

# Math 2400, Midterm 1

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- No calculators or cell phones or other electronic devices allowed at any time.
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- You have 90 minutes and the exam is 100 points.
- You do not need to simplify numerical expressions. For example leave fractions like  $\mathbf{100/7}$  or expressions like  $\mathbf{\ln(3)/2}$  as is.
- When done, give your exam to your instructor, who will mark your name off on a photo roster.
- We hope you show us your best work!

1. (14 points) Find an equation of the plane that contains the points  $(-2, 3, 1)$ ,  $(1, 0, 2)$ , and  $(1, 2, -1)$ .

**Solution:** Denote the points by  $A(-2, 3, 1)$ ,  $B(1, 0, 2)$ ,  $C(1, 2, -1)$ .

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle - \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle 3, -3, 1 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle - \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle 3, -1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k}$$

$$= (6 + 1) \vec{i} - (-6 - 3) \vec{j} + (-3 + 9) \vec{k} = \langle 7, 9, 6 \rangle$$

$\vec{n} = \langle 7, 9, 6 \rangle$  is normal to the plane that contains  $A(-2, 3, 1)$ ,  $B(1, 0, 2)$ ,  $C(1, 2, -1)$ . So the equation of the plane is

$$\langle 7, 9, 6 \rangle \cdot (\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle -2, 3, 1 \rangle) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 7(x + 2) + 9(y - 3) + 6(z - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 7x + 9y - 6z - 19 = 0;$$

2. (14 points) Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the following three vectors:  $\vec{a} = \langle 3, 3, 3 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$ .

**Solution:** The volume of the parallelepiped determined by  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= \left| \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \right| \stackrel{\text{or}}{=} |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| \stackrel{\text{or}}{=} |(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}| \\ \vec{b} \times \vec{c} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= (3 - 0) \vec{i} - (2 - 0) \vec{j} + (2 - 0) \vec{k} = \langle 3, -2, 2 \rangle \\ \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) &= \langle 3, 3, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -2, 2 \rangle = 3 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot (-2) + 3 \cdot 2 = 9 \\ \text{Volume} &= \left| \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \right| = 9 \end{aligned}$$

**Note 1:** The scalar triple product can also be computed by the determinant directly.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3(3 - 0) - 3(2 - 0) + 3(2 - 0) = 9 \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the curve in space described by  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, 2 \sin(t), 2 \cos(t) \rangle$ .

(a) (8 points) Find the equation of the line tangent to this curve when  $t = \pi$ .

**Solution:**

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \langle t, 2 \sin(t), 2 \cos(t) \rangle = \langle 1, 2 \cos(t), -2 \sin(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(\pi) = \langle 1, 2 \cos(\pi), -2 \sin(\pi) \rangle = \langle 1, -2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(\pi) = \langle \pi, 2 \sin(\pi), 2 \cos(\pi) \rangle = \langle \pi, 0, -2 \rangle$$

So the equation of the tangent line is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(\pi) + t \vec{r}'(\pi)$$

$$\text{or } \vec{r} = \langle \pi, 0, -2 \rangle + t \langle 1, -2, 0 \rangle = \langle \pi + t, -2t, -2 \rangle$$

where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  is the parameter.

You may also write the equation of the tangent line in parametric equations or in symmetric form as follows,

$$\begin{cases} x = \pi + t \\ y = -2t \\ z = -2 \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is the parameter.} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x - \pi}{1} = \frac{y - 0}{-2} = \frac{z + 2}{0}$$

(b) (7 points) Find the length of the arc of this curve between the points  $(0, 0, 2)$  and  $(\pi, 0, -2)$

**Solution:** It is easy to see that point  $(0, 0, 2)$  corresponds to  $t = 0$ , point  $(\pi, 0, -2)$  corresponds to  $t = \pi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^\pi |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2 + [z'(t)]^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{(1)^2 + [2 \sin(t)]^2 + [-2 \cos(t)]^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + 4[\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t)]} dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + 4} dt = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{5} dt = \sqrt{5}t \Big|_0^\pi = \sqrt{5}\pi. \end{aligned}$$

4. Assume that the lines

$$L_1 : \quad x = 1 + t, \quad y = 1 + 6t, \quad z = 2t$$

$$L_2 : \quad x = 1 + 2s, \quad y = 5 + 15s, \quad z = -2 + 6s$$

are skew.

