$, $||\mathbf{w}||$, and θ .

(c) Use algebraic properties of the dot product to show the following equation holds. $||\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}||^2 = ||\mathbf{v}||^2 - 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} + ||\mathbf{w}||^2$

(d) Set the formulas from parts (b) and (c) equal to each other, then simplify to complete the proof.