

**MAT 261 Exam II**

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Problem	Score
1 (12 pts)	
2 (16 pts)	
3 (10 pts)	
4 (12 pts)	
Total (50 pts)	

1. (12 pts) Let  $x(t) = 3 \sin(\pi t^2)$ ,  $y = 3 \cos(\pi t^2)$ .

a. Write the Cartesian equation for this curve.

b. Determine the slope of this curve at  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ .

c. What is the length of the curve for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ?

d. Determine the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the point where  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ .

2. (16 pts) Consider the curve with the position as a function of time given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3 \sin 2t, -1, 3 \cos 2t \rangle.$$

a. Find the velocity.

b. Find the acceleration.

c. Find the speed.

d. Find the tangent to the curve,  $\mathbf{T}(t)$ , at  $t = \pi$ .

e. Find the normal to the curve,  $\mathbf{N}(t)$ , at  $t = \pi$ .

f. Find the binormal vector,  $\mathbf{B}(t)$ , at  $t = \pi$ .

g. Determine the curvature at  $t = \pi$ .

h. Find the arclength function.

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**Bonus** What is the centripetal acceleration,  $a_N$ , in Problem 2 at  $t = \pi$ ?

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## 3. (10 pts) Motion Problems

- a. A particle starts at the origin with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}(0) = 2\mathbf{k}$ . If its acceleration is  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, t, 0 \rangle$ , then what is the particle's position at  $t = 1.0$ ?
- b. A soccer ball is kicked with initial speed 25.0 m/s at an angle of  $20.0^\circ$ . [Answer to three decimal places.]
- i. What is its time of flight?
- ii. What is the range?
- iii. What is the maximum height?

## 4. (12 pts) Hodge Podge

- a. Let  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}$ , where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position and  $\mathbf{v}$  the velocity. Compute and simplify:  
$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} =$$
- b. Prove  $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)) = \frac{d\mathbf{u}(t)}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) + \mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt}$
- c. Find the equation of the osculating plane at  $(0, 2, 1)$  for the curve  $x = \ln t, y = 2t, z = t^2$ .
- d. Kepler's Third Law is given by  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{GM}} a^{3/2}$ . What are  $T$  and  $a$ ?

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**Bonus**

If  $\sqrt{GM} = 2.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{2/3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the moon circling the Earth, then how far on average is the moon from the Earth assuming one month is 28 days?