

Math 211
February 9, 2012
Sample First Midterm

NAME: _____ 1pm or 2pm _____

Problem	Points	Score
1	5	
2	10	
3	8	
4	10	
5	7	
6	10	
Total	50	

Problem 1 (5 points): Answer the following True and False questions. You will get 1 point for a correct answer, lose 1 point for a wrong answer and will neither lose nor get a point for leaving it blank. Write out the entire word: TRUE or FALSE

(1) Exactly two of the following expressions don't make sense:

$\|v\|w - \|w\|v$ (OK)
 $(v-w) \cdot u/2$ (OK)
 $\frac{v \cdot w}{u}$ (Not)
 $\frac{v}{v \cdot w}$ (OK)

False

(2) The lines

$r_1(t) = \langle -\frac{t}{2}, \frac{2}{3}t + 1, t + \frac{3}{2} \rangle$
 $r_2(r) = \langle t - \frac{3}{2}, 2t + 3, 3t + \frac{9}{2} \rangle$

intersect.

False

(maybe an algebra mistake)

(3) The arclength parameterization for the circle of radius a is given by

$r(t) = \langle a \cos(\frac{s}{a}), a \sin(\frac{s}{a}) \rangle$

$r'(t) = \langle -\sin(\frac{s}{a}), \cos(\frac{s}{a}) \rangle$ Speed 1.

TRUE

(4) Suppose $v \neq w$. Then

$v \perp w$ (F)
 if $v \perp w$, $v \perp = \vec{0}$ (F)

False

(5) Let $r(t)$ describe the path taken by a particle. Then $r(t)$ is orthogonal to $r''(t)$.

False

$\langle -\frac{t}{2}, \frac{2}{3}t + 1, t + \frac{3}{2} \rangle = \langle s - \frac{3}{2}, 2s + 3, 3s + \frac{9}{2} \rangle$

$-\frac{t}{2} = s - \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow t = -2s + 3$
 $\frac{2}{3}t + 1 = -2s + 3$

$\frac{2}{3}(-2s + 3) = 2s + 3$

$-\frac{4}{3}s + 2 = 2s + 3$

$-1 = \frac{10}{3}s$

$-\frac{3}{10} = s$

$-\frac{t}{2} = -\frac{3}{10} - \frac{3}{2}$

$t = \frac{18}{5}$

$\frac{18}{5} - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{2}$

$\frac{36 + 45}{10} = \frac{-9}{10}$

(5) $\langle \cos t, \sin t \rangle$

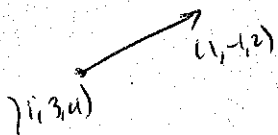
$\langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$

$\langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle$

$-\cos^2 t = \sin^2 t \implies -1$

Problem 2 (10 points): Find a parameterization for the following curves:

- (1) The line segment from the point $(1, 3, 4)$ to the point $(1, -1, 2)$ going in that direction.



$$r(t) = \langle 1, 3, 4 \rangle + t \langle 0, -4, -2 \rangle$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 1$$

- (2) The circle parallel to the yz -plane, of radius 5, with center $(1, 1, 1)$.

@ origin $\langle 0, 5\cos t, 5\sin t \rangle$

shifted

$$\langle 1, 1 + 5\cos t, 1 + 5\sin t \rangle$$

Problem 3 (8 points): Find the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by the vectors

$$u = \langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle, v = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle, w = \langle -1, -2, -1 \rangle.$$

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Also, do the vectors u, v, w form a right-handed or left-handed coordinate system.

$$u = (v \times w)$$

$$v \times w = \det \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= i(4) - j(0) + k(-2 - 2)$$

$$= \langle 4, 0, -4 \rangle$$

$$u \cdot (v \times w) = \langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, 0, -4 \rangle$$

$$= 16.$$

So the volume is 16

and it's a right hand system because

$$u \cdot (v \times w) > 0.$$

Problem 4 (10 points): Suppose

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle t+1, -t^2, 2t+3 \rangle, \mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle, \mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle.$$

Find the position function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ that satisfies these conditions.

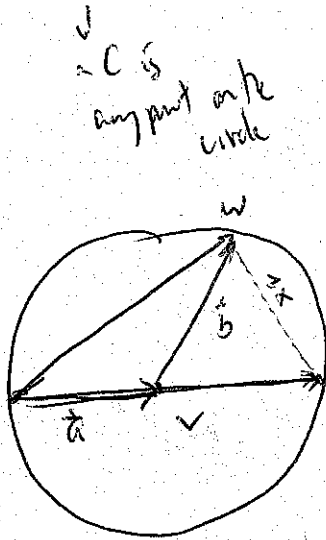
$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t, -\frac{t^3}{3}, t^2 + 3t \right\rangle + \underbrace{\vec{v}_0}_{= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2, -\frac{t^4}{12}, \frac{t^5}{3} + \frac{3}{2}t^2 \right\rangle + \vec{r}_0$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 1, -\frac{t^4}{12}, \frac{t^3 + 3t^2}{2} + 1 \right\rangle.$$

Problem 5 (7 points): Prove, using vectors, that if A and B are endpoints of a diameter of a circle, then $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle.



$$\vec{w} = (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

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$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}$$

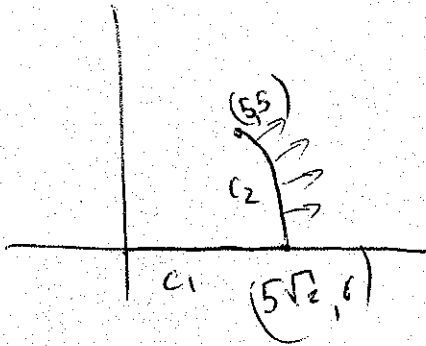
$$= \|\vec{a}\|^2 - \|\vec{b}\|^2$$

$= 0$ since \vec{a} and \vec{b} are both radii of the circle.

Problem 6 (10 points): Let C be the path from $(0,0)$ to $(5,5)$ consisting of the straight line from $(0,0)$ to $(5, \sqrt{2})$ and the circular arc from $(5, \sqrt{2}, 0)$ to $(5,5)$. Compute the total work done by the vector field

$$\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle x, y \rangle$$

on a particle moving along C . For full credit, you have to exploit geometry whenever possible.



$$S_C = S_{c_1} + S_{c_2}$$

$$\text{but } \int_{c_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

since $\mathbf{F} \perp d\vec{s}$ along that circle.

So

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{c_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \int_0^{5\sqrt{2}} \langle t, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle dt$$

$$= \left. \frac{t^2}{2} \right|_0^{5\sqrt{2}} = \boxed{25}$$

$$c(t) = \langle t, 0 \rangle$$

$$(0 \leq t \leq 5\sqrt{2})$$

