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Midterm for Calculus III(Fall 2002)
October 7, 2002

**60 minutes total; PICK AND MARK CLEARLY 5 out of 6 problems—
150 points total with 30 points each.**

***Problems NOT ordered according to difficulty!**

1. Define

$$r(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2};$$
$$f(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{r(x, y)}\right); \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0),$$

a) Compute $f_x(3, 4)$ (20 pts); b) Find $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$ and give your reasons (10 pts).

2. Find the straight line that is perpendicular to

$$P = \{(x, y, z) : 2x + 3y + 4z = 1\}$$

and passes through $A(2, 3, 4)$ (15 pts); and find the distance between A and P (15 pts). 3. Find the arc length of the path $\mathbf{c}(t) = (\sin^2 t, \cos^2 t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ (30 pts). 4. Find the linear approximation for

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{20 - x^2 - 7y^2}$$

at $(2, 1)$, and use it to approximate $f(2.05, 0.98)$ (20 pts); also find the equation of the tangent plane of $\{z = f(x, y)\}$ (as a surface in 3-space) at $(2, 1, 3)$ (10 pts). 5. Given three points $A(0, 0), B(0, 10), C(3, 4) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, Find a) linear equation of the line passing A and perpendicular to BC (15 pts); b) Area of the triangle Δ_{ABC} (15 pts). 6. (30 pts)For $(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$, define

$$r(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2};$$

$$f(x, y, z) = 1/r.$$

Prove that

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

GOOD LUCK!