

University of Colorado Boulder  
Math 2400, Midterm 1

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SECTION #: \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Points	Score
1	14	
2	12	
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- No calculators or cell phones or other electronic devices allowed at any time.
- Show all your reasoning and work for full credit unless indicated otherwise. Use full mathematical or English sentences.
- You have 90 minutes and the exam is 100 points.
- You do not need to simplify numerical expressions. For example leave fractions like  $100/7$  or expressions like  $\ln(3)/2$  as is.
- For multiple choice questions, circle the correct answer.
- Notation: following the book, we use boldface to denote vectors, e.g., **a**, **b** are vectors.

1. (14 points) Short answer questions

(a) (4 pts, 1+3) Sketch  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  first in 2D (in two dimensions), and then in 3D (in three dimensions).

(b) (3pts) Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle$ . Normalize  $\mathbf{a}$  (i.e., find a vector that points in the same direction as  $\mathbf{a}$  but has length 1).

(c) (correct 3 pts; blank 0 pts, incorrect - 3pts) True/False (choose one, you do not have to justify it). The expression  $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$  is meaningful.

(d) (4 pts) Consider the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, \sqrt{t-4}, \frac{1}{t-4} \rangle$ . Find the domain of  $\mathbf{r}$ .

2. (12 points) Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -1, -3 \rangle$ .

(a) Are  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  orthogonal? Justify.

(b) If the vectors are not orthogonal, find the angle between them (you do not have to simplify).

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3. (12 points) Consider the three vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -3, 0 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle$ .

(a) Calculate  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ .

(b) What is the *magnitude* of your above answer? What is its geometric meaning?

(c) The vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  form the edges of a parallelepiped. Use your answer in part (b) to find the volume of this parallelepiped.

4. (12 points) (a) Find the parametric equation of a line that passes through the points  $P(6, -2, -1)$  and  $Q(3, 0, -4)$ .

(b) What are the symmetric equations for the given line?

(c) At what point does this line intersect the  $yz$ -plane?

5. (8 points) (2 pts each) Given the quadric surface  $16x = 4y^2 + z^2$  find the specific traces and identify the surface (you do not need to justify).
- (a) For  $x = k$  identify the trace.
- A. circle
  - B. ellipse
  - C. hyperbola
  - D. parabola
- (b) For  $y = k$  identify the trace.
- A. circle
  - B. ellipse
  - C. hyperbola
  - D. parabola
- (c) For  $z = k$  identify the trace.
- A. circle
  - B. ellipse
  - C. hyperbola
  - D. parabola
- (d) Describe the quadric surface.
- A. ellipsoid
  - B. elliptic paraboloid
  - C. hyperbolic paraboloid
  - D. cone
  - E. hyperboloid of one sheet
  - F. hyperboloid of two sheets

6. (8 points) In this question, you do not need to justify your answer.

(a) Describe in words or sketch the curve of the intersection of

$$C = \left\{ (r, \theta, z) \mid r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, z \geq 0 \right\}$$

with

$$D = \left\{ (r, \theta, z) \mid 2r^2 + z^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

(b) Determine, and then either sketch or describe in words, the type of the solid given by the following inequalities

$$0 \leq \rho \leq 4, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

7. (12 points) Let  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 3, \sin t \rangle$ .

(a) Find  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ .

(b) Find  $\int_0^\pi \mathbf{r}(t) dt$ .



8. (12 points) Suppose two particles have positions with respect to time given by the vector functions

$$\mathbf{r}_1(t) = 2t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 - 6)\mathbf{j} + \left(-\frac{1}{3}t^3\right)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2(s) = (2 + 2s)\mathbf{i} + (5 - s)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 5s)\mathbf{k}$$

for  $t \geq 0$  and  $s \geq 0$ .

- (a) Show that the space curves given by  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2(s)$  intersect at a common point.

- (b) If  $t = s$ , will the two particles ever collide? Justify your answer.

9. (10 points) Find equations of the planes that are parallel to the plane  $x + 2y - 2z = 1$  and two units away from it.