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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION ARTS AND SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: MAT 214

COURSE TITLE: VECTOR ANALYSIS

DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022 TIME: 1400 – 1700 HRS

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**REGULAR – MAIN EXAM**  
**MAT 214 VECTOR ANALYSIS**

**STREAM: BED (Arts/Science)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer ALL Questions from section A and any **THREE** from section B.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**SECTION A (31 Marks)**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

**Question One (16 Marks)**

- a) Find a unit vector parallel to the resultant of vectors  $\mathbf{r}_1 = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ . (5 Marks)
- b) A particle moves along a curve whose parametric equations are  $x = e^{-t}$ ,  $y = 2 \cos 3t$ ,  $z = 2 \sin 3t$ , where  $t$  is the time.
  - i) Determine its velocity and acceleration at any time. (3 Marks)
  - ii) Find the magnitudes of the velocity and acceleration at  $t = 0$ . (3 Marks)
- c) If  $\vec{A}$  has constant magnitude, show that  $\vec{A}$  and  $\frac{d\vec{A}}{dt}$  are perpendicular provided  $\left| \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \right| \neq 0$ . (5 Marks)

**Question Two (15 Marks)**

- a) If  $\phi(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$  find  $\nabla\phi$  at the point  $(1, -2, -1)$ . (4 Marks)
- b) Find the angle between the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$  at the point  $(2, -1, 2)$ . (6 Marks)
- c) Find the total work done in moving in a force field given by  $\vec{F} = 3xy\mathbf{i} - 5z\mathbf{j} + 10x\mathbf{k}$  along the curve  $x = t^2 + 1$ ,  $y = 2t^2$ ,  $z = t^3$  from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 2$ . (5 Marks)

**SECTION B (39 Marks)**

**Answer any THREE questions.**

**Question Three (13 Marks)**

- a) Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$ , where  $\vec{A} = z\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} - 3y^2z\mathbf{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  included in the first octant between  $z = 0$  and  $z = 5$ . (8 Marks)
- b) Find the work done in moving a particle once around a circle  $C$  in the  $xy$  plane, if the circle has center at the origin and radius 3 and if the force field is given by (5 Marks)

$$\vec{F} = (2x - y + z)\mathbf{i} + (x + y - z^2)\mathbf{j} + (3x - 2y + 4z)\mathbf{k}$$

**Question Four (13 Marks)**

- Find the  $\text{curl}(rf(r))$  where  $f(r)$  is differentiable. (5 Marks)
- Find an equation for the plane determined by the points  $P_1(2, -1, 1)$ ,  $P_2(3, 2, -1)$  and  $P_3(-1, 3, 2)$ . (4 Marks)
- Determine a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of  $\vec{A} = 2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ . (4 Marks)

**Question Five (13 Marks)**

- A man travelling southward at  $15 \text{ miles hr}^{-1}$  observes that the wind appears to be coming from the west. On increasing his speed to  $25 \text{ miles hr}^{-1}$  it appears to be coming from the southwest. Find the direction and speed of the wind. (4 Marks)
- Determine the vector having initial point  $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and terminal point  $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  and find its magnitude. (4 Marks)
- An airplane moves in a northwest direction at  $125 \text{ miles hr}^{-1}$  relative to the ground, due to the fact there is a west wind of  $50 \text{ miles hr}^{-1}$  relative to the ground. How fast and in what direction would the plane have traveled if there were no wind? (2 Marks)
- Given  $\mathbf{r}_1 = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_3 = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ . Find the magnitudes of  $2\mathbf{r}_1 - 3\mathbf{r}_2 - 5\mathbf{r}_3$ . (3 Marks)

**Question Six (13 Marks)**

- Find the projection of the vector  $\vec{A} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  on the vector  $\vec{B} = 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ . (4 Marks)
- If  $R(u) = x(u)\mathbf{i} + y(u)\mathbf{j} + z(u)\mathbf{k}$ , where  $x, y$  and  $z$  are differentiable functions of a scalar  $u$ , prove that  $\frac{dR}{du} = \frac{dx}{du}\mathbf{i} + \frac{dy}{du}\mathbf{j} + \frac{dz}{du}\mathbf{k}$ . (4 Marks)
- A particle moves so that its position vector is given by  $\mathbf{r} = \cos \omega t \mathbf{i} + \sin \omega t \mathbf{j}$  where  $\omega$  is a constant. Show that:
  - The velocity  $\vec{v}$  of the particle is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{r}$  (2 Marks)
  - The acceleration  $\vec{a}$  is directed toward the origin and has magnitude proportional to the distance from the origin. (3 Marks)

**Question Seven (13 Marks)**

- Find a unit normal to the surface  $x^2y + 2xz = 4$  at the point  $(2, -2, 3)$ . (3 Marks)
- If  $\vec{A} = x^2z\mathbf{i} - 2y^3x^2\mathbf{j} + xy^2z\mathbf{k}$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}$  at the point  $(1, -1, 1)$ . (4 Marks)
- A fluid moves so that its velocity at any point is  $v(x, y, z)$ . Show that the loss of fluid per unit volume per unit time in a small parallel to the coordinate axes and having magnitude  $\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z$  respectively, is given approximately by  $\text{div } v = \nabla \cdot v$ . (6 Marks)