

MAT1002 Midterm Examination

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Notes and Instructions

1. *No books, no notes, no dictionaries, and no calculators.*
2. *The maximum possible score of this examination is **120**.*
3. *There are **13** questions (with parts), which are worth 128 points in total. **This means that you do not have to answer all the questions to get the full score.***
4. *The symbol $[N]$ at the beginning of a question indicates that the question is worth N points.*
5. *Write down your solutions on the **answer book**.*
6. *Show your intermediate steps **except Questions 1 and 2** — answers without intermediate steps will receive minimal (or even no) marks.*
7. *Express irrational numbers in exact forms instead of decimal forms; e.g., write $\sqrt{2}$ instead of 1.414..., and write $\ln 2$ instead of 0.693....*

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1. [12] True or False? No explanation is required.

- (i) The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{n^4+1}$ converges.
- (ii) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and a_n is non-negative for all $n \geq 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^3$ also converges.
- (iii) The magnitude of the cross product of two vectors in the 3D space is equal to the product of their magnitudes.
- (iv) The cross product of two vectors in the 3D space is undefined if both vectors lie on the same line.
- (v) The cross product is commutative, meaning that $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ for any two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in the 3D space.
- (vi) The polar curve given by $r = 2 \cos \theta$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, is a circle of radius 1 centered at $(1, 0)$.

2. [12] Short questions: no intermediate step is required.

- (i) Assume that a_n converges. Find the limit of a_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$a_1 = 2, \quad a_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n + 1} \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

- (ii) Determine the area of the parallelogram formed by the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -1, 3 \rangle$.
- (iii) Find the projection of the vector $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle$ onto the vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -1, 3 \rangle$.
- (iv) Find the principal unit normal \mathbf{N} of the circle $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 8)^2 = 9$ at the point $(x, y) = (4, 11)$.

3. [6] Consider the following statement:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n \text{ converges if } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ both converge.}$$

Is it true or false? If it is true, prove it. Otherwise, give a counterexample.

4. [20] For each of the following series, determine whether it converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges. Justify your answer.

$$(i) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(1 - \frac{2024}{n}\right)^n$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(20n + 24)(\ln(1 + n))^2}$$

$$(iii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}n^3\pi\right)}{n\sqrt{n}}$$

$$(iv) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$$

5. [5] Find the surface area of the surface generated by rotating the following parametric curve about x -axis:

$$x = 9 + 2t^2; \quad y = 4t; \quad t \in [0, 2].$$

6. [5] Find the equation of the plane passing through the points $P(1, -2, 3)$, $Q(3, 1, -1)$, and $R(-2, 4, 0)$, and express it in the form $Ax + By + Cz = D$.

7. [4] Consider the curve on the xy -plane given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (t - 1)^3 \mathbf{i} + \cos(\pi t) \mathbf{j}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Determine if the curve is smooth. If not, find the locations of all the cusps (i.e., “non-smooth points”).

8. [2+5+5] Consider the polar curve given by

$$r = 1 - \theta^2, \quad \theta \in [-1, 1].$$

- (i) Sketch the curve.
- (ii) Compute the arc length of the curve.
- (iii) Compute the area of the region bounded by this curve.

9. [4+2+6] Consider a particle traveling along the curve given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + t^2\mathbf{k}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Find the first point in time t_0 at which it hits the plane given by

$$2x + 3y + 3z = 5.$$

- (b) Determine the coordinates of the point of impact at time t_0 .
- (c) Determine the angle of incidence of the impact, i.e., the acute angle θ_0 between the tangent to the curve and the normal to the plane. (Since no calculator is allowed, you can give your answer in terms of $\cos \theta_0$.)

10. [6+6+3] The trajectory of a moving particle is a curve given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \sqrt{2} \cos(t)\mathbf{i} + f(t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}, \quad t \geq 0$$

starting from time $t = 0$, where the function $f(t)$ is given by

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{1 + \cos(2\tau)} \, d\tau, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Compute the time T it takes for it to travel a distance of s_0 along the curve, and its mean speed (i.e., average speed) v over the time interval $[0, T]$.
- (b) Compute the straight-line distance $c(t)$ at any time t of the particle from the origin, and find its rate of change $\frac{d}{dt}c(t)$.
- (c) Briefly, explain why $\frac{d}{dt}c(t)$ is not the same as the speed $\left| \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}(t) \right|$. No calculation is required.

11. **[5+3]** Consider the function

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \cos(\sqrt{t}) \, dt.$$

- (a) Find a power series representation of $F(x)$ (centered at 0).
- (b) Consider approximating $F(1)$ by taking a partial sum of the series in (a). By the theory of alternating series approximation, what is the number N of terms that you would need to take in the sum so that the error is less than 0.001? Take N as small as possible.

12. **[5+5]** Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}.$$

- (a) Find the Taylor series of $f(x)$ centered at 0.
- (b) Determine ALL values of x for which the series in (a) converges.

13. **[7]** Determine whether the following series converges or diverges. If it converges, find the limit; otherwise, explain why it diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 2n}{4^n}.$$