

1. A quadric surface is given by the equation  $-x^2 + y^2 + 6y + z^2 - 10z + 30 = 0$ .

(a) [X 2 points] Simplify the equation via completing the squares.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} -x^2 + y^2 + 6y + z^2 - 10z + 30 &= 0 \\ -x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 - 9 + z^2 - 10z + 25 - 25 + 30 &= 0 \\ -x^2 + (y + 3)^2 + (z - 5)^2 - 4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{-x^2 + (y + 3)^2 + (z - 5)^2 = 4}$$

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(b) [3 2 points] Identify the trace of the surface when intersected by the planes  $x = k$ . (Note: if the trace is different for different values of  $k$ , name each trace and the corresponding  $k$ -values where they apply).

**Solution:** Set  $x = k$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} -k^2 + (y + 3)^2 + (z - 5)^2 &= 4 \\ (y + 3)^2 + (z - 5)^2 &= 4 + k^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $4 + k^2$  is always a positive number, the only shape the trace can be is a circle (If the right-side was 0, then we would have a point. If the right-side was negative, the trace would be nothing).

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(c) [1 point] Identify the surface.

**Solution:** The surface seems to be made up of circles. The circles shrink as one gets closer to  $x = 0$ . The only quadric surface that does that is the hyperboloid on one sheet.

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2. Let  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3t, 1 + t^2, 2t \ln(t - 1) \rangle$ .

(a) [1.5 points] Find  $\vec{r}'(t)$ .

**Solution:** You may take the derivative component-wise.

$$\boxed{\langle 3, 2t, 2 \ln(t - 1) + 2 \frac{t}{t - 1} \rangle}$$

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(b) [1.5 points] Find  $\hat{T}(2)$ , the *unit* tangent vector to the curve  $\vec{r}(t)$  at  $t = 2$ .

**Solution:** Since we have completed all differentiation steps, we can plug in  $t = 2$  and then calculate  $\hat{T}(2)$  (the reverse is possible but more annoying to perform).

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(2) &= \langle 3, 4, 2 \ln(1) + 2 \rangle = \langle 3, 4, 4 \rangle \\ |\vec{r}(2)| &= \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{41} \\ \hat{T}(2) &= \frac{\vec{r}(2)}{|\vec{r}(2)|} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{41}} \langle 3, 4, 4 \rangle}.\end{aligned}$$