



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

SMA 230: VECTOR ANALYSIS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question *ONE* which is compulsory and any other *TWO* Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) If two vectors $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ are inclined to each other at an angle θ . Find θ . (4 marks)
- b) Find the area of the triangle with vertices at $A(1,3,2)$, $B(2,-1,1)$ and $C(-1,2,3)$ (5 marks)
- c) Find the projection of the vector $7\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ on the line passing through the points $P(2,3,-1)$ and $Q(-3,-5,4)$. (4 marks)
- d) Given the position vector of any point on a curve is $\vec{r} = x(s)\hat{i} + y(s)\hat{j} + z(s)\hat{k}$. Show that $\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \cdot \left(\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{ds^3} \right) = \frac{\tau}{\rho^2}$ where τ is torsion and ρ is radius of curvature. (5 marks)
- e) Find the directional derivative of $\phi = 4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z$ at point $(3,-2,1)$ in the direction $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ (4 marks)
- f) If $\phi = xy + y^2z$, and C is a contour defined parametrically by $x = t^2, y = 2t, z = t + 5$ between the points $A(0,0,0)$ and $B(1,1,1)$;
- (i) Transform $\int \phi d\vec{r}$ along curve C into an integral involving only t . (4 marks)
- (ii) Hence, evaluate the resulting line integral obtained in f) (i) above. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Prove that $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ (7 marks)
- b) Given $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$, and $\vec{C} = -\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ illustrate that $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$ is not equal to $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$. (5 marks)
- c) Find a set of vectors reciprocal to the set $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$, $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) If $F = -2e^{-2t}\hat{i} + \frac{6t}{3t^2+1}\hat{j} - \sec^2 t\hat{k}$, then when $t = 0$, find
- (i) $\frac{dF}{dt}$ (2 marks)
- (ii) $\frac{d^2F}{dt^2}$ (2 marks)
- (iii) $\left| \frac{dF}{dt} \right|$ (1 mark)
- (iv) $\left| \frac{d^2F}{dt^2} \right|$ (1 mark)
- b) Prove the Frenet-Serret relation;
- (i) $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} = -\tau\hat{N}$ (5 marks)
- (ii) $\frac{d\hat{N}}{ds} = \tau\hat{B} - k\hat{T}$ (2 marks)
- c) Determine the vector $\hat{N}$ for the space curve $\vec{r}(t) = 3(\sin 2t\hat{i} + \cos 2t\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ (7 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine an equation for the plane perpendicular to the vector $\vec{A} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and passing through the terminal point $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. (4 marks)
- b) Prove that;
- (i) $\oint \vec{A} = \oint (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) + (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\oint$ (3 marks)
- (ii) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = 0$ (3 marks)
- c) Determine the unit vector $\hat{B}$ for the space curve $\vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} + t^2\hat{j} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}$. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Given $A = (x + cy + az)\hat{i} + (3x - y - bz)\hat{j} + (4x + 2y + 9z)\hat{k}$ is an irrotational vector field, find a , b , and c . (4 marks)
- b) Evaluate $\iint \phi \hat{n} ds$ where $\phi = \frac{3}{8}xyz$ and s is the surface of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ included in the first octant between $z = 0$ and $z = 1$. (7 marks)
- c) Verify Green's theorem in the plane for $\oint (xy + y^2) dx + x^2 dy$ where C is the closed region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = 2 - x^2$. (9 marks)