

MTH 212 - MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS - PRACTICE PROBLEMS FOR EXAM II

*Please be aware that this is not intended as a comprehensive list of all possible problem types!*

1. Consider the vector  $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  with initial point  $P(4, 3, 0)$  and terminal point  $Q(2, 5, 1)$ .
  - (a) Find the component form of  $\mathbf{u}$ .
  - (b) Find the length of  $\mathbf{u}$ .
  - (c) Express  $\mathbf{u}$  as a product of its length and direction.
  - (d) Find the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{u}$ .
  - (e) Find a vector of length 2 in the direction opposite to  $\mathbf{u}$ .
2. Find the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, -3, -1 \rangle$ .
3. Given vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 5, 3, 0 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle -2, 4, 1 \rangle$ , calculate  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}$ , and  $\sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}$ .
4. Let  $\mathbf{P1}$  be a plane given by  $2x + 3y + z = 5$  and  $\mathbf{P2}$  be a plane given by  $3x - 2y = 2$ , and  $\mathbf{L}$  is a line given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 1 + t, 2 - 5t \rangle$ . Circle all correct statements:
  - (a)  $\mathbf{P1}$  and  $\mathbf{P2}$  are parallel
  - (b)  $\mathbf{P1}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  intersect
  - (c)  $\mathbf{P2}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  intersect
  - (d)  $\mathbf{L}$  is the intersection of  $\mathbf{P1}$  and  $\mathbf{P2}$
5. Given vectors  $\mathbf{u} = -2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ , find:
  - (a) the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$ ;
  - (b) the cross product  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ ;
  - (c) the area of the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 4, -4)$ , and  $(-1, 1, 1)$ .
6. How much work does it take to slide a crate 20 m along a loading dock by pulling on it with 200-N force at an angle of  $30^\circ$  of the horizontal?
7. How do you determine whether two vectors are orthogonal, parallel, or neither?
8. Find the volume of the parallelepiped with the vertices  $A(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $B(2, 0, 3)$ ,  $C(4, 1, 7)$ ,  $D(3, -1, -2)$ .
9. Determine the distance from point  $(2, 2, 3)$  to the plane  $x + 2y + 2z = 4$ .
10. Determine the distance from point  $(1, 2, -4)$  to the line  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1 + 2t, 1 - 2t, -3 + t \rangle$ .
11. Find the point of intersection of line  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1 + t, 2 - t, 3 + 2t \rangle$  with the plane  $x + y + z = 10$ .
12. Find the vector parallel to the line of intersection of the planes  $2x + z = 5$  and  $x + y - z = 4$ , then find parametric equations for this line (using this vector and any point of intersection of the planes).
13. Find the angle between the planes given by  $x + y - z = 6$  and  $2x - 2y + 2z = 2$ . (Leave your answer as the arccosine of some number.)

14. Find the equation of the plane containing the lines  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle -2 - t, 2t, 3 + 2t \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2(s) = \langle 4 + s, 6 + 4s, -12 - 3s \rangle$ . Write your answer in the form  $Ax + By + Cz = D$ .
15. Find the equation of the plane containing points  $(1, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2, 1)$ , and  $(2, 1, 1)$ . Write your answer in the form  $Ax + By + Cz = D$ .
16. Given the position of a particle in space at time  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (2 \ln(t + 1))\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbf{k}$ , compute the following:
  - (a) the particle's velocity and acceleration at  $t = 1$ ;
  - (b) the particle's speed and direction of motion at  $t = 1$ .
17. Determine whether the lines  $x = 1 + t$ ,  $y = 2t$ ,  $z = 1 + 3t$  and  $x = 3s$ ,  $y = 2s$ ,  $z = 2 + s$  are parallel, skew, or intersecting. (If they are intersecting, find their point of intersection.)
18. Let  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle 12t^2 + 2, 6t - \cos t, e^t \rangle$  represent acceleration and let  $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 1, 0, -5 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 3, -3, 0 \rangle$ . Find  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .
19. Determine the length of the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3t, \sin(4t), \cos(4t) \rangle$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2\pi$ .