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GROUPS

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MA1132: Advanced Calculus SAMPLE EXAM

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**Instructions to Candidates:**

Attempt all questions. All questions will be weighted equally.

**Materials Permitted for this Examination:**

Formulae and Tables are available from the invigilators, if required.

Non-programmable calculators are permitted for this examination,—please indicate the make and model of your calculator on each answer book used. This is a closed-book exam, so no notes or other study materials are allowed.

**You may not start this examination until you are instructed to do so by the Invigilator.**

1. Suppose a curve is given by the parametric equations

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{t^2}{2} \\ y = \frac{4t^{\frac{5}{2}}}{5} \\ z = \frac{2t^3}{3}, \end{cases}$$

where  $t > 0$ .

- (a) Find the unit tangent vector  $T(t)$  to the curve as a vector-valued function of  $t$ .
  - (b) Compute the unit normal vector  $N(t)$ .
  - (c) Compute the unit binormal vector  $B(t)$ .
  - (d) Compute the curvature as a function of  $t$ .
2. (a) Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = \cos(xy) - x$  at the point  $(0, 1)$  in the direction of the vector  $(1, 3)$ .

(b) Consider the function

$$f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{z - xy}{x + z}}$$

and the point  $P = (1, 2, 3)$ . At the point  $P$ , in which direction does  $f$  increase the fastest? That is, find a vector pointing in the direction of largest increase. Also find the magnitude of this rate of increase in that direction.

- (c) Use the chain rule to show that the gradient of a  $\mathcal{C}^1$  (continuous first order partial derivatives) function  $f(x, y)$  at any point  $P \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is perpendicular to the level curve of  $f$  through  $P$ , if it isn't equal to 0.
3. (a) Consider the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 - x + \cos(xy)$ . Find all critical points of  $f$ , and decide which are local maxima, local minima, saddle points, or for which the second derivative test is inconclusive.
- (b) The Extreme Value Theorem guarantees that the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3$  has a global maximum value and a global minimum value on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find these values.

4. (a) Consider the cone given by the equation  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  bounded above by the plane  $z = 5$ . Find parametric equations for this surface.
- (b) Write the general equation for the surface area of a surface  $x = x(u, v), y = y(u, v), z = z(u, v)$  determined by  $(u, v) \in R$ , where  $R$  is a region in the  $u$ - $v$  plane.
- (c) Use (a) and (b) to compute the surface area of this cone.