

Math 2153

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The exam consists of 6 problems starting on page 2 and ending on page 8. Make sure your exam is not missing any pages before you start.

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1	(22)
2	(12)
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4	(18)
5	(18)
6	(10)
Total	(100)

1. (22 pts).

Given  $P(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $Q(2, 4, 1)$ ,  $R(0, 3, 1 + \sqrt{5})$ . Denote  $\theta$  the angle between  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PR}$ .

(a) Fill the blank.

$$\vec{PQ} = \underline{\langle 1, 3, 0 \rangle}$$

$$\vec{PR} = \underline{\langle -1, 2, \sqrt{5} \rangle}$$

$$2\vec{PQ} - 3\vec{PR} = \underline{\langle 5, 0, -3\sqrt{5} \rangle}$$

$$|\vec{QR}| = \underline{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\theta = \underline{60^\circ \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{3}}$$

$$\text{scal}_{\vec{PR}} \vec{PQ} = \underline{\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}}$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{PR}} \vec{PQ} = \underline{\langle -\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \rangle}$$

(b) Let  $W$  be the midpoint of the segment  $PQ$ . Find the equation for the line passing through  $W$  and  $R$ .

$$P = (1, 1, 1) \quad Q = (2, 4, 1) \quad \Rightarrow \text{the midpoint } W = \left( \frac{1+2}{2}, \frac{1+4}{2}, \frac{1+1}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, 1 \right)$$

$$\text{a direction vector of the line is } \vec{WR} = \langle -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{5} \rangle$$

$$\text{so an equation of the line is } \vec{r}(t) = \langle \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, 1 \rangle + t \langle -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{5} \rangle$$

(c) Find the equation of the plane where the triangle  $\Delta PQR$  lies in.

$$\text{A normal vector of the plane is } \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix} = \langle 3\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5}, 5 \rangle$$

a point in the plane is  $P(1, 1, 1)$

So an equation of the plane is

$$3\sqrt{5}(x-1) + (-\sqrt{5})(y-1) + 5(z-1) = 0$$

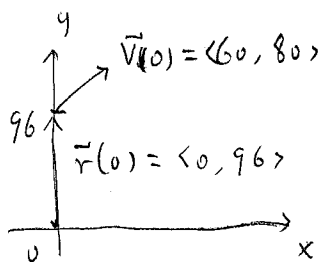
2. (12 pts)

If a golf ball is hit from 96 ft above the ground level, with an initial velocity of  $\langle 60, 80 \rangle$  ft/s. Given  $g = 32$  ft/s<sup>2</sup> and assume there is only gravity.

(a) Find the position vector  $\vec{r}(t)$  of the ball after  $t$  seconds.

(b) Find the time of flight and the horizontal distance it travels.

(c) Find the maximal height of the ball.



$$\downarrow \vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, -g \rangle = \langle 0, -32 \rangle$$

$$(a) \vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \langle \int 0 dt, \int -32 dt \rangle = \langle C_1, -32t + C_2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(0) = \langle 60, 80 \rangle = \langle C_1, -32 \cdot 0 + C_2 \rangle = \langle C_1, C_2 \rangle$$

$$C_1 = 60, C_2 = 80$$

$$\text{so } \vec{v}(t) = \langle 60, -32t + 80 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \langle \int 60 dt, \int (-32t + 80) dt \rangle \\ &= \langle 60t + C_3, -16t^2 + 80t + C_4 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 96 \rangle = \langle 60 \cdot 0 + C_3, -16 \cdot 0^2 + 80 \cdot 0 + C_4 \rangle = \langle C_3, C_4 \rangle$$

$$\text{so } C_3 = 0, C_4 = 96 \text{ and } \vec{r}(t) = \underbrace{\langle 60t \rangle}_{s(t)}, \underbrace{-16t^2 + 80t + 96}_{h(t)}$$

$$(b) h(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = t^2 - 5t - 6 = (t+1)(t-6) \Leftrightarrow t = 6 \text{ or } t = -1 \text{ (drop)}$$

