

# SOLUTIONS

MATH 251 - MIDTERM 1

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1. (10 points) Find the **vector** equation of the tangent line to the following curve at  $(5, 2, 8)$

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

1) FIND  $t$

$$\langle \underbrace{1+2t}, t^3 - 3t, 2t^2 \rangle = \langle \underbrace{5}, 2, 8 \rangle$$

$$1+2t = 5 \Rightarrow 2t = 4 \Rightarrow \underline{t=2}$$

$$t^3 - 3t = 2^3 - 3(2) = 8 - 6 = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2t^2 = 2(2^2) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

HENCE  $t=2$

2) POINT  $(5, 2, 8)$

3) DIRECTION VECTOR

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 2, 3t^2 - 3, 4t \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(2) = \langle 2, 3(2)^2 - 3, 4(2) \rangle = \langle 2, 9, 8 \rangle$$

4) ANSWER  $\mathbf{L}(t) = \langle 5, 2, 8 \rangle + \langle 2, 9, 8 \rangle t$

Answer	$\mathbf{L}(t) = \langle 5+2t, 2+9t, 8+8t \rangle$
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2. (10 points) For the following surface, find the:

- (1) Name of the surface
- (2) Center of the surface
- (3) Direction the surface is facing in  $(x, y, z)$  direction
- (4) A *very* rough sketch of the surface, just to get an idea of the general shape

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - y^2 + z^2 &= 2x + 8y - 6z - 32 \\x^2 - 2x - y^2 - 8y + z^2 + 6z &= -32 \\(x-1)^2 - 1^2 - (y^2 + 8y) + (z+3)^2 - 3^2 &= -32 \\(x-1)^2 - [(y+4)^2 - 4^2] + (z+3)^2 &= -32 + 1 + 9\end{aligned}$$

Name:	HYPERBOLOID OF TWO SHEETS (TWO CUPS)
Center:	$(1, -4, -3)$
Direction:	$y$ -DIRECTION
Sketch:	

$$(x-1)^2 - (y+4)^2 + 16 + (z+3)^2 = -22$$

$$(x-1)^2 - (y+4)^2 + (z+3)^2 = -22 - 16 = -38$$

$$\textcircled{-}(x-1)^2 + (y+4)^2 \textcircled{-}(z+3)^2 = 38$$

3. (10 points) Find the arclength of the following curve from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle 5 \cos(2t), 2 - (\sqrt{3})t, 5 \sin(2t) \right\rangle$$

$$\text{LENGTH} = \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2 + (z'(t))^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{(-5 \sin(2t)(2))^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2 + (5 \cos(2t)(2))^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{100 \sin^2(2t) + 3 + 100 \cos^2(2t)} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{103} dt$$

$$= \sqrt{103} (\pi - 0)$$

$$= (\sqrt{103})\pi$$

Arclength:	$(\sqrt{103})\pi$
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4. (10 points) Find the equation of the plane containing the point  $(0, -6, 1)$  and the line parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t - 4, t - 3, t \rangle$ .

**Note:** Write your final answer in the form  $x = ay + bz + c$  for some  $a, b$ , and  $c$ .

1) POINTS       $A = (0, -6, 1)$ ,  $B = \Gamma(0) = (-4, -3, 0)$   
 $C = \Gamma(1) = (2-4, 1-3, 1) = (-2, -2, 1)$

2) VECTORS       $\underline{a} = \overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -4-0, -3+6, 0-1 \rangle = \langle -4, 3, -1 \rangle$   
 $\underline{b} = \overrightarrow{AC} = \langle -2-0, -2+6, 1-1 \rangle = \langle -2, 4, 0 \rangle$

3) NORMAL VECTOR  
 $\vec{N} = \underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -4 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} k$$

$$= \langle 0+4, -(0-2), -16+6 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 4, 2, -10 \rangle$$

Equation:  $x = -\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{5}{2}z - \frac{11}{2}$

4) EQUATION      POINT:  $(0, -6, 1)$ , NORMAL VECTOR:  $\langle 4, 2, -10 \rangle$

$$4(x-0) + 2(y+6) - 10(z-1) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{4}y + \frac{10}{4}z - \frac{22}{4}$$

$$4x + 2y + 12 - 10z + 10 = 0$$



$$4x = -2y + 10z - 22$$

5. (10 = 6 + 4 points) A particle has velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 4t, \sin(t), 2e^{-2t} \rangle$  and initial position  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle$ .

(a) Find the position vector  $\mathbf{r}(t)$

(b) Suppose further that the particle has mass  $m = 3$ . Find the force  $\mathbf{F}(0)$  acting on the particle when  $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}(t) &= \langle \int 4t dt, \int \sin(t) dt, \int 2e^{-2t} dt \rangle \\ &= \langle 2t^2 + A, -\cos(t) + B, -e^{-2t} + C \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}(0) &= \langle 2(0)^2 + A, -\cos(0) + B, -e^{-2(0)} + C \rangle \\ &= \langle A, -1 + B, -1 + C \rangle = \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 2 \\ -1 + B = 3 \\ -1 + C = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 2 \\ B = 4 \\ C = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t^2 + 2, -\cos(t) + 4, 2e^{-2t} + 1 \rangle$$

(b) By NEWTON's SECOND LAW,  $F(t) = m a(t)$   
 $a(t) = \mathbf{v}'(t) = \langle 4, \cos(t), -4e^{-2t} \rangle$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t^2 + 2, -\cos(t) + 4, -e^{-2t} + 1 \rangle}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{F}(0) = \langle 12, 3, -12 \rangle}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{HENCE } F(0) &= 3 a(0) \\ &= 3 \langle 4, \cos(0), -4e^{-2(0)} \rangle \\ &= 3 \langle 4, 1, -4 \rangle \\ &= \langle 12, 3, -12 \rangle\end{aligned}$$