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MATH 251H (Fall 2006) Exam 1, Sept 27th

No calculators, books or notes!

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 75 points.

(1) [15 pts] Suppose that

$$\mathbf{r}(s, t) = (1 + 2s - 3t, 5 + s, -3 + 4s - t)$$

is a parametrization of a plane. Find a level set equation for this plane, *i.e.*, an equation of the form

$$ax + by + cz = d.$$

- (2) [15 pts] Consider the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t^2\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}t^3\mathbf{k}$ .
- (a) Find a parametrization for the tangent line to this curve at  $t = 1$ .

- (b) Calculate the arclength function of the curve  $\mathbf{r}$  starting from  $t = 0$ .

(3) [17 pts] Show that the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 1)$  lies on the following two surfaces:

(i)  $\rho = \sqrt{2}$  (in spherical coordinates)

(ii)  $z = r$  (in cylindrical coordinates).

Also sketch both surfaces and the curve in the same figure.

(4) [18 pts] Find the traces (*i.e.*, slices) of the surface

$$-x^2 + 4y^2 - z^2 = 4$$

in the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $y = k$  for  $k = 0, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm 2$ , and  $\pm 3$ .  
Also sketch the surface and name it.

(5) [10 pts] Use the geometric definitions of the dot product and the cross product to show that the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the three vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})|$ .

Pledge: *I have neither given nor received aid on this exam*

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