

Name: _____ Section and/or TA: _____

1. (4 points) Consider the surfaces S_1 and S_2 in $\mathbf{R}^3$ given by the equations

$$(S_1) \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x - 6z + 4 = 0,$$

$$(S_2) \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6y + 6z + 2 = 0.$$

- (a) (2 points) Show that S_1 and S_2 are spheres and find the coordinates of their centers C_1 and C_2 and their radii R_1 and R_2 .

Solution: Completing the squares, we rewrite the two equations as

$$(S_1) \quad (x - 2)^2 + y^2 + (z - 3)^2 = 9,$$

$$(S_2) \quad x^2 + (y - 3)^2 + (z + 3)^2 = 16.$$

These are equations of two spheres and

$$C_1 = (2, 0, 3), \quad C_2 = (0, 3, -3), \quad R_1 = 3, \quad R_2 = 4.$$

- (b) (1 point) Find the distance D between C_1 and C_2 .

Solution: We have

$$D = \sqrt{(0 - 2)^2 + (3 - 0)^2 + (-3 - 3)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7.$$

- (c) (1 point) Check the correct answer (no explanation necessary):

- ☐ S_1 and S_2 have no points in common
- ☒ S_1 and S_2 have one point in common (i.e. are tangent)
- ☐ S_1 and S_2 have infinitely many points in common

Solution: Since $D = R_1 + R_2$, the two spheres are tangent to each other and have a unique common point.