

MIDTERM 1 FORMULAS

Notation: $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ are vectors; θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} ; $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is a vector-valued function defined on $[a, b]$; $f(x, y)$ a function defined on a planar region

Distance d between points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$:

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Dot product: $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$

Projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} : $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}$

Cross product: $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = (u_2v_3 - v_2u_3)\mathbf{i} - (u_1v_3 - v_1u_3)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - v_1u_2)\mathbf{k}$

Identities: $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos(\theta)$ and $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin(\theta)$

Cylindrical coordinates: $x = r \cos(\theta)$, $y = r \sin(\theta)$, $z = z$.

Spherical coordinates: $x = \rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta)$, $y = \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta)$, $z = \rho \cos(\phi)$.

Unit tangent vector: $\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$, if $\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$

Principal unit normal vector: $\mathbf{N}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}$, if $\mathbf{T}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$

Tangential component of acceleration: $a_{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{d}{dt} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$

Normal component of acceleration: $a_{\mathbf{N}} = \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \|\mathbf{T}'(t)\| = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$

Arc length: $s = \int_a^b \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$

Curvature: $K = \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} \right\| = \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3}$

Gradient: $\nabla f(x, y) = \langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y) \rangle$