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Calculus MAT 21C

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Practice Midterm II Examination  
Time Limit: 50 Minutes

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You may *not* use your books, notes, or any calculator on this exam.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- (A) **If you use a lemma, proposition or theorem which we have seen in the class or in the book, you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- (B) **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive little credit.
- (C) **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive little credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- (D) If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Problem	Points	Score
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
Total:	100	

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1. (25 points) Consider the points  $P = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $Q = (-2, 0, 3)$  and  $R = (-5, 1, -1)$ .
- (a) (5 points) Compute the vector  $\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$ .

- (b) (5 points) Consider the unique plane  $\pi$  containing  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ . Explain why

$$\{-3x - 21y - 3z = -3\}$$

is an equation for  $\pi$ .

- (c) (5 points) Justify that  $v = (21, 0, -21)$  is a direction of the line  $L$  of intersection of  $\pi$  with the plane  $\Pi = \{x + z = 1\}$ .

- (d) (5 points) Find the distance from  $S = (0, 0, 2)$  to line  $L$ .

- (e) (5 points) Find the distance from  $S = (0, 0, 2)$  to the plane  $\pi$ .

2. (25 points) Consider the vectors  $u = \langle 2, 0, -1 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle 3, 4, -5 \rangle$ .
- (a) (5 points) Show that  $\langle 4, 7, 8 \rangle$  is perpendicular to both  $u$  and  $v$ .
- (b) (5 points) Argue that  $u$  is not parallel to  $v$ .

- (c) (5 points) Compute  $\sin \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ .
- (d) (5 points) Verify that the vector  $w = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$  is perpendicular to  $u$  but  $w$  is *not* perpendicular to  $v$ .
- (e) (5 points) Find a vector that is perpendicular to  $v$  but *not* perpendicular to  $u$ .

3. (25 points) Consider a particle moving with a trajectory  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(3t), \sin(4t), t^3 \rangle$ .
- (a) (5 points) Where will the particle be at time  $t = \pi$ ?

(b) (5 points) Find the velocity vector  $\vec{v}(t)$  of the particle.

(c) (5 points) Compute the speed of the particle at time  $t = \pi$ .

- (d) (5 points) Show that the acceleration at  $t = \pi$  is given by

$$a(\pi) = \langle 9, 0, 6\pi \rangle.$$

- (e) (5 points) Will there ever be a positive time  $t$  where the particle will be at rest, i.e. have zero speed?

4. (25 points) For each of the statements below, circle the **unique** correct answer.  
(You do *not* need to justify your answer.)

(a) (5 points) The intersection of the sphere  $(x - 2)^2 + y^2 + (z + 1)^2 \leq 16$  with the plane  $\pi = \{2x - 11y + 5z = -1\}$  is:

- (1) Empty.      (2) A circle.      (3) A disk.      (4) A half-space.      (5) A line.

(b) (5 points) The intersection of the plane  $\pi_1 = \{x + y + z = 1\}$  with the plane  $\pi_2 = \{5x + 5y + 5z = 17\}$  is:

- (1) Empty.      (2) A circle.      (3) A line.      (4) A point.      (5) Two points.

(c) (5 points) The cross product of  $u = \langle -3, 2, 4 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle 6, -4, -8 \rangle$ :

- (1)  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$       (2)  $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$       (3)  $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$       (4)  $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$       (5)  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ .

(d) (5 points) The midpoint between  $P = (0, 6, 4)$  and  $Q = (8, 2, -4)$  is:

- (1)  $\langle 4, 4, 0 \rangle$       (2)  $\langle 4, -2, -4 \rangle$       (3)  $\langle 8, -4, 8 \rangle$       (4)  $\langle 0, -8, 4 \rangle$       (5)  $\langle 2, 0, -4 \rangle$ .

(e) (5 points) A particle with trajectory  $r(t) = (e^t, t + 3, 5t)$  has speed at  $t = 0$ :

- (1) 0.      (2)  $\sqrt{25}$ .      (3)  $\sqrt{26}$ .      (4)  $\sqrt{27}$ .