

Multiple Choice

1.(6 pts) Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle$ , and let  $\mathbf{c} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$  be the vector projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$ . Which one of the following vectors is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}$ ?

- (a)  $\langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$                       (b)  $\langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle$                       (c)  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$   
(d)  $\langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$                       (e)  $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$

2.(6 pts) Find the radius of the sphere given by the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6x + 4z + 7 = 10.$$

- (a) 3                      (b) 9                      (c) -4                      (d) 2                      (e) 4

3.(6 pts) A particle moves with the position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2, -t, 2 \rangle$ . Find the normal component of acceleration.

- (a)  $a_N = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}}$                       (b)  $a_N = 4t$                       (c)  $a_N = 2$   
(d)  $a_N = \frac{4t}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}}$                       (e)  $a_N = \sqrt{1 + 4t^2}$

4.(6 pts) Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 3, 2, 2 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{c} = \langle 7, 3, 1 \rangle$ .

- (a) -4                      (b) 8                      (c) 3                      (d) -8                      (e) 4

5.(6 pts) Where does the line with parametric equations

$$x = -1 + 3t \quad y = 2 - 2t \quad z = 3 + t$$

intersect the plane  $3x + y - 4z = -4$ ?

- (a) they do not intersect    (b)  $(-3, -3, -2)$                       (c)  $(8, -4, 6)$   
(d)  $(-10, 8, 0)$                       (e)  $(0, 0, 1)$

6.(6 pts) Find symmetric equations for the line through the point  $(1, -2, -4)$  which is orthogonal to the plane  $2x - y + 3z = 18$ .

- (a)  $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-4}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{-y-2}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{3}$   
(c)  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{x-1}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-y-2}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{z+4}{\sqrt{14}}$   
(e)  $\frac{1+2x}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-y-2}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-4+3z}{\sqrt{14}}$

7.(6 pts) Find the position  $\mathbf{r}(1)$  of a particle at time  $y = 1$  if it has acceleration  $\mathbf{a}(t) = e^t \mathbf{i} - 6t \mathbf{k}$ , the initial position of the particle is  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$  and the initial velocity is  $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$ .

- (a)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$                       (b)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 0, 0 \rangle$                       (c)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 1, -1 \rangle$   
(d)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e, 1, -2 \rangle$                       (e)  $\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$

8.(6 pts) Which of these is an equation of the tangent line to the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2 + 2t + 3, 4t \cos(t), 2e^{3t} \rangle$$

at the point where  $t = 0$ ?

- (a)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 4, 2e \rangle + t \langle 2, 0, 6e \rangle$                       (b)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$   
(c)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle$                       (d)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 4, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$   
(e)  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 2e \rangle + t \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$

9.(6 pts) Which of the following expressions gives the length of the curve defined by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^2 \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \ln t \mathbf{k}$  between the points  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(e^2, -1, 1)$ ?

(a)  $\int_1^{e^2} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1/t^2} dt$

(b)  $\int_1^e \sqrt{t^2 + 1 + \ln^2 t} dt$

(c)  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{2t + \ln t} dt$

(d)  $\int_1^e \sqrt{2t + \ln t} dt$

(e)  $\int_1^e \sqrt{4t^2 + 1/t^2} dt$

10.(6 pts) Which one of the following functions has level curves drawn below?

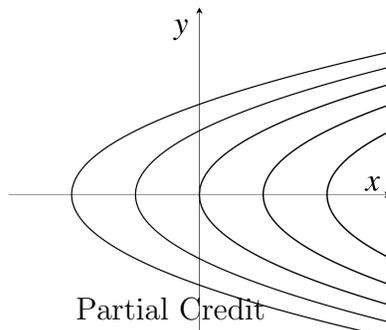
(a)  $f(x, y) = y^2 + x$

(b)  $f(x, y) = y + x^2$

(c)  $f(x, y) = y - x^2$

(d)  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x$

(e)  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$



You must show your work on the partial credit problems to receive credit!

11.(12 pts.) Find an equation for the line of intersection of the planes  $3x - y + z = 0$  and  $2x - 3y + z = 0$ .

12.(12 pts.) The position function of a moving object is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \ln t \mathbf{k}$ .

(a) Find the unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}$ , the principal normal vector  $\mathbf{N}$ , and the bi-normal vector  $\mathbf{B}$  at  $t = 1$ .

(b) Find an equation of the normal plane at  $t = 1$ .

(c) Find an equation of the osculating plane at  $t = 1$ .

13.(12 pts.) Find the distance from the point  $(-4, 1, 4)$  to the plane containing the points  $P(0, 0, 3)$ ,  $Q(1, 1, 3)$ , and  $R(1, 0, -1)$ .

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**Math 20550, Exam 1, Practice**  
**September 22, 2015**

- The Honor Code is in effect for this examination. All work is to be your own.
- No calculators.
- The exam lasts for 1 hour and 15 minutes..
- Be sure that your name is on every page in case pages become detached.
- Be sure that you have all 4 pages of the test.
- Each multiple choice question is 6 points, each partial credit problem is 12 points.  
You will receive 4 extra points.

PLEASE MARK YOUR ANSWERS WITH AN X, not a circle!					
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3.	(●)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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8.	(a)	(●)	(c)	(d)	(e)
9.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(●)
10.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(●)	(e)

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Extra Points. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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**11.** Clearly the origin  $(0,0,0)$  is on both planes and hence on the intersection line. To get an equation of the line we also need a direction. The line is perpendicular to the normals to both the planes. The normals are  $(3, -1, 1)$  and  $(2, -3, 1)$  respectively. So the direction of the line is given by their cross product:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2, -1, -7 \rangle$$

So the equation of the line is:

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{-1} = \frac{z}{-7}.$$


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**12.** At  $t = 1$  the position vector is  $\mathbf{r}(1) = (1, -1, 0)$ .

We will need first two derivative at  $t = 1$ .

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = 2t\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{t}\mathbf{k} \text{ and } \mathbf{r}'(1) = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}''(t) = 2\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{t^2}\mathbf{k} \text{ and } \mathbf{r}''(1) = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$$

(a) We have  $\mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}'|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$ .

Recall that  $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''}{|\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''|}$ .

Since

$$\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}'' = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 4\mathbf{j},$$

we have  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{j}$ .

We also have

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{j} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}).$$

(b) Normal is plane is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{r}'$  and its equation is

$$2(x - 1) + z = 0 \text{ or } 2x + z = 2$$

(c) The osculating plane is orthogonal  $\mathbf{B}$  and its equation is

$$y + 1 = 0.$$


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**13.** First we find an equation of the plane containing the points  $P(0, 0, 3)$ ,  $Q(1, 1, 3)$ , and  $R(1, 0, -1)$ . The plane contains vectors  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{PQ}} = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$  and  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{PR}} = \langle 1, 0, -4 \rangle$ , and their

crossproduct

$$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{PQ}} \times \overrightarrow{\mathbf{PR}} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -4, 4, -1 \rangle$$

is orthogonal to the plain.

Since the plain contains the point  $P = (0, 0, 3)$  an equation of the plain is

$$-4x + 4y - (z - 3) = 0 \text{ or } -4x + 4y - z + 3 = 0$$

Using the distance formula we obtain thea the distance from the point  $(-4, 1, 4)$  to the plain is

$$D = \frac{|-4 \cdot (-4) + 4 \cdot 1 - 4 + 3|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 4^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{19}{\sqrt{33}}.$$