

# Solutions to Math 2400, Midterm 1

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- You have 95 minutes and the exam is 100 points.
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- 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. (10 points) **Note: No partial credit for this problem.**

Let  $\vec{a} = \langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle 1, -3, -1 \rangle$ . Compute

(a)  $|\vec{a}| = \underline{5}$

**Solution:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (4)^2 + (0)^2} = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5}$

(b)  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = \underline{\langle -11, 18, 2 \rangle}$

**Solution:**

$$3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = 3\langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle - 2\langle 1, -3, -1 \rangle = \langle -9, 12, 0 \rangle + \langle -2, 6, 2 \rangle = \boxed{\langle -11, 18, 2 \rangle}$$

(c) The angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b} = \underline{\arccos\left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}\right) = \pi - \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}\right)}$

**Solution:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -3, -1 \rangle = (-3)(1) + (4)(-3) + (0)(-1) = -15$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 1} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{-15}{(5)\sqrt{11}}\right) = \boxed{\arccos\left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}\right) = \pi - \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}\right)}$$

(d)  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \underline{\langle -4, -3, 5 \rangle}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i}(-4 - 0) - \vec{j}(3 - 0) + \vec{k}(9 - 4) = -4\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 5\vec{k} = \boxed{\langle -4, -3, 5 \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

(e)  $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \underline{-\frac{3}{5} \langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{9}{5}, -\frac{12}{5}, 0 \right\rangle}$

**Solution:**

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} = \frac{-15}{5^2} \langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle = \boxed{-\frac{3}{5} \langle -3, 4, 0 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{9}{5}, -\frac{12}{5}, 0 \right\rangle}$$

2. (4 points) **Note: No partial credit for this problem.**

The **area** of the triangle with vertices  $(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2a, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 3a)$  is:

(a)  $\frac{3a^2}{2}$

(b)  $5a^2$

(c)  $\frac{7a^2}{2}$

(d)  $6a^2$

(e)  $\frac{3a^3}{2}$

**Solution:** Denote the 3 vertices by  $A(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(0, 2a, 0)$ , and  $C(0, 0, 3a)$ , respectively. Then the area of the triangle is  $\frac{1}{2}|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|$ .

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

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \langle 0, 0, 3a \rangle - \langle a, 0, 0 \rangle = \langle -a, 0, 3a \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -a & 2a & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 3a \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 2a & 0 \\ 0 & 3a \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} -a & 0 \\ -a & 3a \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} -a & 2a \\ -a & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i}(6a^2 - 0) - \vec{j}(-3a^2 - 0) + \vec{k}(0 + 2a^2) = \langle 6a^2, 3a^2, 2a^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| &= |\langle 6a^2, 3a^2, 2a^2 \rangle| = a^2 |\langle 6, 3, 2 \rangle| = a^2 \sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 2^2} \\ &= a^2 \sqrt{36 + 9 + 4} = a^2 \sqrt{49} = 7a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = \boxed{\frac{7a^2}{2}}$$

3. (4 points) **Note: No partial credit for this problem.**

Let  $\vec{a} = \langle -1, 2, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle -2, -2, 1 \rangle$ . Compute the volume of the parallelepiped formed by  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ .

(a) 9

(b) 10

(c) -10

(d) 11

(e) -11

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

$$\text{Volume} = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| \equiv |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| \equiv |(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}|$$

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

$$= \vec{i}(-1 + 2) - \vec{j}(1 + 2) + \vec{k}(-2 - 2) = \vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$$

