

MA 2733

Examination 2 – October 24, 2012

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5 T/F, 2 long answer. 50 points.

**General Instructions:** Please answer the following, without use of calculators.

You may refer to a 3x5 card, but no other notes. Correct answers without correct supporting work may not receive full credit (excluding the True/False section).

You may use the back of each page for additional answer space (please clearly indicate if you have done so), or scratch work.

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1. True/False. Enter T or F in each blank. A correct answer is worth 2 points, a blank space is worth 0 points, and a wrong answer is worth -2 points. (Your total on this problem will be rounded up to zero if necessary.)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ The sequence  $a_n = 4 \cdot 3^n$  can be expressed recursively as  $a_1 = 12$ ,  $a_n = 3a_{n-1}$  for  $n > 1$ .

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = L$  means that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n a_m = L$ .

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ For the sequence  $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}n\right)$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ For the sequence  $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \sin(n^2)$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

(e) \_\_\_\_\_ The acceleration vector of any particle is orthogonal to its velocity vector.

2. Planes and surfaces

(a) (4 points) Find a vector that is orthogonal to the plane  $x - y + z = 3$ .

(b) (6 points) On the same axis, graph the traces of the surface  $\sin x + \cos y = z$  in the planes  $x = -\pi/2$ ,  $x = 0$ , and  $x = \pi/2$ .

For full credit: label each axis and indicate which trace is which!

3. (7 points) The “explain” problem.

Let  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  be a vector function with  $\|\mathbf{r}(t)\| = 3$ . Show  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  to be orthogonal to  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ .

(At least 4 points will be given if you instead show  $\mathbf{T}$  to be orthogonal to  $\mathbf{T}'$ .)

4. Calculus on vector functions.

- (a) (15 points) Calculate the unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  and curvature  $\kappa(t)$  for the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t^3/3 \rangle$ .

- (b) (8 points) Find the arc length function  $s(t)$  of the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t^2, \sin t^2, t^3/3 \rangle$ .

Recall that  $s(t)$  is the arc length of the curve between 0 and  $t$ .  
(At least half credit is given if you just calculate  $s(2\sqrt{3})$ .)