

Math 251  
Practice Test B For Chapter 10

1. [10 points] Suppose that  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a spacecurve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that its magnitude is a constant,  $|\mathbf{r}(t)| = C$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is always perpendicular to  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ .
2. [5 points] Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ , and  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ .
3. [15 points] Find the distance between the point  $Q(1, 5, -4)$  and the plane given by  $3x - y + 2z = 6$ . Hint: Pick some point  $A$  on the plane. Then project the vector  $\overrightarrow{QA}$  onto a normal vector for the plane.
4. [10 points] Consider the surface given by  $4x^2 - 3y^2 + 12z^2 + 12 = 0$ .
  - a. Show that the slice for  $y = 0$  is the empty set.
  - b. Which type of surface is it?
5. [10 points] Consider the parametric equations  $x(t) = 2 \sin^2 t$  and  $y(t) = 2 \cos^2 t$ . Sketch its graph in the  $xy$ -plane.
6. [10 points] A particle of mass 1 is subjected to a force given by

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = \langle 1, t, e^t \rangle.$$

At time  $t = 0$  the velocity vector is  $\mathbf{0}$  (the zero vector). Set up an integral to find how far the particle travels in the next 10 seconds. **Do not solve it.**

7. [10 points] Sketch the level curves of  $z = e^{xy}$  for  $z = 0, 1$ , and  $2$ .
8. [10 points] Find an equation for the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  going through the points  $(1, -2, 3)$  and  $(7, 2, 1)$ .
9. [10 points] Find a vector function that represents the curve formed by the intersection of the cylinder given by  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  and the plane given by  $x + z = 5$ .
10. [10 points] Let  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3t^2, -2t^2, t^2 \rangle$ . Find the arc length from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$ . (Answer is  $\sqrt{14}$ .)