So the time of flight = 6 seconds, horizontal distance =  $s(6) = 360$  ft

(c) max  $h(t)$  happens at the <sup>3</sup> time where  $y$ -component of  $\vec{v}(t) = 0$ ,  
i.e.,  $-32t + 80 = 0$ , so  $t = \frac{80}{32} = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$

$$\text{So the max height} = h\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = -16 \cdot \frac{25}{4} + 80 \cdot \frac{5}{2} + 96 = 196 \text{ ft}$$

3. (20 pts)

Evaluate the following. If it is not well defined, state it and explain why. Show your work.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dt} (\langle t, 2t, e^t \rangle \cdot \langle 0, t^2 + 1, t \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (t \cdot 0 + 2t(t^2 + 1) + te^t)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (2t^3 + 2t + te^t)$$

$$= 6t^2 + 2 + e^t + te^t$$

dot product is a number

the answer is a number

$$(b) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{2t+1} \mathbf{i} + \sin(\pi t) \mathbf{j} + te^{t^2} \mathbf{k} \right) dt.$$

$$= \left( \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2t+1} dt \right) \mathbf{i} + \left( \int_0^1 \sin(\pi t) dt \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( \int_0^1 te^{t^2} dt \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln(2t+1) \Big|_0^1 \right) \mathbf{i} + \left( \frac{-1}{\pi} \cos \pi t \Big|_0^1 \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{t^2} \Big|_0^1 \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 1 \right) \mathbf{i} + \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - \left( -\frac{1}{\pi} \right) \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( \frac{1}{2} e^1 - \frac{1}{2} e^0 \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 \right) \mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{\pi} \mathbf{j} + \left( \frac{1}{2} e - \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

the answer is a vector!

$$(c) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + x - xy - y}{x - y} \quad \left( \text{plug-in of } (0,0) \rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x(x-y) + (x-y)}{x-y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x+1)(x-y)}{x-y}$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (x+1) = 0+1 = 1$$

$$(d) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \left( \text{plug-in of } (0,0) \rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \right)$$

(can't simplify)

(Try the two-path test)

" $x^2 + y^2$ " in the bottom indicates that we can try  $y = mx$ .

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y = mx}} \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - xmx + m^2x^2}{x^2 + m^2x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - m + m^2}{1 + m^2} = \frac{1 - m + m^2}{1 + m^2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } m = 1 \end{cases}$$

So by the two-path test, the original limit does not exist.

4. (18 pts)

Given the ellipse with equation  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$ .

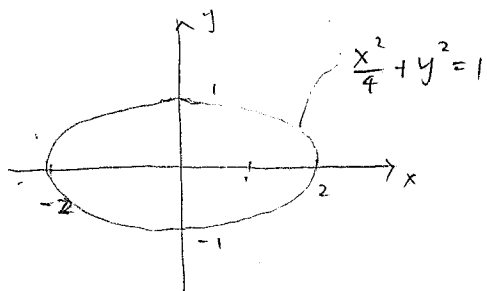
(a) Briefly sketch the graph of the ellipse in  $xy$ -coordinate.

(b) Let  $P = (2, 0)$ ,  $Q = (0, 1)$ . Compute the curvature  $\kappa$  of the ellipse at  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Which point has greater curvature?

(c) Find the torsion  $\tau$  of the ellipse. (Hint: let  $x = 2 \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ).

a)



b) The curve is in fact (by the hint)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, \sin t \rangle$

$$P = (2, 0) \leftrightarrow t = 0, \quad Q = (0, 1) \leftrightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|}{|\vec{v}|^3}, \quad \vec{v} = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2 \sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{v}' = \langle -2 \cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 \sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ -2 \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (2 \sin^2 t + 2 \cos^2 t) \vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 2^2} = 2, \quad |\vec{v}|^3 = \sqrt{(2 \sin t)^2 + \cos^2 t} = \sqrt{3 \sin^2 t + 1}$$

$$\text{So } \kappa(t) = \frac{2}{(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{3/2}}, \quad \kappa_P = \kappa(0) = 2, \quad \kappa_Q = \kappa\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\kappa_P > \kappa_Q$  (which is also clear from the picture)

c) Since the curve is in the  $xy$ -plane, the torsion is zero.