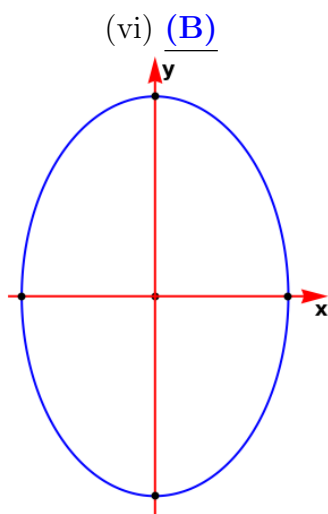
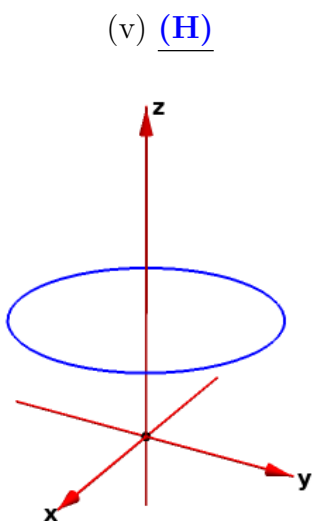
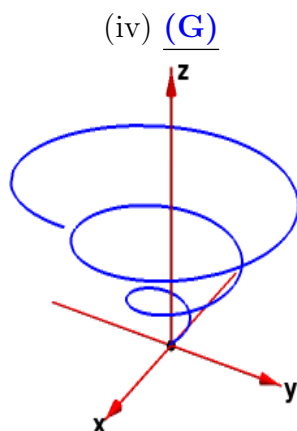
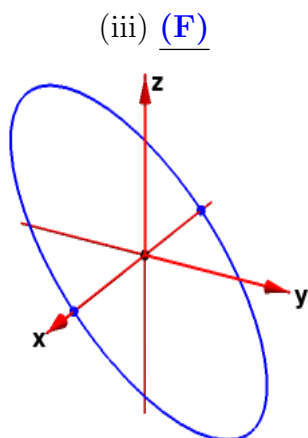
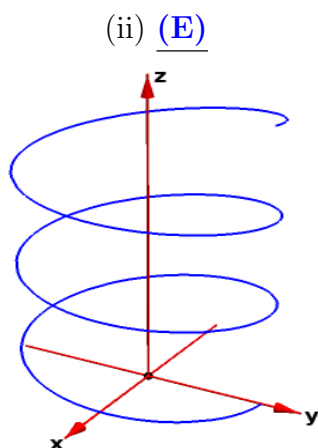
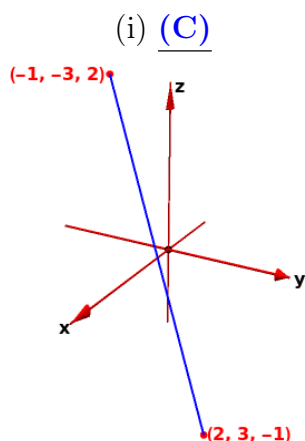
$$= \langle 1, -3, -4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \langle -1, 2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -3, -4 \rangle = (-1)(1) + (2)(-3) + (1)(-4) = -11$$

$$\text{volume} = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = \boxed{11}$$

**Note:**  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle 3, 2, -1 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \langle 4, -1, 6 \rangle$ .  $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| = |(\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}| = 11$ .

4. (12 points) Match each curve with one of the equations on the right side. Not all equations will be matched.



(A)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3 \cos t, 2 \sin t \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

(B)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 \sin t, 3 \cos t \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

(C)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 - 3t, 3 - 6t, 3t - 1 \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 1$

(D)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 + 3t, 3 + 6t, 3t - 1 \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 1$

