

Math 2401
Exam 1

Name: Solutions & Key

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Problem	Possible	Earned
1	5	
2	5	
3	10	
4	5	
5	5	
6	10	
7	10	
Total	50	

1. (5 pts) Determine the line through the point $\vec{p} = (3, -2, 1)$ that is parallel to the line $\vec{\ell}(t) = (1 + 2t, 2 - t, 3t)$.

$$\vec{\ell}(t) = (1, 2, 0) + t(2, -1, 3)$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{\ell}(t)$ has direction $(2, -1, 3) = \vec{v}$ 2 pts

Ans: $\vec{\ell}(t) = \vec{p} + t\vec{v} = (3, -2, 1) + t(2, -1, 3)$ 2 pts

$$= (3 + 2t, -2 - t, 1 + 3t)$$

1 pt for correct answer

2. (5 pts) Compute the angle between the planes $x + y = 1$ and $y + z = 1$. You may leave your answer un-simplified.

$x + y = 1$ has normal $\vec{N}_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ 1 pt

$y + z = 1$ has normal $\vec{N}_2 = (0, 1, 1)$ 1 pt

$$\vec{N}_1 \cdot \vec{N}_2 = (1, 1, 0) \cdot (0, 1, 1) = 1$$
 1 pt

$$|\vec{N}_1| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$|\vec{N}_2| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{N}_1 \cdot \vec{N}_2}{|\vec{N}_1| |\vec{N}_2|} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

1 pt

3. (10 pts) Let $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 1, -1)$, $\vec{v}_2 = (2, 0, 2)$, and $\vec{v}_3 = (0, -2, 1)$.

(a) (3 pts) Compute $\vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_3$ and $\vec{u}_2 = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3$;

(b) (3 pts) Compute $\vec{u}_1 \times \vec{u}_2$;

(c) (4 pts) Determine the plane through the points \vec{v}_1 , \vec{v}_2 , and \vec{v}_3 .

$$(a) \vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_3 = (1, 1, -1) - (0, -2, 1)$$

$$= (1, 3, -2) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 = (2, 0, 2) - (0, -2, 1) =$$

$$= (2, 2, 1) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

1 pt for no mistakes

$$(b) \vec{u}_1 \times \vec{u}_2 = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{i}(3 - (-4)) - \hat{j}(1 - (-4)) + \hat{k}(2 - 6)$$

$$= (7, -5, -4) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$(c) \text{Plane: } \vec{N} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\vec{N}_3 = (7, -5, -4) \quad \text{by (b)} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\vec{x}_0 = (0, -2, 1) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$(7, -5, -4) \cdot (x - 0, y + 2, z - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 7x - 5y - 10 - 4z + 4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{7x - 5y - 4z = 6} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

4. (5 pts) Evaluate the integral:

$$\int_0^1 [te^t \vec{i} + e^{-t} \vec{j} + \vec{k}] dt.$$

$$\int_0^1 e^{-t} dt = -e^{-t} \Big|_0^1 = -e^{-1} + 1 = 1 - e^{-1} \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\int_0^1 dt = 1 \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\int_0^1 te^t = (t-1)e^t \Big|_0^1 = 0 \cdot e^1 - (-1)e^0 = 1 \quad \} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 [te^t \vec{i} + e^{-t} \vec{j} + \vec{k}] dt = 1\vec{i} + (1 - e^{-1})\vec{j} + \vec{k} \\ = \left(1, \frac{e-1}{e}, 1\right) \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

5. (5 pts) If $\vec{r}(t) = (\ln(t^2 + 1), \tan^{-1} t, \sqrt{t^2 + 1})$ compute the velocity vector.

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\ln(t^2 + 1)) = \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} \cdot 2t = \frac{2t}{t^2 + 1} \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\tan^{-1} t) = \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\sqrt{t^2 + 1}) = \frac{1}{2} (t^2 + 1)^{-1/2} \cdot 2t = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + 1}} \quad \} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{t^2 + 1}, \frac{1}{t^2 + 1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + 1}} \right) \quad \} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

6. (10 pts) Find the length of the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = e^t \cos t \vec{i} + e^t \sin t \vec{j} + e^t \vec{k}$$

from $(\frac{1}{4} \cos(\ln \frac{1}{4}), \frac{1}{4} \sin(\ln \frac{1}{4}), \frac{1}{4})$ to $(1, 0, 1)$.

$$\vec{r}(t) = e^t (\cos t, \sin t, 1)$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = e^t (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) + e^t (\cos t, \sin t, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = e^t (\cos t - \sin t, \cos t + \sin t, 1) \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |\vec{r}'(t)| &= e^t \sqrt{(\cos t - \sin t)^2 + (\cos t + \sin t)^2 + 1} \\ &= e^t \sqrt{\underbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}_1 - 2 \sin t \cos t + \underbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}_1 + 2 \sin t \cos t + 1} \\ &= e^t \sqrt{3} \quad 2 \text{ pts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Length} = \int_a^b \sqrt{3} e^t dt = \sqrt{3} e^t \Big|_a^b = \sqrt{3} (e^b - e^a) \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$\vec{r}(b) = (1, 0, 1) = (e^b \cos b, e^b \sin b, e^b) \Leftrightarrow b = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\vec{r}(a) = (\frac{1}{4} \cos(\ln \frac{1}{4}), \frac{1}{4} \sin(\ln \frac{1}{4}), \frac{1}{4}) = (e^a \cos a, e^a \sin a, e^a) \Leftrightarrow a = \ln \frac{1}{4} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\text{Length} = \int_{\ln \frac{1}{4}}^0 \sqrt{3} e^t dt = \sqrt{3} (e^0 - e^{\ln \frac{1}{4}}) = \sqrt{3} (1 - \frac{1}{4}) = \boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

7. (10 pts) For the vector function:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t, e^t).$$

Compute:

(a) (3 pts) The unit tangent vector $\vec{T}(t)$;

(b) (3 pts) The principal normal vector $\vec{N}(t)$;

(c) (4 pts) The binormal vector $\vec{B}(t)$.

(a) $\vec{r}'(t) = e^t (\cos t - \sin t, \cos t + \sin t, 1)$ ← 1 pt by #6

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = e^t \sqrt{3} \quad \leftarrow 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\cos t - \sin t, \cos t + \sin t, 1)} \quad \leftarrow 1 \text{ pt}$$

(b) $\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (-\sin t - \cos t, -\sin t + \cos t, 0)$ ← 1 pt

$$|\vec{T}'(t)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{(\sin t + \cos t)^2 + (\cos t - \sin t)^2 + 0^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\underbrace{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}_1 + 2 \sin t \cos t + \underbrace{\cos^2 t - 2 \sin t \cos t + \sin^2 t}_1}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-\sin t - \cos t, \cos t - \sin t, 0)} \quad \leftarrow 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$(c) \vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\cos t - \sin t) & \frac{\cos t + \sin t}{\sqrt{3}} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos t + \sin t) & \frac{\cos t - \sin t}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\cos t - \sin t) \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\cos t + \sin t) \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}((\cos t - \sin t)^2 + (\cos t + \sin t)^2) \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sin t - \cos t}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{\sin t + \cos t}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t - 2\sin t \cos t + \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 2\sin t \cos t}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sin t - \cos t}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{\sin t + \cos t}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right) = \vec{B}(t)$$

Check: