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AMAT E1015 - Vector Algebra and Vector Analysis

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Answer Six (06) Questions only.

01. Let the coordinates of four points A, B, C and D are $(-6, 1, 6), (6, -2, 3), (-2, -3, -1)$ and $(-5, -9, -7)$ respectively, with respect to mutually perpendicular axes.
- Show that the points A, B and D lie on the surface of a sphere with centre C .
 - Find the coordinates of the point E such that a diameter of the sphere is DCE .
 - Show that \hat{BCA} is a right angle and $\hat{BCE} = \hat{ECA}$.
 - Show that the diameter DCE does not lie on the plane of the triangle ABC .
02. Let A, B, C and D are four points with rectangular Cartesian coordinates $(0, 1, 2), (3, 0, 1), (4, 3, 6)$ and $(2, 3, 2)$ respectively.
- Find,
- the area of the triangle ABC ,
 - the perpendicular distance from the point A to the line BC ,
 - the volume of the tetrahedron $ABCD$,
 - the perpendicular distance from the point D to the plane ABC ,
 - the shortest distance between the lines AB and CD .
03. a. Find an equation of the plane containing the points, $P_1(2, -1, 1)$, $P_2(3, 2, -1)$, and $P_3(-1, 3, 2)$.
- b. Given that $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ are the position vectors of the points P and Q respectively.
- Find an equation of the plane passing through Q and perpendicular to the line PQ .
 - What is the distance to the plane above from the point $(-1, 1, 1)$?

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04. a. A particle moves along the curve $x = t^3 + 1$, $y = t^2$, $z = 2t + 5$, where t is time. Find the components of velocity and acceleration of the particle in the direction $\underline{i} + \underline{j} + 3\underline{k}$ at time $t = 1$.

- b. If $\underline{r} = \underline{a} \cos(\omega t) + \underline{b} \sin(\omega t)$, show that

i. $\underline{r} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \omega(\underline{a} \times \underline{b})$,

ii. $\frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 \underline{r}$,

where $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \omega$ being constants.

05. a. Sketch the space curve $x = 3 \cos t$, $y = 3 \sin t$, $z = 4t$ and find the followings.

- i. the unit tangent T ,
- ii. the principal normal N , curvature κ and radius of curvature ρ ,
- iii. the binormal B , torsion τ and radius of torsion σ .

- b. Show that the radius of curvature of the curve with parametric equations $x = x(s)$, $y = y(s)$, $z = z(s)$ is given by

$$\rho = \left[\left(\frac{d^2 x}{ds^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 y}{ds^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 z}{ds^2} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

06. a. i. Prove that $\text{grad } f(\underline{r}) \times \underline{r} = \underline{0}$.

ii. If $f = (\underline{a} \times \underline{r}) r^n$ show that $\text{div } f = 0$ and $\text{curl } f = (n+2)r^n \underline{a} - nr^{n-2}(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{r}) \underline{r}$.

- b. A vector \underline{V} is called irrotational if $\nabla \times \underline{V} = \underline{0}$.

Find constants a, b, c so that

$$\underline{V} = (x + 2y + az)\underline{i} + (bx - 3y - z)\underline{j} + (4x + cy + 2z)\underline{k}$$
 is irrotational.

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07. a. Show that

i. $\text{grad}(\phi\psi) = \phi \text{grad}\psi + \psi \text{grad}\phi$,

ii. $\text{div}(\phi \underline{u}) = \phi \text{div}(\underline{u}) + \text{grad}(\phi) \cdot \underline{u}$,

iii. $\text{curl}(\phi \underline{u}) = \phi \text{curl}(\underline{u}) + \text{grad}(\phi) \times \underline{u}$.

b. Let \underline{a} be a constant vector, \underline{r} be the position vector of a point (x, y, z) with respect to a origin O and $r = |\underline{r}|$.

Show that

i. $\nabla \cdot \frac{\underline{r}}{r^3} = 0$,

ii. $\text{curl} \frac{\underline{a} \times \underline{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{\underline{a}}{r^3} + \frac{3\underline{r}}{r^5} (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{r})$,

iii. $\text{grad} \left(\frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{r}}{r^3} \right) + \text{curl} \left(\frac{\underline{a} \times \underline{r}}{r^3} \right) = \underline{0}$.

08. a. Write down the divergence theorem .

Show that $\int_S (ax\underline{i} + by\underline{j} + cz\underline{k}) \cdot d\underline{a} = \frac{4}{3}\pi(a+b+c)$, where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

b. If \underline{F} is normal to each point on the surface S , show that $\int_V \text{curl} \underline{F} \cdot dV = 0$.

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