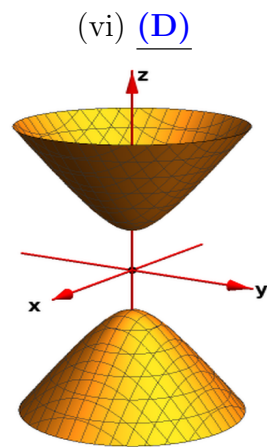
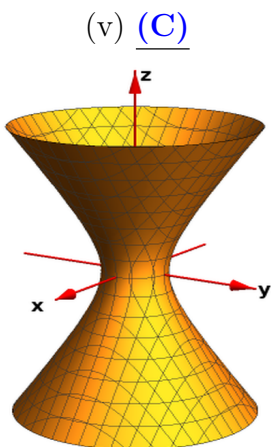
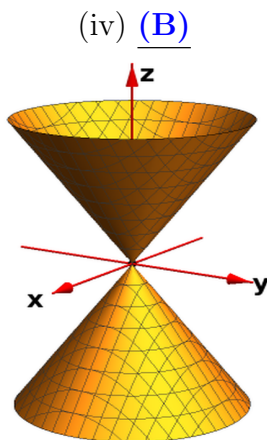
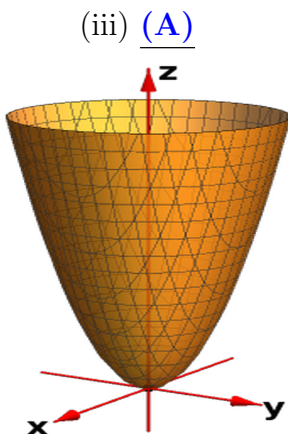
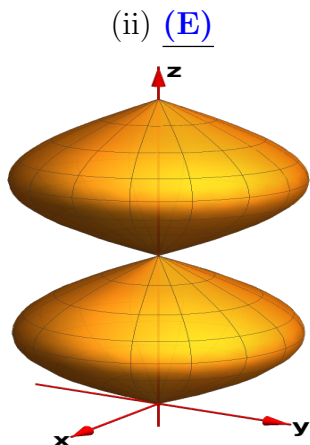
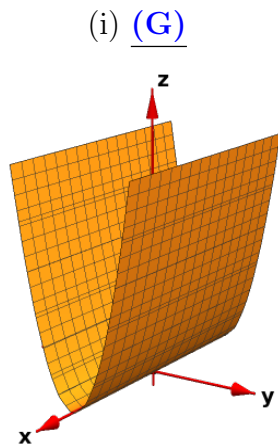
(E)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \sin t, \cos t, t \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 6\pi$

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

(G)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t \cos t, t \sin t, t \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 6\pi$

(H)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, 1 \rangle,$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

5. (12 points) Match each 3D surface with one of the equations on the right side. Not all equations will be matched.



(A)  $x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$

(B)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$

(C)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - 1 = 0$

(D)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 + 1 = 0$

(E)  $x^2 + y^2 - \sin^2 z = 0$

(F)  $x^2 + y^2 - \cos^2 z = 0$

(G)  $z - y^2 = 0$

(H)  $z - x^2 = 0$

6. (6 points) Use **spherical coordinates** to describe the solid consisting of points *on and inside* the sphere of radius 3 centered at the origin, but *strictly outside* the sphere of radius 1 centered at the origin, and in the *first* octant.

**Solution:** The solid  $E = \left\{ (\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid 1 < \rho \leq 3, 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 < \phi < \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$

7. (11 points) Suppose  $\vec{r}(t)$  is a differentiable vector function with

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \left\langle 2te^{t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \sec^2(t) \right\rangle$$

and  $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ . Find the formula for  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \int \vec{r}'(t) \, dt = \int \left\langle 2te^{t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \sec^2(t) \right\rangle dt \\ &= \left\langle \int 2te^{t^2} \, dt, \int \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \, dt, \int \sec^2(t) \, dt \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle e^{t^2}, \ln(1+t^2), \tan t \right\rangle + \vec{C}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{C}$  is a constant vector.

Since  $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(0) &= \left\langle e^{t^2}, \ln(1+t^2), \tan t \right\rangle \Big|_{t=0} + \vec{C} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{C} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{C} &= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle e^{t^2} - 1, \ln(1+t^2), \tan t \right\rangle$$

8. (10 points) Compute the arc length of the path parameterized by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \frac{2}{3}t^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3.$$

**Solution:**

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \frac{2}{3}t^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\rangle = \left\langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{[-\sin(t)]^2 + [\cos(t)]^2 + \left[t^{\frac{1}{2}}\right]^2} = \sqrt{1+t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^3 |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_0^3 \sqrt{1+t} dt \quad \left[ \text{let } u = \sqrt{1+t} \Rightarrow u^2 = 1+t \Rightarrow 2u du = dt \right] \\ &= \int_1^2 u \cdot 2u du = 2 \int_1^2 u^2 du = \frac{2}{3} u^3 \Big|_1^2 = \frac{2}{3} (8 - 1) = \boxed{\frac{14}{3}} \end{aligned}$$



9. (11 points) Let  $\pi$  be the plane perpendicular to the plane given by the equation  $-2x - 2y + z = 8$  and containing the points  $(0, 2, 2)$  and  $(4, 2, 4)$ . Find the equation of  $\pi$  and express it in the form  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ .

