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**MATH 307**  
 MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS

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SAMPLE TEST 1



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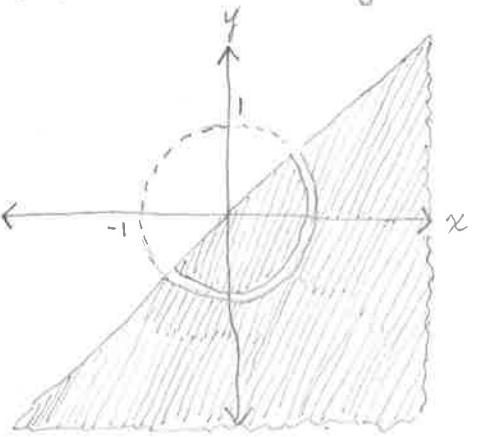
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**Directions.** Solve the following questions in the space provided. Unless noted otherwise, you must show your work to receive full credit. This is a closed-book, closed-notes test. Calculators, computers, etc., are not used. Put a your final answer in a **box**, where appropriate.

6. (10 pts.) Suppose  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x-y}}{1-x^2-y^2}$ . Sketch the domain of this function.

Must have  $x-y \geq 0 \rightarrow y \leq x$   
 and  $1-x^2-y^2 \neq 1 \rightarrow x^2+y^2 \neq 1$

Thus any point  $(x, y)$  in the domain  
 is below the line  $y=x$  and not on  
 the unit circle. This region is sketched:



1. (24 points) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, -2, 1 \rangle$ .

(a)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2 \cdot 0 + (-2)(-2) + 3 \cdot 1 = \boxed{7}$

(b)  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{\langle 4, -2, -4 \rangle}$

(c)  $|\mathbf{u}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \boxed{\sqrt{17}}$

(d)  $|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \boxed{\sqrt{5}}$

- (e) Find  $\cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Because  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = |\hat{\mathbf{u}}| |\hat{\mathbf{v}}| \cos \theta$ , we have

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}}{|\hat{\mathbf{u}}| |\hat{\mathbf{v}}|} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{5}} = \boxed{\frac{7}{\sqrt{85}}}$$

- (f) Find  $\mathbf{x}$ , where  $2\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{u}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathbf{x}} &= \frac{1}{2}(3\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \frac{3}{2}\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{3}{2}\langle 2, -2, 3 \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle 0, -2, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 3, -3, \frac{9}{2} \rangle + \langle 0, -1, \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \boxed{\langle 3, -4, 5 \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 pts.) Find the equation for the plane containing the point  $(1, 4, 2)$  and the line  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (1 - 2t)\mathbf{i} + (2 + t)\mathbf{j} + (5 - t)\mathbf{k}$ .

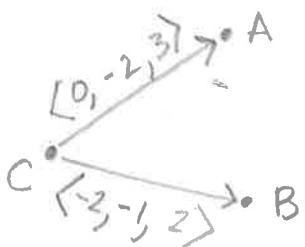
$$= \langle 1-2t, 2+t, 5-t \rangle$$

Here are two points on the line:

For  $t=0$ :  $A(1, 2, 5)$

For  $t=1$ :  $B(-1, 3, 4)$

These two points are on the plane, and so is  $C(1, 4, 2)$



Thus a normal vector to the plane is  $\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{CA} \times \overrightarrow{CB} =$   

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -1, -6, -4 \rangle.$$

We can scale this by -1 to get normal vector  $\langle 1, 6, 4 \rangle$

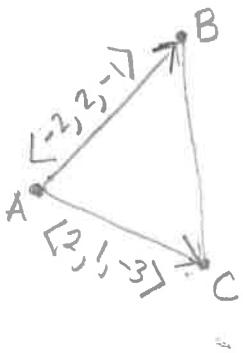
Equation for plane is then

$$1x + 6y + 4z = 1 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 2$$

$$x + 6y + 4z = 33$$

3. (16 pts.) Consider the triangle in space whose vertices are the points  $A(1, 1, 4)$ ,  $B(-1, 3, 3)$  and  $C(3, 2, 1)$ .

- (a) Find a vector normal to the plane that the triangle lies in.



$$\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -5, -8, -6 \rangle$$

That's an OK answer, but we can get rid of the negatives by scaling by -1. Normal vector:  $\langle 5, 8, 6 \rangle$

- (b) Find the area of the triangle ABC.

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle -5, -8, -6 \rangle \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-8)^2 + (-6)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{25 + 64 + 36}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{125} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{25 \cdot 5} = \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ square units}}$$

4. (30 pts.)

(a) Find a (non-zero) vector orthogonal to

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle 5, 4, -7 \rangle.$$

There are numerous easy answers, such as  $\langle -4, 5, 0 \rangle$  or  $\langle 7, 0, 5 \rangle$  or  $\langle 0, 7, 4 \rangle$  (each dotted with  $\mathbf{v}$  is 0, so they are all orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$ ).

$$(b) \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi} \langle \sin t, 1, \sin t \cos t \rangle dt = \left[ \langle -\cos t, t, \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 t \rangle \right]_{\pi/4}^{\pi}$$

$$= \langle -\cos \pi, \pi, \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \pi \rangle - \langle -\cos \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4} \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, \pi, 0 \rangle - \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \rangle = \boxed{\langle 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, -\frac{1}{4} \rangle}$$

(c) Compute the arc length of the helix

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, \sin t, \cos t \rangle \text{ between } t = 0 \text{ and } t = 4\pi.$$

$$L = \int_0^{4\pi} \sqrt{(1)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + (-\sin t)^2} dt = \int_0^{4\pi} \sqrt{1+1} dt = \int_0^{4\pi} \sqrt{2} dt$$

$$= \left[ \sqrt{2}t \right]_0^{4\pi} = \boxed{4\sqrt{2}\pi \text{ units}}$$

5. (10 pts.) An object moving in space has acceleration  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle 1, \frac{t}{6}, 1 \rangle$  feet per second per second at time  $t$  seconds. Suppose that at time  $t = 0$  it is at the origin and has velocity vector  $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ . Find the velocity function  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  and its position function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .

$$\vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \int \langle 1, \frac{t}{6}, 1 \rangle dt = \langle t + c_1, \frac{t^2}{12} + c_2, t + c_3 \rangle$$

But  $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle = \vec{v}(0) = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$  and therefore

$$\boxed{\vec{v}(t) = \langle t + 1, \frac{t^2}{12} + 1, t + 2 \rangle}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \left\langle \frac{t^2}{2} + t + c_1, \frac{t^3}{36} + t + c_2, \frac{t^2}{2} + 2t + c_3 \right\rangle$$

But object is at  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$  when  $t = 0$ , so that

$$\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{r}(0) = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle.$$

$$\boxed{\text{Conclusion: } \vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^2}{2} + t, \frac{t^3}{36} + t, \frac{t^2}{2} + 2t \right\rangle}$$