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MTH 203 , Sample Questions for Midterm I, 2009-2012

MULTIPLE CHOICE/SHORT ANSWER SECTION

(Circle the correct answers. No justification is required.)

1. (3 pts) Which of the following lines is perpendicular to the plane $2x - 4y + z = 7$?

(a) $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2, -4, 1 \rangle + t\langle -2, 1, 0 \rangle$

(b) $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -2, 1, 0 \rangle + t\langle 2, -3, 7 \rangle$

(c) $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1, 15, 3 \rangle + t\langle -4, 8, -2 \rangle$

(d) $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle + t\langle 2, 4, 7 \rangle$

(e) None of the above

2. (3 pts) Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be non-parallel vectors. If $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$ then

(a) $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$

(b) $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}$ is the only solution

(c) \mathbf{w} is orthogonal to v .

(d) \mathbf{w} is parallel to u

(e) None of the above.

3. (3 pts) Let $f(x, y)$ be a function with partial derivatives

$$f_x(x, y) = \cos(y) \quad \text{and} \quad f_y(x, y) = -x \sin(y)$$

Let $g(t) = f(2t, e^t - 1)$. Then $g'(0)$ equals

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) e

(e) none of the above.

WRITEN SECTION

(You must show your work and justify your answers.)

(a) (4pts) Find the area of the triangle with vertices $(0, 0, 1)$, $(0, 3, 0)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$.

(b) (5pts) Determine if the following limit exists. If the limit exists then find its value.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^6 + y^2}$$

Q1.(14%) a) Find the equation of the line through $(1, -2, 3)$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x + 3y - z = 5$

b) Find the distance between the point and the plane in part(a)

Q2 (10%) Find the equation of the plane through $P(2, 1, -3)$ that contains the line $L : x = t, y = 3 - 2t, z = 1 - t$.

Q3.(10%) Find the parametric equations for the line of intersection of the planes $2x + y - 9z = 5$ and $x - 2y + 13z = 0$.

Q4. (6%) Let $f(x, y) = \sqrt{5 + x + 2y^2}$ a) Find and sketch the domain of f . b) Sketch the level curve of the surface that passes through the point $(2, 1)$.

Q5. (14%) Let $f(x, y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{y^3 - x^2y + 4x^2}{x^2 + 3y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{array} \right\}$

a) Is $f(x, y)$ continuous at $(0, 0)$? Justify your answer?

b) Does $f_x(0, 0)$ and $f_y(0, 0)$ exist? Justify your answer?

Q6.(6%) Show that the indicated limit exists

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 \ln(2x^2 + 1)}{x^2 + 2y^2}$$

Q7.(16%) a) If $z = f(x, y)$ is implicitly defined by $z \sin(xy) - 2xy^2z = 1 + x^2 + 3z^2$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$?

b) Use the chain rule to find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$ if $w = rt + v^2r + ue^v$ with $t = xy^2z, r = x^2yz, u = xyz^2, v = e^{xyz}$.

Q8. (16%) Consider the paraboloid $f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 9y^2$. a) Find the directional derivative of f at the point $(1/4, -1/6)$ in the direction from $(2, 3)$ to $(3, 1)$.

b) What is the maximum and minimum rate of change of f at the point $(0, -1)$.

c) Find the points on the paraboloid in part (a) at which the normal line is parallel to the line through $P(-2, 4, 3)$ and $Q(5, -1, 2)$

Q9. (12%) a) Let $f(x, y) = \sqrt{20 - x^2 - 7y^2}$. Find the linearization of f at $(2, 1)$.

b) Use part (a) to approximate $f(1.95, 1.08)$?

1. (5 Points) Find an equation of the sphere with a diameter whose endpoints are $P(-2, 3, 4)$ and $Q(4, -3, -2)$.

2. (5 Points) Find parametric equations of the line passing through the point $(2, 3, 4)$ and perpendicular to the plane $3x + 2y - z = 6$.

3. (5 Points) For the two lines whose parametric equations are given below, find their point of intersection.

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = -2 + t & x = 3 - 4s \\ y = 1 + 2t & y = 2 + s \\ z = 4 - 2t & z = -4 + 6s \end{array}$$

4. (10 Points) A plane contains the point $Q(2, 2, 1)$ and the line $x = 2t, y = 4 - t, z = t$. Find its equation. Do the following easy steps

(a) Find a point P that is on the line. Is this point also on the plane?

(b) Find a direction vector for the line.

(c) Find the vector \overrightarrow{PQ} . Is this vector on the plane?

(d) Find a normal vector to the plane.

(e) Now find the equation of the plane.

5. (10 Points) Find the distance between the parallel planes

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y - z = 0 \\ x + y - z = -2 \end{array}$$

6. (10 Points) Given the line $\frac{x-1}{4} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z-3}{6}$ and the plane $2x + 3y = -5$.

(a) Find the point at which they intersect.

(b) Had the equation of the plane been $2x - 4y = -5$, then the line and the plane would not intersect. Give algebraic justification and interpret geometrically.

7. (15 Points)

(a) Let $f(x, y) = 36 - 4x^2 - 9y^2$. Find and describe the level curve for f when $c = 11$.

(b) Discuss $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x - y^2}{2x^2 + y}$.

(c) Let $z = f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 - xy)$ and find f_x and f_{xy} .

8. (5 Points) The radius of a cylinder is increasing at the rate of 2 meters/sec and the height is increasing at the rate of 3 meters/sec. How fast is the volume of the cylinder increasing when the radius is 8 meters and the height is 11 meters? [This is a chain rule application. $V = \pi r^2 h$.]

9. (5 Points) For $f(x, y) = y \cos(x - y)$, find the maximum rate of change of f at the point (π, π) and the direction in which it occurs.
10. (10 Points) Consider the sphere $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9$, find
- (a) an equation of the plane tangent to the sphere at the point $(2, 2, 1)$
 - (b) a parameteric equations for the line normal to the surface at $(2, 2, 1)$.
11. (10 Points) Let $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + y^2$ and find all local max, min, and saddle point(s), if any.