

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
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Duration: 50 mins.

Attempt as many question parts as you
can in the time. Total out of 20.

Closed Book, calculators are permitted.
Show all of your working.

Question 1 (7 points)

- (a) In a viewing system the eye is placed at $(0, 8, 6)$ looking at the origin and the up vector is $(0 \ 1 \ 0)$. Find the coordinate system (u, v, w) for viewing and calculate the rotation matrix that will align the viewing system with the (x, y, z) world system. 4
- (b) Show that the above is a rotation matrix. (Even if you don't calculate the above matrix - show this symbolically). 2
- (c) Write down the cartesian coordinates corresponding to the following homogeneous coordinates : $(12, 16, 10, 2)$ and $(24, 32, 20, 4)$ 1

Question 2 (7 points)

- (a) Joe Hackquick is trying to build a model of a snake based on a generalized cylinder around a cubic spline. He iterates along the spline and at each new position calculates a new Frenet frame using vectors based on the first and second derivatives of the cubic. Suddenly, at a point of inflection of the curve, the cylinder collapses to a point. Why does this happen? Describe how the problem could be solved using the method of rotation minimizing frames. 3
- (b) How many basis functions are needed to find the points of a single segment 3D cubic B-spline curve segment? 1
- (c) How are points on a B-spline curve segment in modelling space calculated, given the basis functions, B_i and the correct number of control points, P_i ? 1
- (d) The basis functions for a Bezier curve are : 2

$$Q(t) = (1 - t)^3 P_1 + 3t(1 - t)^2 P_2 + 3t^2(1 - t) P_3 + t^3 P_4$$

Derive an expression for the tangent vectors in terms of the control points.

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Question 3 (7 points)

- (a) Having failed to model a snake, Joe Hackquick gets a new job as a pirate. He is trying to sneak up on another ship, and cannot be seen provided he stays south of a particular line defined by an implicit equation. He knows his position as an (x, y) coordinate. Show how he finds out which side of the line his ship is positioned. 2
- (b) Joe left a silver coin in a very flat part of the desert. Standing on a 100m high hill, 200m west of the coin he looks due east to watch the sun rise. Given that in Joe's world the Phong light model holds, sketch a graph of the intensity he observes at the centre of the coin as the sun rises until it is directly overhead. State any assumptions you make. 2
- (c) The reflection vector from a surface is $R(0, -1, 0)$ to a surface whose normal is $N(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2.0}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.0}}, 0)$. Calculate the direction to the light source. 2
- (d) Bonus Question: answer a) At which US university was the first computer graphics teapot made? 1
or b) Joe Hackquick thinks he knows the answer to life the universe and everything, but he is only half right. What is joe's answer?

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