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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER
REGULAR EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

(P102/P106/P107 & E100/E101/E103/E111/E112)

COURSE CODE: MAT 214

COURSE TITLE: VECTOR ANALYSIS

DATE: 20/12/24

TIME: 9:00-11:00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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INSTRUCTION: Answer questions ONE in section A and any other TWO in section B

SECTION A

Question One (30 marks)

- a) Find the directional derivative of $\varphi(x, y, z) = x^2y^2z + 4x^2$ at $(1, 2, -1)$ in the direction of the vector $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$. (4 marks)
- b) If $\varphi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$, find $\text{grad } \phi$ at the point $(1, -2, -1)$. (4 marks)
- c) Given that the three vectors $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + a\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 7\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = 0\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ are coplanar, determine the value of a . (4 marks)
- d) Determine the curl of the vector $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + 2xz\hat{j} + ze^x\hat{k}$ (4 marks)
- e) Given the parametric equation $x = \sin t$, $y = \cos t$, $z = 45t$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Find;
- i. The tangent vector $\vec{F}'(t)$. (3 marks)
- ii. The arc length. (4 marks)
- f) Find the volume of a parallelepiped whose edges are represented by
- $$\vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{G} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{H} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$
- g) Determine the value of 'd' such that the vectors of \vec{A} and \vec{B} are orthogonal.
- $$\vec{A} = 6\hat{i} - d\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{B} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

SECTION B

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) For the space curve $x = 3 \cos(t), y = 3 \sin(t), z = 4t$. Find the;
- i) Unit tangent vector \hat{T} . (4 marks)
 - ii) Curvature k . (3marks)
 - iii) Principal normal vector \hat{N} . (2 marks)
 - iv) Binormal vector \hat{B} and torsion τ . (5 marks)
- b) Evaluate the triple integral $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_{x^2+y^2}^{1-x^2-y^2} x dz dx dy$ (6 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

- a) A projectile is fired from the origin over a horizontal ground with an initial speed of 50m/s and a launch angle of 30 degrees where will the projectile be 10 seconds later? (take $g = 9.8m/s^2$) (6 marks)
- b) Given the vector $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ determine;
- i. $|\vec{A}|$, (1 mark)
 - ii. $|\vec{B}|$, (1 mark)
 - iii. $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ (1 mark)
 - iv. hence determine the angle between the two vectors (1 mark)
- c) Given $\phi(x, y, z) = xyz^2$ and $\vec{A} = xz\hat{i} - xy^2\hat{j} + yz^2\hat{k}$. Compute $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial z \partial x \partial y}(\phi \vec{A})$ at the point $(2, -2, 2)$. (5 marks)
- d) What is the area of a triangle determined by the points $P(-1, 2, 0)$, $Q(2, 3, -2)$ and $R(0, -3, 4)$. (5 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

- a) Show that $\vec{F} = (y^2 \cos x + z^3)\hat{i} + (2y \sin x - 4)j + (3xz^2 + 2)k$ is a conservative force field. Determine the scalar potential and work done in moving a particle in this force field from $(0, 1, -1)$ to $(\frac{\pi}{2}, -1, 2)$. (10 marks)
- b) Find an equation for the plane determined by the points $(1, 2, 1)$, $(-1, 1, 3)$ and $(-2, -2, -2)$. (6 marks)
- c) The formula for the orthogonal projection of u onto v is $proj_v u = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v}\right)v$.
- i. Find $proj_v u$ if $u = \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle$. (3 marks)
- ii. Find the projection of u ORTHOGONAL to v . (1 mark)

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Show that $\vec{F} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2}$ is an irrotational vector for $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$. (6 marks)
- b) A particle moves along a curve whose parametric equations are $x = \sin(t)$, $y = 2e^{-t}$, $z = t^2$ where t is the time. Then
- i. Determine its velocity at any time. (2 marks)
- ii. acceleration at any time. (1 mark)
- iii. determine the speed of the particle at any time. (1 mark)
- iv. Find the magnitudes of the velocity and acceleration at $t = 0$. (2 marks)
- c) Use divergence theorem to evaluate: $\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds$ for the vector field $\vec{F} = \sin(\pi x)\hat{i} + zy^3\hat{j} + (z^2 + 4x)\hat{k}$ where s is the surface of the box with $-1 \leq x \leq 2$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$ and $1 \leq z \leq 4$. (8 marks)