

Exam 1 Review Questions

This material is compiled from exams from previous years as well as problems made by myself.

1. A curve C in 3-space is defined by: $(4\cos t, 4\sin t, 3t)$
Find the point on C which has distance 2π from the point $(4,0,0)$ as measured along the curve.
2. The planes $3x + 5y - z = 2$ and $x + 3y + z = 5$ intersect in a line. Find an equation for this line.
3. Find the point on the plane $2x - 4y + 7z = 3$ closest to the point $(1, 2, 3)$
4. Let a be a scalar that makes the vectors v and w orthogonal.
 $v = (1, -a, 20)$; $w = (5a, 1, 1)$
Let b be the positive number that makes the triangle with vertices $A(5, -1, 0)$, $B(-2, -2, 3)$, $C(5, 2, b)$ be a right triangle at C .
Find $a + b$.
5. Find the arc length of $r(t) = (\cos^3 t, \sin^3 t, 1)$ for $0 < t < \pi/4$
6. Find the distance between the point $(1, 4, 2)$ and the line passing through the points $(-1, 3, -1)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$
7. Find the equation (in terms of r , R , and h) for the ellipsoid whose cross sections at $z = 0$ and $z = h$ are circles with radius R and r , respectively.
8. Find the parametric equation for the line of intersection between the planes $x + 2y - z = 2$ and $-2x + 2y + 2z = -1$
9. An object is hit with an angle of 60° and lands on the ground 5 seconds later. Assuming $g = 10\text{m/s}^2$, what was the object's initial velocity?
10. A ball is hit with horizontal velocity of 20m/s and a vertical upward velocity of 30m/s . If the ball is initially 1m above the ground when it is hit, how high a fence will the ball clear if the fence is 80m away from where the ball is hit? Assume $g = 10\text{m/s}^2$.
11. Let L be the line through the origin that is perpendicular to the plane $2x + y + z = 7$. Find the distance between the point $(-4, 3, 5)$ and L .
12. Consider the line L with slope m through the point $(-1, 0)$. The line L intersects the unit circle at two points, $(-1, 0)$ and P . What is the cosine of the angle between L and the tangent line to the circle through P ?
13. The set of points equidistant from $(2, -1, 1)$ and $(4, 3, -5)$ form a plane. Find the equation of the plane.
14. Find the value of the x coordinate where the plane through the points $(4, 1, 1)$, $(1, 2, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 2)$ intersects the x axis.
15. Find the coordinate the point on the plane $x - 2y + z = 3$ closest to the point $(1, 1, 1)$
16. Find the curvature of $r(t) = (-t, -\ln(\cos t), 0)$ at $t = \pi/4$.
17. What is the maximum value of the curvature of $r(t) = (t, t, t^2)$?
18. Find the unit tangent vector to the curve $r(t) = (e^{2t}\cos t, e^{2t}\sin t, e^{2t})$ at $t = \pi/2$