

# Midterm Exam Emat 233

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**Allowable materials:** Pencils, pens. You may **NOT** use notes, books, calculators or any other materials.

**Self-serve formula sheet (not marked).** For a vector-valued functions  $\vec{r}(t)$  in three dimension defining a smooth curve for  $t \in [a, b]$

$\vec{B}(t) =$	$a_T(t) =$	$\vec{T}(t) =$	$\kappa(t) =$	$s(t) =$	$a_N(t) =$	$\vec{N}(t) =$
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$\frac{\ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\ }{\ \vec{r}'(t)\ }$ (a)	$\frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\ \vec{r}'(t)\ }$ (b)	$\int_a^t \ \vec{r}'(\tau)\  d\tau$ (c)	$\frac{\ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\ }{\ \vec{r}'(t)\ ^3}$ (d)	$\vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$ (e)	$\frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\ \vec{T}'(t)\ }$ (f)	$\frac{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t)}{\ \vec{r}'(t)\ }$ (g)
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**[10 points] Problem 1.**

Find the length of the curve traced by the given vector function on the indicated interval.

$$\vec{r}(t) = e^t \cos(2t) \mathbf{i} + e^t \sin(2t) \mathbf{j} + e^t \mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3\pi.$$

**[10 points] Problem 2.**

The osculating plane to a curve, at a given point, is the plane containing the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}$  and the principal normal vector  $\vec{N}$  to the curve at that point. Find the (scalar) equation of the osculating plane to the curve below, at the indicated point.

$$\vec{r}(t) = t \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3} t^3 \mathbf{k}, \quad t = 1.$$

**[10 points] Problem 3.**

A particle moves such that its position  $\vec{r}$  at time  $t$  is given by the function

$$\vec{r}(t) = t \ln t \mathbf{i} + t \mathbf{j} + e^{-t} \mathbf{k}, \quad t > 0$$

(i) Find the velocity  $\vec{v}(t)$  and the acceleration  $\vec{a}(t)$  of the particle, as functions of time.

(ii) At time  $t = 1$ , what are the tangential and normal components of the acceleration  $a_T$  and  $a_N$  (such that  $\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$ ), and what is the curvature  $\kappa$  of the curve described by  $\vec{r}(t)$ ?

**[10 points] Problem 4.**

(i) Compute the gradient of the function

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4xz + 2yz^2.$$

(ii) Find the direction along which the function  $F$  increases as fast as possible at the point  $(2, 1, -1)$ , and find the maximum rate of change.

**[10 points] Problem 5.**

Find all points on the surface  $x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 + 2z - 2xy = 16$  at which the tangent plane is horizontal.