

Math 163 Midterm 3 Review Sheet.

To study: Some sample problems are provided below, but they will probably not provide sufficient review/practice and might not be completely representative of the exam. You should also look at unassigned book problems from the various sections. Good luck studying!

- Describe a non-zero vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 whose acceleration vector $\mathbf{a}(t)$ satisfies $\mathbf{a}(t) = -\mathbf{r}(t)$.
- Consider the graph of $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, 0 \rangle$. What are the vectors \mathbf{T} and \mathbf{N} at the point where $t = 0$?
- Consider the function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3e^{t/2}, 4e^{-t/2} \rangle$.
 - Compute $\mathbf{v}(t)$ and $\mathbf{a}(t)$.
 - Are $\mathbf{r}(t)$ and $\mathbf{a}(t)$ parallel, perpendicular, the same, or none of the above?
 - Is the unit tangent vector at $t = 0$ orthogonal to the acceleration vector at $t = 0$?
- A malfunctioning robotic mountain goat is following a track up a mountain; his coordinates (in hectometers, as a function of time in hours) are given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^t, e^{-t}, \sqrt{2} \cdot t \rangle$.
 - What is the change in his altitude from $t = 0$ to $t = 10$?
 - What is his speed in the x -direction when $t = 4$?
 - Determine the total distance traveled by the robotic goat from $t = 0$ to $t = 4$.
- Let $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin 2t, 3t, \cos 2t \rangle$ for $-\pi \leq t \leq \pi$ be the position vector of a particle at time t .
 - Show that the velocity and acceleration vectors are always orthogonal.
 - Is there any time t for which \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal? If so, find *all* such values of t .
- The position of a particle at time t is given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^3 - 3t, t^2 \rangle$. For each value of t for which the particle crosses the y -axis, find the unit tangent vector.
- Evaluate $\int_0^1 (t\mathbf{i} - 2t^2\mathbf{j}) dt$.
- Find $\mathbf{r}(1)$ if $\mathbf{r}'(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} + t^3\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{i}$.
- Let $\mathbf{u}(t) = 2t\mathbf{i} + \sin t\mathbf{j} - \cos t\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} - t\mathbf{k}$. Find $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t)]$.
- Let $\mathbf{u}(t) = \langle -\sqrt{t} \sin t, t, t^{2/3} \rangle$, $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle -\sqrt{t} \sin t, \cos^2 t, -t^{1/3} \rangle$. Find $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)]$ and $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}(t)]$.
- Find the length of the curve $\mathbf{x}(t) = \langle 5t, \sin t, \cos t \rangle$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$.
- Show that if $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{r}''(t)$ are parallel at some point on the curve described by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, then the curvature at that point is 0. Then give an example of a curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$ for which $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ and $\mathbf{r}''(t)$ are *always* parallel.
- A cannon sits on top of a vertical tower 264 feet tall. It fires a cannonball at 80 feet/second. The barrel of the cannon is elevated 30 degrees from the horizontal. Assume the ground around the tower is level.
 - How far from the base of the tower will the cannonball land?
 - What will be the speed of the cannonball when it lands?

- (c) What will be the maximum height achieved by the cannonball (relative to the ground)?
14. Sketch the domain of the function $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x - y^2}$, then find the range of the function.
 15. Describe the level curves of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 4y + 73$.
 16. Suppose the point (2,3) is on a level curve of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y$. Explain why the point (4, -3) is on the same level curve.
 17. Let $f(x, y) = (x + y)^2$. Find $f_{xx}(3, 1)$.
 18. Let $f(x, y) = x^3y^2$. Find $f_{yxy}(1, 7)$.
 19. Let $f(x, y) = \sin(2x + y)$. Find $f_{xy}(\pi, \frac{\pi}{2})$.
 20. Let $f(x, y) = (x^3 + y^4)^5$. Find the value of $f_{xy} - f_{yx}$ at (1,2).
 21. Let $f(x, y, z) = z^{xy}$ for $z > 0$. Find the functions f_x, f_y, f_z and calculate $f_y(2, 1, e)$.
 22. Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ for $f(x, y) = \frac{2x - 3y}{3x - 2y}$.
 23. Let $f(x, y, z) = x \ln(yz^2)$. Find f_{xy}, f_{xz}, f_{yz} .
 24. If g is a differentiable function of one variable and $f(x, y) = g(x^2 + y^2)$, show that $yf_x - xf_y = 0$.
 25. Consider the function $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$.
 - (a) Sketch the level curves $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{5}$ and $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{10}$.
 - (b) Find a value of k for which the level curve $f(x, y) = k$ consists of a single point.
 26. Does the function $f(x, y) = \sin^2(xy^2)$ satisfy the equation $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (2x + y)(2y) \cos(xy^2) \sqrt{f(x, y)}$ when $\sin(xy^2) \geq 0$?
 27. Is it possible to find a function for which it is true that, for all $x > 0$ and $y > 0$, $f_x > 0$ and $f_y < 0$, and $f(x, y) > 0$? If so, give an example. If not, why not?