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Math 271A  
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Multivariable Calculus I  
Exam 1

**Write your name on this exam right now.** Your work on this exam is to be your work alone. No calculators allowed. You have one hour to finish. Explain your answers clearly, and *show your work*. This exam has 7 pages, and the questions are worth a total of 100 points (not including bonus points). Only work on the bonus questions **after** you have tried to do all the regular questions. Don't forget to breathe regularly, and good luck!!

Here is some info you may (or may not) need for this exam.

$$\sin 0 = 0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 = \cos 0$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

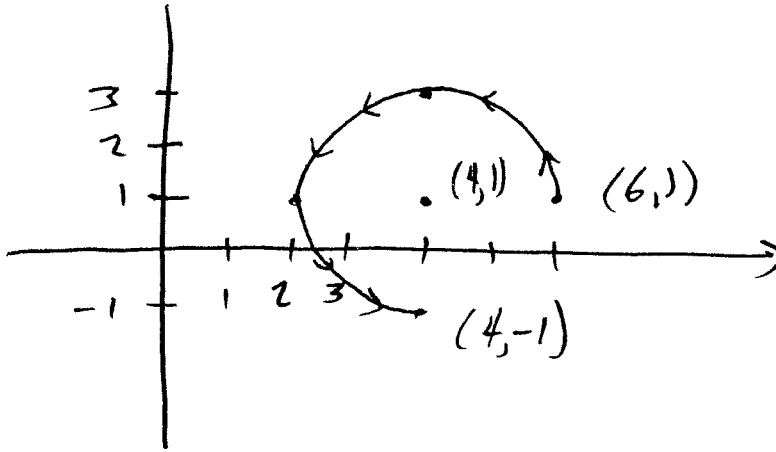
$$\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} \quad \sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2}$$

Begin working on the next page.

1. Let  $C$  be the parametric curve in the plane described by  $x = 4 + 2 \cos t$ ,  $y = 1 + 2 \sin t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 3\pi/2$ .

(a) (10 points) Describe this curve, or provide a sketch.



(b) (15 points) Calculate the slope of the tangent line to this curve at the point where  $t = \pi/3$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{2 \cos t}{-2 \sin t} \quad \text{at } t = \pi/3 \rightsquigarrow \frac{2 \cos \pi/3}{-2 \sin \pi/3} = \frac{2 \cdot 1/2}{-2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

- (c) (5 points) Without actually doing the calculation, say in words the steps you would take to determine where this curve has vertical or horizontal tangent lines.

$$\text{set } \frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \text{horizontal tangents}$$

$$\text{set } \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \text{vertical tangents}$$

- (d) (10 points) Write down the equation you would need to solve in order to determine the value  $T$  for which the arc length of the portion of  $C$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = T$  is 5 units. (**Bonus 2 points:** Solve this equation in order to find  $T$ ).

$$5 = \int_0^T \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^T \sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4\cos^2 t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^T 2 dt = 2T.$$

$$\text{So } T = \frac{5}{2}$$

2. Consider the 3-dimensional vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0, 4, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \langle -2, 1, 3 \rangle$  based at the origin.

(a) (10 points) Calculate the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \left( \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \right) \vec{a} = \left( \frac{6}{(\sqrt{1+1+4})^2} \right) \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

(b) (15 points) The vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  form a triangle with vertices at the origin and the points  $(0,4,1)$  and  $(-2,1,3)$ . Compute the area of this triangle.

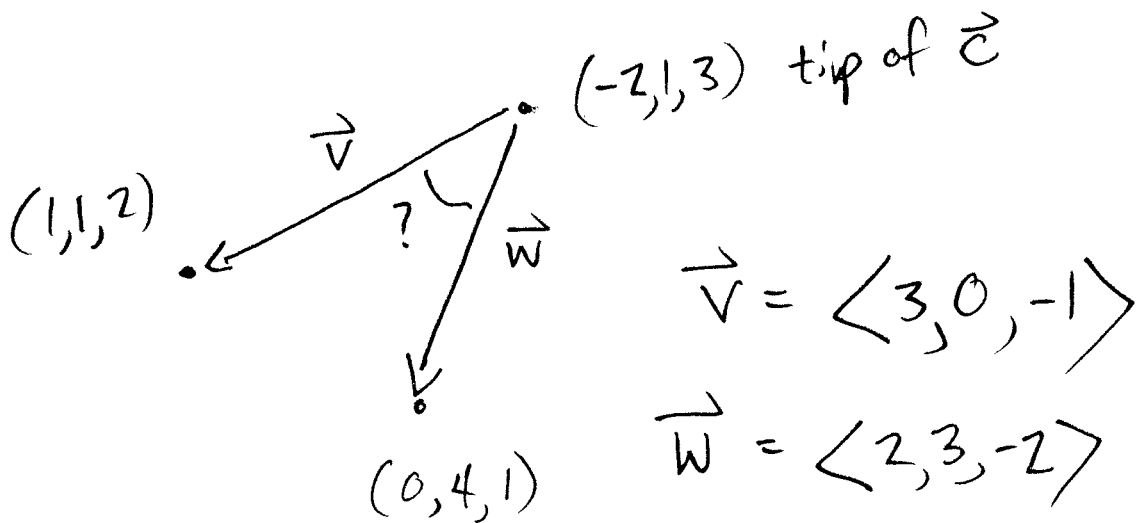
$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|}{2}$$