(a) (5 points) Find a vector  $\vec{n}$  normal to both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

**Solution:** The direction vectors for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are, respectively,

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 6, 2 \rangle, \quad \vec{n}_2 = \langle 2, 16, 6 \rangle.$$

$\vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$  is normal to  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$ , and so is to  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 16 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 16 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 16 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= (36 - 32) \vec{i} - (6 - 4) \vec{j} + (16 - 12) \vec{k} = \langle 4, -2, 4 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points) Find an equation of the plane that contains  $L_2$  and normal to  $\vec{n}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $s = 0$  and we get a point  $Q_0 \langle 1, 5, -2 \rangle \in L_2$ . From the result in (a), we have the equation of the plane is

$$4(x - 1) + (-2)(y - 5) + 4(z - (-2)) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 4x - 2y + 4z + 10 = 0$$

(c) (5 points) Find the distance between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

**Solution:** We denote the plane in (b) by  $\pi$ . Pick any point on  $L_1$ . For example, let  $t = 0$ , and we get  $P_0 \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \in L_1$ . Then

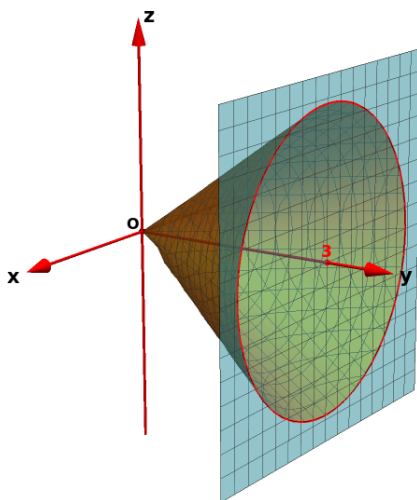
$$\text{dist}(L_1, L_2) = \text{dist}(P_0, \pi) = \frac{|4(1) + (-2)(1) + 4(0) + 10|}{\sqrt{(4)^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2}} = \frac{14}{\sqrt{49}} = 2$$

**Solution 2:** Note  $P_0 \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \in L_1$ ,  $Q_0 \langle 1, 5, -2 \rangle \in L_2$ , and  $\overrightarrow{P_0Q_0} = \langle 0, 4, -2 \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(L_1, L_2) &= \left| \text{Proj}_{\vec{n}} \overrightarrow{P_0Q_0} \right| = \left| \frac{\overrightarrow{P_0Q_0} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} \cdot \frac{|\vec{n}|}{|\vec{n}|} \right| = \left| \frac{\overrightarrow{P_0Q_0} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} \right| \\ &= \left| \text{Comp}_{\vec{n}} \overrightarrow{P_0Q_0} \right| = \frac{|\langle 0, 4, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -2, 4 \rangle|}{\sqrt{(4)^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2}} = \frac{14}{\sqrt{49}} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

5. (15 points) Find a parametric representation for the cone  $y^2 = 2x^2 + 2z^2$  between the planes  $y = 0$  and  $y = 3$ .

**Solution:** Solve the cone equation for  $y$  and we have  $y = \pm\sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2}$ . Since  $0 \leq y \leq 3$ ,  $y = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2}$ . There are at least 3 different ways to parametrize the equation.



**Method 1:** Let  $x = x$ , and  $z = z$ . Then  $y = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2}$ . Since  $0 \leq y \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2} \leq 3$ , i.e.,  $2x^2 + 2z^2 \leq 9$ , or  $x^2 + z^2 \leq \frac{9}{2}$ .

$$\begin{cases} x = x & x, z \text{ are parameters} \\ y = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2} & x^2 + z^2 \leq \frac{9}{2} \\ z = z \end{cases}$$

or in vector form,  $\vec{r}(x, z) = \langle x, \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2}, z \rangle$ .

**Method 2:** Use cylindrical coordinates,  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $z = r \sin \theta$ ,  $y = y$ . Plug them into the cone equation and we have

$$y = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2z^2} = \sqrt{2(r \cos \theta)^2 + 2(r \sin \theta)^2} = \sqrt{2}r.$$

Since  $0 \leq y \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq \sqrt{2}r \leq 3$ , and so  $0 \leq r \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta & r, \theta \text{ are parameters} \\ y = \sqrt{2}r & 0 \leq r \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ z = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

or in vector form,  $\vec{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, \sqrt{2}r, r \sin \theta \rangle$ .