5. (18 pts)

(a) Let  $f(x, y) = \sin(e^{x-y})$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ .

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos(e^{x-y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{x-y}) = \cos(e^{x-y}) \cdot e^{x-y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(e^{x-y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(e^{x-y}) = \cos(e^{x-y}) \cdot (-e^{x-y})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\cos(e^{x-y}) e^{x-y} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \cos(e^{x-y}) e^{x-y} \right) \\ &= - \left( -\sin(e^{x-y}) e^{x-y} \cdot e^{x-y} + \cos(e^{x-y}) \cdot e^{x-y} \right) \\ &= \sin(e^{x-y}) e^{2(x-y)} - \cos(e^{x-y}) e^{x-y} \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $z = e^x \sqrt{y^2 + 3}$  and  $x = rs$ ,  $y = s - 2r$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \Big|_{(r,s)=(0,1)}$ .

By the chain rule,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^x \sqrt{y^2 + 3}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = s$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(y^2 + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2y = e^x \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 + 3}}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = -2$$

$$r=0, s=1 \Rightarrow x = rs = 0, y = s - 2r = 1$$

So plugging these in  $\textcircled{1}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \Big|_{(r,s)=(0,1)} &= e^0 \sqrt{4} \cdot 1 + e^0 \frac{1-2}{\sqrt{4}} = 2 - 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

alternatively,

$$z = e^{rs} \sqrt{(s-2r)^2 + 3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} &= s e^{rs} \sqrt{(s-2r)^2 + 3} \\ &\quad + e^{rs} \frac{2(s-2r)}{2\sqrt{(s-2r)^2 + 3}} \end{aligned}$$

plugging in  $r=0, s=1$

gives the same answer

6. (10 pts)

Determine if the following statements are True or False by circling the letter T for True or F for False. You do not need to show any explanations for this problems.

F (a) T / F  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$

$\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are two nonzero vectors. If  $\vec{u}$  is parallel to  $\vec{v}$ , then  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ .

T (b) T / F

Given  $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2y + 1$ , the level curve  $f(x, y) = 0$  is a parabola passing

through  $P(1, 1)$ . level curve in question is  $0 = x^2 - 2y + 1$ ,  
i.e.,  $y = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ , which is a parabola w/  $(1, 1)$  on it.

T (c) T / F  $4 = |\vec{r}(t)|^2 = \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)$ , differentiating both sides by product  
rule gives  $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) \perp \vec{r}(t)$

F (d) T / F

The curve given by  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \sqrt{3}t, \sin t, \cos t \rangle, t \geq 0$  uses arc length as the parameter.

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\cos t)^2 + (-\sin t)^2} = \sqrt{3+1} = 2 \neq 1$$

so  $\vec{r}(t)$  does not use arc length as the parameter.

F (e) T / F

$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tan(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 1, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$  is not continuous and not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{\tan(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$\stackrel{u = x^2 + y^2}{=} \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan u}{u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos u}$$

$$= 1 = f(0, 0)$$

So  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .



## Formulas

Velocity:  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r}'(t)$

Acceleration:  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}''(t)$

Unit tangent vector:  $\mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$

Principal unit normal vector:  $\mathbf{N} = \frac{d\mathbf{T}/dt}{|d\mathbf{T}/dt|}$ , provided  $d\mathbf{T}/dt \neq 0$

Curvature:  $\kappa = |d\mathbf{T}/ds| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{v}|} \left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} \right| = \frac{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|}{|\mathbf{v}|^3}$

Unit binormal vector:  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|}$

Torsion:  $\tau = -\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{ds} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \frac{(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{a}'}{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|^2}$