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} : \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} i & j & k & i & j & k \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} i & j & k & i & j & k \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{array}} \right\} \rightarrow \langle 11, -2, 8 \rangle$$

$$\frac{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{121 + 4 + 64}}{2} =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{189}}{2}$$

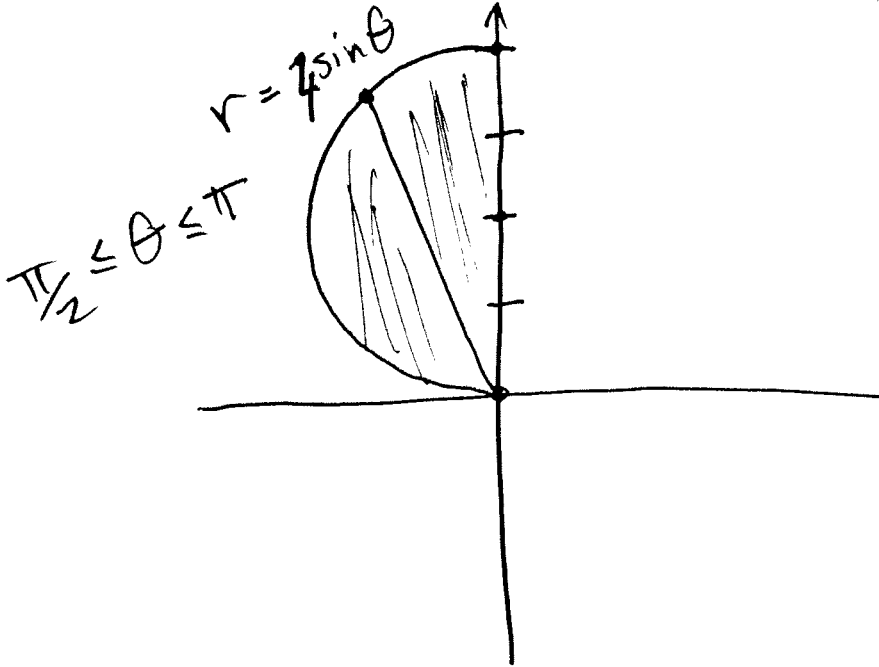
- (c) (15 points) Let  $T$  be the triangle whose vertices are the tips of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ . Determine whether or not the angle of  $T$  at the tip of  $\mathbf{c}$  is a right angle.



$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 6 + 0 + 2 = 8 \neq 0.$$

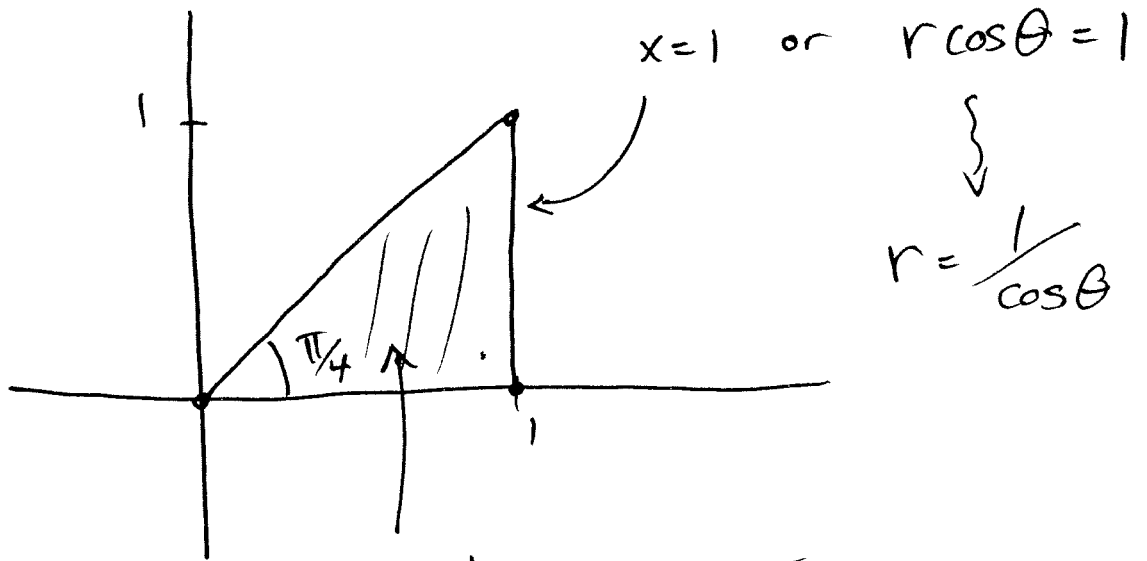
So the angle at  $(-2, 1, 3)$  is not right.

3. (20 points) Let  $D$  be the region bounded by the circle of radius 2 centered at the point with Cartesian coordinates  $(0,2)$  in the plane. Set up, *but do not evaluate*, a polar coordinates integral that represents the area of the **left half** of  $D$ . (*Caution:* In order to get full credit for your answer, the limits of integration you use should correspond to the left half of  $D$ .)



$$\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{(4 \sin \theta)^2}{2} d\theta$$

4. (Bonus 5 points) Set up, but do not evaluate, a polar coordinates integral that represents the area of the triangle with Cartesian coordinates  $(0,0)$ ,  $(1,0)$  and  $(1,1)$ .



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x=1 \text{ or } r \cos \theta = 1 \\ \downarrow \\ r = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)^2 d\theta$$