

Calculus III: Practice Midterm II

Name: _____

- Write your solutions in the space provided. Continue on the back if you need more space.
- You must show your work. Only writing the final answer will receive little credit.
- Partial credit will be given for incomplete work.
- The exam contains 5 problems.
- The last page is the formula sheet, which you may detach.
- **Good luck!**

Question	Points	Score
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
Total:	50	

1. (10 points) Write true or false. No justification is needed.

(a) The curve parametrized by $\langle \sin(2t), \cos(3t), 1 + t^3 \rangle$ never intersects the XY plane.
True False

(b) If the acceleration vector is perpendicular to the velocity vector, the object must be going in a circle or helix.
True False

(c) The graph of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ is a hemisphere.
True False

(d) For a vector function $\vec{r}(t)$, we have

$$\frac{d(\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t))}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt}.$$

True False

(e) If T , N , and B represent the unit tangent, normal, and binormal vectors, then $T = N \times B$.

True False

2. Let C be the intersection of the sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin and the plane $y + z = 0$.

(a) (5 points) Write parametric equations for C .

(b) (5 points) Choose your favorite point on C (any point will do) and write parametric equations for the tangent line to C at that point.

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3. (10 points) For which positive real number a does the curve $y^2 = x^2 + a^2$ have curvature 2 at the point $(0, a)$?

4. The force acting on an object of mass 2 units is given by the vector

$$\vec{F}(t) = \langle 0, 16 \cos(2t), 16 \sin(2t) \rangle.$$

At $t = 0$, the object is at $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ and is travelling with velocity $\langle 3, 0, -4 \rangle$.

(a) (5 points) How much distance does it travel between $t = 0$ and $t = 10$?

(b) (5 points) Write an equation of the normal plane to its motion at $t = \pi$.

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5. (10 points) Let $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2t, t^2, t^3/3 \rangle$. Find the unit tangent vector, unit normal vector, and the unit binormal vector to the curve at $t = 0$.

LIST OF USEFUL IDENTITIES

1. DERIVATIVES

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| (1) $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$ | (7) $\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$ |
| (2) $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ | (8) $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ |
| (3) $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$ | (9) $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$ |
| (4) $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$ | (10) $\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ |
| (5) $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$ | (11) $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ |
| (6) $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$ | (12) $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ |

2. TRIGONOMETRY

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| (1) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ | (5) $\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$ |
| (2) $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$ | (6) $\sin^2 x = \frac{1-\cos 2x}{2}$ |
| (3) $1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$ | (7) $\cos^2 x = \frac{1+\cos 2x}{2}$ |
| (4) $\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$ | |

3. SPACE CURVES

For a parametric space curve given by $\vec{r}(t)$

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| (1) Curvature | $\kappa = \frac{ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) }{ \vec{r}'(t) ^3}$ |
| (2) Tangent component of acceleration | $a_T = \vec{r}'(t) ' = \frac{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t)}{ \vec{r}'(t) }$ |
| (3) Normal component of acceleration | $a_N = \kappa \vec{r}'(t) ^2 = \frac{ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) }{ \vec{r}'(t) }$ |