

**SM311O (Third Exam)**  
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1. **(20 Points)** Give parametrizations for the following curves or surfaces:
  - (a) The straight line connecting  $(1, 2, 3)$  to  $(1, 4, 9)$ .
  - (b) The disk of radius 2 centered at the origin and located in the plane  $z = 1$ .
  - (c) The circle of radius 2, centered at  $(1, 1, 1)$  and located in the plane  $z = 1$ .
  - (d) The surface  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  with the circular domain  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ .
2. **(20 Points)** Compute the flux of the velocity field  $\mathbf{v} = x^2\mathbf{k}$  through the surface  $S$ , the disk of radius 3 in the  $xy$ -plane centered at the origin.
3. **(20 points)** Compute the acceleration of the velocity field  $\mathbf{v} = \left\langle \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, -\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right\rangle$ .
4. **(15 Points)** Let  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  stand for the angular velocity of Earth.
  - (a) Assuming that  $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \Omega\mathbf{k}$  where  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector in the  $z$  direction, find  $\Omega$ . (Hint: It takes 24 hours for our planet to go through one rotation.)
  - (b) Let  $\mathbf{r}$  be the position vector of a typical point  $P$  on Earth. We have seen in class that  $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$  is the centripetal acceleration at  $P$ . Assuming that the radius of Earth is 6000 kilometers, compute the magnitude of the centripetal acceleration at a typical point on the equator.
5. **(15 Points)** Let  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  form a basis of unit vectors at a typical point on Earth, which rotates with angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ . Let  $\mathbf{v} = u\mathbf{e}_1 + v\mathbf{e}_2 + w\mathbf{e}_3$  be a typical velocity vector measured at a typical point  $P$  on Earth. We have seen in class that  $\mathbf{f} = 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}$  measures the Coriolis force imparted on the fluid particle  $P$ .
  - (a) Find the components of  $\mathbf{f}$  in terms of  $\Omega$ , the magnitude of  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ , and  $\phi$  the latitude of  $P$ .
  - (b) Compute  $\mathbf{f}$  when  $P$  is at the north pole; When  $P$  is at the equator.
6. **(10 Points)** In the process of studying the problem of the fluid flow induced by an oscillating plate, we came across the differential equation

$$y'' - iy = 0$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Find the general solution of this differential equation. (Hint:  $\sqrt{i} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)$ .)