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**MATH 53 - Test #1**

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**Record your answers below each question in the space provided. Left-hand pages may be used as scrap paper for rough work. If you want any work on the left-hand pages to be graded, please indicate so on the right-hand page.**

**Partial credit will be awarded for partially correct work, so be sure to show your work, and include all necessary justifications needed to support your arguments.**

**There is a list of potentially useful formulas available on the last page of the exam.**

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- [6] 1. (a) Describe the motion of a particle whose position  $(x(t), y(t))$  at time  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  is given by  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin^2 t$ . (In particular, what is the Cartesian equation of the curve?)
- [4] (b) Set up, but do not evaluate, the integral which computes the length of the curve from part (a). How does this compare to the distance travelled by the particle?
- [4] 2. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve represented by the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^5, t^4, t^3 \rangle$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

- [8] 3. (a) Find the equation of the line of intersection of the planes given by the equations

$$x - 2y + 3z = -2$$

$$2x + y - 4z = 6.$$

- [2] (b) What is the cosine of the angle of intersection of the two planes in part (a)?

- [3] (c) What is the distance from the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = -2$  to the point  $(3, -1, 4)$ ?

- [7] 4. Find the area of the triangle  $\Delta PQR$ , for points  $P(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $Q(1, 2, -1)$ ,  $R(-2, 3, 2)$ .
- [6] 5. Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  be nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . For each of the following, prove the statement, or give an example showing that the statement is false:
- (a) If  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ , then  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ .
  - (b) If  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$ , then  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ .
  - (c) If  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$ , then  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ .

List of potentially useful formulas and facts:

In the following, assume  $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$  are constant vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$  is a vector-valued function with domain  $[a, b]$ .

- Length of a vector:  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$
- Dot product:  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$
- Cross product:  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \langle a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle$ ;  $\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta$ .
- Projections:  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$ .
- Planes:  $ax + by + cz = d$ , or  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0$ .
- Lines:  $x = x_0 + at$ ,  $y = y_0 + bt$ ,  $z = z_0 + ct$ , or  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$ .
- Quadric surfaces: there aren't any on the midterm, so you can relax and play with some vectors.
- Parametric area:  $A = - \int_a^b y(t)x'(t) dt$  for a positively-oriented curve.
- Tangent vectors: For each  $t_0 \in [a, b]$ ,  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  has tangent vector  $\mathbf{r}'(t_0) = \langle x'(t_0), y'(t_0), z'(t_0) \rangle$ .
- Parametric length:  $L = \int_a^b \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$ .

List of basic facts I hope were in fact entirely unnecessary to include:

- $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$
- $\frac{d}{dt}(t^n) = nt^{n-1}$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} \sin t = \cos t$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} \cos t = -\sin t$
- $\frac{d}{dt}(f(t)g(t)) = f'(t)g(t) + f(t)g'(t)$