

**MAT2110 Test 2**  
**3 May 2015**  
**Time: Two Hours**  
**Answer: Any Three Questions**

1. (a) Determine the eccentricity and the major and minor axes of the ellipse  $r = 5/(4 - 2 \cos \theta)$ .

(b) Use the differential arc length  $ds$  to prove that the length of a quarter of the circumference of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  is  $\pi$ .

(c) (i) Determine the equation of the line that passes through the points  $P_1(1, 1, 1)$  and  $P_2(2, 0, 3)$ .

(ii) Determine the equation of the plane perpendicular to this line and passing through the point  $P_2(2, 0, 3)$ .

2. (a) One of the parametric equations of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  is  $x = \sqrt{1 - t^2}$ .

(i) Determine what the other parametric equation must be.

(ii) Determine the curvature of the circle at the points  $t = 0.5$  and  $t = 0.25$  and comment.

(iii) Determine the equation of the line tangent to the circle at the point  $t = \sqrt{5}/9$ .

(b) Find the sum of the series  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^k}$ .

(c) Obtain the Maclaurin series of  $\sin x$ .

3 (a) Determine the power series expansion of  $x/(1 - x^2)$ .

(b) (i) Find the line of intersection of the planes  $3x - 4y + z = 10$  and  $2x + y + z = 12$ .

(ii) Determine the angle between the planes.

(c) The position vector of a certain particle is given by  $\mathbf{R} = (a + mt)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (b + nt)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ .

(i) Show that the particle moves in a straight line

(ii) Change the parameter to the arc length  $s$  measured from the point  $P_0(a, b)$  and verify that your calculation is correct.

4. (a) The work done on a particle by the force  $\mathbf{F}$  between the points  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$  is given by  $W = \int_{\mathbf{r}_1}^{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $d\mathbf{r} = (dx, dy, dz)$ . The force acting on one such particle is  $\mathbf{F} = (2x, 3e^{-y}, -2z^2)$  in Newtons.

(i) Determine the work done on the particle between the origin  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and the point  $\mathbf{r}_2 = (1, 1, 1)$

(ii) If the mass of the particle is 3 kg, find the acceleration of the particle at the point  $(0.5, 1.5, 1)$ .

(b) (i) Show that the polar equation of the line  $y = x$  is  $\theta = \pi/4$ .

(ii) Express the intersection of this line with the hyperbola  $r = 10/(3 - 4 \cos \theta)$  in Cartesian coordinates.

(c) Determine the area of the triangle with the vertices  $P_1(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $P_2(1, 2, 3)$  and  $P_3(1, 1, 1)$ .