

MTH 212 - MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS - STUDY GUIDE FOR EXAM I

No books, notes, calculators, or cell phones are permitted during the test!

Use notes, text, homework, and suggested exercises to prepare for the test.

- Chapter 10: “Parametric Equations and Polar Coordinates”.
 - Section 10.1:
 - * Parametrization of a plane curve by $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$, where t is a parameter.
 - * Sketching parametric curves using tables of values.
 - * Identifying parametric curves by eliminating the parameter t and obtaining a Cartesian equation in x and y .
 - * Finding intersection and collision points.
 - Section 10.2:
 - * Finding slopes of a parametric curve by $y' = dy/dx = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$ (provided $dx/dt \neq 0$) and an equation of a tangent line with the computed slope.
 - * Finding the second derivative using the formula $d^2y/dx^2 = \frac{d(y')/dt}{dx/dt}$.
 - * Finding the area enclosed by parametric curve (see Example 3 on page 565).
 - * Finding the length of a parametric curve by $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[dx/dt]^2 + [dy/dt]^2} dt$.
(Do not forget: for areas and lengths, you can use symmetry of a curve!)
 - * Finding areas of surfaces of revolution:
 - about x -axis ($y \geq 0$): $S = \int_a^b 2\pi y \sqrt{[dx/dt]^2 + [dy/dt]^2} dt$
 - about y -axis ($x \geq 0$): $S = \int_a^b 2\pi x \sqrt{[dx/dt]^2 + [dy/dt]^2} dt$
 - Section 10.3:
 - * Polar coordinates (r, θ) .
 - * Equations in polar coordinates; converting equations between polar and cartesian coordinates using $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, $\tan \theta = y/x$.
 - Section 10.4:
 - * Graphing a curve in polar coordinates: use symmetry and table of values (r, θ) .
 - * Finding a slope of a curve $r = f(\theta)$ using the slope formula from Section 10.2 ($y' = dy/dx = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$) for parametric equations $x(t) = f(\theta) \cos \theta$ and $y = f(\theta) \sin \theta$.
 - Section 10.5:
 - * Finding the area of the fan-shaped region between the origin and a curve $r = f(\theta)$ by $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$: $A = \int_\alpha^\beta (1/2)r^2 d\theta$.
 - * Finding the area between two polar curves $0 \leq r_1(\theta) \leq r_2(\theta)$, $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$ by $A = \int_\alpha^\beta (1/2)(r_2^2 - r_1^2) d\theta$.
 - * Finding the length of a polar curve $r = f(\theta)$, $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$ by $L = \int_\alpha^\beta \sqrt{r^2 + [dr/d\theta]^2} d\theta$.
(Do not forget: for areas and lengths, you can use symmetry of a curve!)

– Appendix A.4 and Section 10.6:

General equations for the conics: ellipses, hyperbolas, and parabolas in Cartesian and polar coordinates.

• Chapter 11: “Vectors and the Geometry of Space”.

– Section 11.1:

* Three-dimensional Cartesian/rectangular coordinate system.

* Finding distance between two points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$
by $|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$.

* The standard equation for the sphere of radius a and center (x_0, y_0, z_0) :
 $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2$.