

# MTH 254 Midterm Review

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1. Let  $P(3, -1, -4)$ ,  $Q(2, 5, 4)$ ,  $R(-2, 7, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PR}$ .
  - (a) Draw a 3-dimensional rectangular coordinate system. Label the positive sides of the axes according to the right-hand rule, draw tick marks, and provide a scale.
  - (b) Plot  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ . Be sure to include any guiding lines to give context to the points.
  - (c) Graph  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - (d) Write  $\mathbf{u}$  in component form.
  - (e) Write  $\mathbf{v}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$ .
  - (f) Find  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ .
  - (g) Find  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ .
  - (h) Find  $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$ .
2. Let  $A(1, 1)$ ,  $B(2, 3)$ ,  $C(5, 4)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{AB}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{BC}$ .
  - (a) Draw a Cartesian plane. Label the positive sides of each axis, draw tick marks, and provide a scale.
  - (b) Plot  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ .
  - (c) Graph the position vectors for  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - (d) Graph  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ . Label the vector.
  - (e) Graph  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ . Label the vector.
  - (f) Graph  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ . Label the vector.
  - (g) Graph  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v}$ . Label the vector.
3. Let  $C$  be the curve determined by the vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, t^2, \frac{1}{3}t^3 \rangle$  with  $2 \leq t \leq 4$ . Find the exact length of  $C$ .

4. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -3, 1, 4 \rangle$ .
- Draw a 3-dimensional rectangular coordinate system. Label the positive sides of the axes according to the right-hand rule, draw tick marks, and provide a scale. Graph both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  on your coordinate system.
  - Find  $|\mathbf{u}|$ .
  - Find a unit vector in the same direction as  $\mathbf{u}$ .
  - Find the smallest angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Round your conclusion to the nearest tenth of a radian.
  - Are  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal?
  - Find a nonzero vector orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Find the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Find  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v}$ .
  - Find  $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ .
  - Find the symmetric equations for the line passing through the terminal points of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Find the parametric equations for the line through the terminal point of the position vector for  $\mathbf{u}$  with direction vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Find a linear equation of the plane containing  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{0}$ .
5. Let  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^3 - 4t, \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right) \rangle$  with  $-3 \leq t \leq 3$ . Let  $C$  be the curve determined by  $\mathbf{r}$ .
- Produce a table of values to find the points on  $C$ .
  - Draw a Cartesian plane, and sketch  $C$ . Include arrows to indicate the direction that  $\mathbf{r}$  travels as  $t$  increases.
  - Graph  $\mathbf{r}(1)$ . Label the vector.
  - Graph  $\mathbf{T}(1)$ . Label the vector.
  - Graph  $\mathbf{N}(1)$ . Label the vector.
  - Find  $\mathbf{T}(1)$ .
  - Find an equation of the tangent line to  $C$  at the point where  $t = 1$ .
  - Find the curvature of  $C$  when  $t = 1$ . Round your conclusion to the nearest hundredth.
6. Suppose a particle is moving in space with initial position  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$  and velocity

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \left\langle \frac{2}{1+t^2}, 5e^{5t-5}, \frac{4}{t+1} \right\rangle$$

where  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  is measured in meters per second. Let  $C$  represent the path the particle takes as  $t$  increases. Find the following quantities. Use exact values, and respond to each part with a sentence with units.

- The velocity of the particle after 1 second.
- The position of the particle at time  $t$ .
- The position of the particle after 1 second.
- The acceleration of the particle at time  $t$ .
- The acceleration of the particle after 1 second.
- The exact displacement vector of the particle in the first 3 seconds.
- The tangential component of acceleration after 1 second.
- The normal component of acceleration after 1 second.
- The curvature of  $C$  at the point when  $t = 1$ .