**Solution:** Denote the two points by  $A(0, 2, 2)$ ,  $B(4, 2, 4)$ , and the normal vector of the plane  $-2x - 2y + z = 8$  by  $\vec{v} = \langle -2, -2, 1 \rangle$ . Then the plane  $\pi$  is parallel to  $\vec{v}$ , and also to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ . So the normal vector of the plane  $\pi$  is parallel to  $\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \vec{v}$ .

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \langle 4, 2, 4 \rangle - \langle 0, 2, 2 \rangle = \langle 4, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \vec{v} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(0 + 4) - \vec{j}(4 + 4) + \vec{k}(-8 - 0) \\ &= 4\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 8\vec{k} = \langle 4, -8, -8 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So the equation of the plane  $\pi$  is

$$4(x - 0) - 8(y - 2) - 8(z - 2) = 0 \iff (x - 0) - 2(y - 2) - 2(z - 2) = 0$$

Simplify it and we get

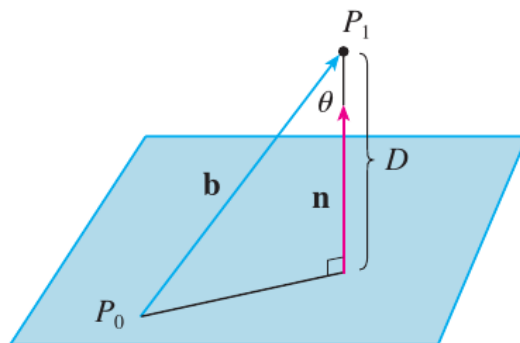
$$\boxed{4x - 8y - 8z + 32 = 0 \iff x - 2y - 2z + 8 = 0}$$

10. (10 points) Find the distance from the point  $(2, -1, 5)$  to the plane  $x + y + z + 1 = 0$ .

**Solution:** By the distance formula between a point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and the plane  $\pi: ax + by + cz + d = 0$ ,  $\text{dist}(P, \pi) = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$ .

$$\text{distance} = \frac{|(2) + (-1) + (5) + 1|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2}} = \boxed{\frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}} = \boxed{\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3}}$$

**Solution 2:** Denote the given point by  $P_1(2, -1, 5)$ , and the normal vector of the plane by  $\vec{n} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . We choose a point on the plane, for example, we let  $x = y = 0$ , and plug them into the plane equation, and we get  $z = -1$ . We denote the point by  $P_0(0, 0, -1)$ . Let  $\vec{b} = \overrightarrow{P_0P_1} = \overrightarrow{OP_1} - \overrightarrow{OP_0} = \langle 2, -1, 5 \rangle - \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle = \langle 2, -1, 6 \rangle$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{distance} &= \text{dist}(P_1, \pi) = \left| \text{comp}_{\vec{n}} \vec{b} \right| = \left| \text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{b} \right| = \frac{|\vec{n} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{n}|} \\ &= \frac{|\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 6 \rangle|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2}} = \frac{|(1)(2) + (1)(-1) + (1)(6)|}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}} = \boxed{\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

11. (10 points) Find a parametric representation of the surface  $z = x^2 + 4y^2$  within the cylinder  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$ . Include the bounds for the parameter(s).

**Solution:**

$$\begin{cases} x = x \\ y = y \\ z = x^2 + 4y^2 \end{cases}$$

The bounds for  $x$  and  $y$  are  $\{(x, y) | x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 4\}$ .

**Solution 2:** Use cylindrical coordinates,  $x = 2r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ,  $z = z$ . Then  $x^2 + 4y^2 = (2r \cos \theta)^2 + 4(r \sin \theta)^2 = 4r^2$ . The equation of the surface is  $z = x^2 + 4y^2$  and the cylinder  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$  become  $z = 4r^2$  and  $4r^2 = 4$  or  $r = 1$ , respectively. So the parametrization of the surface is

$$\begin{cases} x = 2r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = 4r^2 \end{cases}$$

The bounds for the parameters are  $\{(r, \theta) | 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$