**Method 3:** Use spherical coordinates,  $x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$ ,  $z = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$ ,

$y = \rho \cos \phi$ . Plug them into the cone equation and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^2 \cos^2 \phi &= 2(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta)^2 + 2(\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= 2\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = 2\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by  $2\rho^2 \cos^2 \phi$  gives

$$\tan^2 \phi = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ or } \tan \phi = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}. \text{ Since } 0 \leq y \leq 3, \text{ the cone}$$

equation becomes  $\tan \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . By trig. identities,

$$\sin \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \cos \phi = 3\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2}. \text{ So we have}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \rho \cos \theta \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\rho} \\ z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \rho \sin \theta \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \rho, \theta \text{ are parameters} \\ 0 \leq \rho \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2}, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{array}$$

$$\text{or in vector form, } \vec{r}(\rho, \theta) = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \rho \cos \theta, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\rho}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \rho \sin \theta \right\rangle.$$

6. (15 points) Find a rectangular (Cartesian) equation for the surface whose spherical equation is

$$\rho = 2 \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

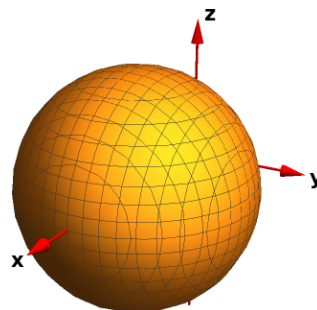
**Solution:** In spherical coordinates,  $x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$ ,  $z = \rho \cos \phi$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$ .

Multiplying the given equation by  $\rho$  gives

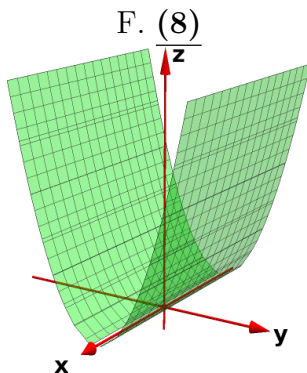
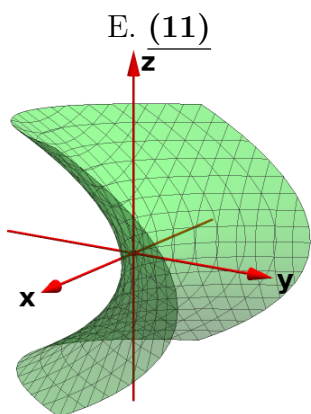
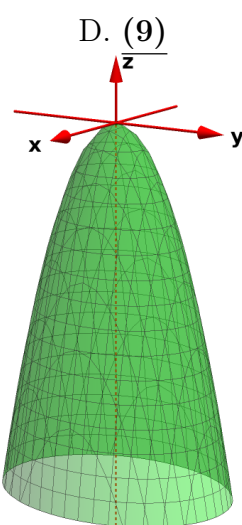
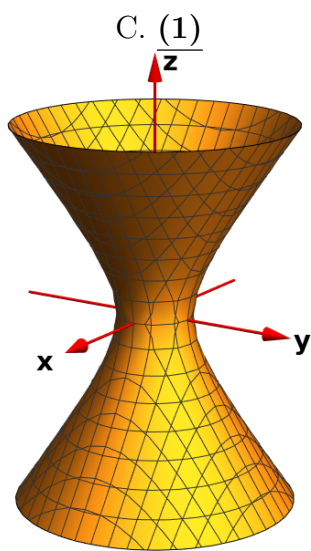
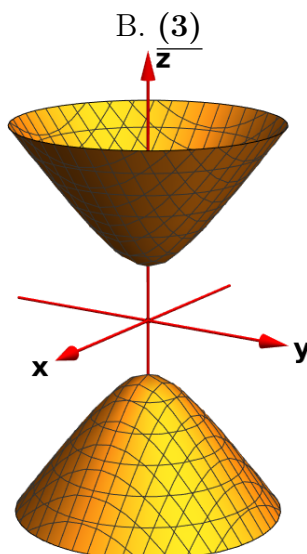
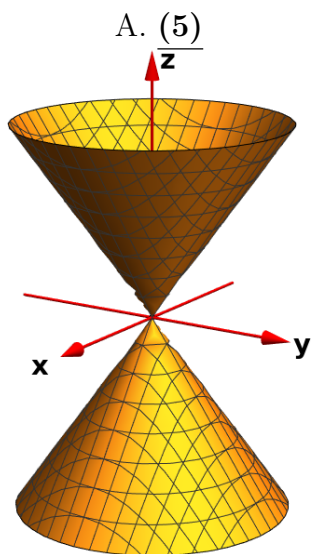
$$\rho \cdot \rho = 2\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2x$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



7. (12 points) Match each 3D surface with one of the equations on the right side. Not all equations will be matched.



- (1)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$
- (2)  $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1$
- (3)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1$
- (4)  $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = -1$
- (5)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$
- (6)  $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 0$
- (7)  $z = x^2$
- (8)  $z = y^2$
- (9)  $z = -x^2 - y^2$
- (10)  $z = x^2 - y^2$
- (11)  $y = x^2 - z^2$
- (12)  $y = z^2 - x^2$

**Note:** You may use traces to distinguish any similar graphs and identify their corresponding equations.