

# Exam 2 Review Questions - Calculus III - Spring 2025

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Exam 2 will cover sections 15.1-15.7 and 16.1-16.5.

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## “Shapes Review” Practice Questions:

- Graphs in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : You should know how to sketch the following graphs. Be able to use algebra to find intercepts and intersection points.
  - What are equations of lines? Sketch them.
  - Equation of a parabola whose  $y$ -intercept is  $c$ ? Sketch it.
  - Equation of a circle with radius  $r$  centered at the origin? Equation of the upper half of the circle? Equation of the lower half of the circle? Sketch them.
  - Sketch the square root function:  $y = \sqrt{x}$
- Graphs in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ : Be able to visualize the following graphs in order to set up double and triple integrals.
  - What are cylinders? A special cylinder is described by the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . Sketch it.
  - What is a general equation of a plane?
  - Write an equation of the sphere of radius  $r$  centered at the origin, the upper hemisphere, and the lower hemisphere. Sketch them.
  - Describe the (closed) ball of radius  $r$  centered at the origin. Sketch it.
  - Write down the equation of a paraboloid which opens up, whose  $z$ -intercept is  $(0, 0, a)$ . Write down the same paraboloid which opens down.

## Answers to the “Shapes Review”:

- Graphs in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :
  - Lines  $y = mx + b$  or  $x = c$
  - Basic parabolas:  $y = ax^2 + c$
  - Circle with radius  $r$  centered at the origin:  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$   
Solving for  $y$ , we get  $y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$  (upper semicircle) and  $y = -\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$  (lower semicircle).
  - Square root function:  $y = \sqrt{x}$
- Graphs in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - Cylinders: Graphs whose equations don't involve all of the variables  $x, y$ , and  $z$ . In particular, you should know about the special cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .
  - Planes:  $ax + by + cz = d$   
Be able to sketch the plane in the first octant when  $a, b, c, d > 0$ .
  - Sphere of radius  $r$  centered at the origin:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$   
Solving for  $z$ , we get  $z = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}$  (hemisphere above the  $xy$ -plane) and  $z = -\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}$  (hemisphere below the  $xy$ -plane).
  - Ball of radius  $r$  centered at the origin:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq r^2$   
This is the set of all points on the sphere from part (c) plus all of the points inside the sphere.
  - Basic circular paraboloid:  $z = x^2 + y^2 + a$  (opens up) and  $z = a - x^2 - y^2$  (opens down).

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Textbook and MML review problems:

To review MML homework, go to your “Gradebook” on Pearson, select “entire course to date” on the drop-down menu, then click on “Review”.

1. MML Section 15.1 Problems 1, 3, 4, 6, 7
  2. Textbook Section 15.2 Examples 1 and 2, and MML Section 15.2 Problem 3
  3. MML Section 15.3 Problems 1, 4, 7, 8 ; MML Section 15.4 Problems 2, 7, 8
  4. MML Section 15.5 Problems 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 ; MML Section 15.6 Problems 1, 3, 5, 6
  5. MML Section 15.7 Problems 2, 4, 6, 7
  6. MML Section 16.1 Problems 7, 8 ; MML Section 16.2 Problems 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13.
  7. MML Section 16.3 Problems 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 ; MML Section 16.4 Problems 3, 5
  8. MML Section 16.5 Problems 2, 4, 6, 7
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Additional review problems:

1. Let  $f(x, y) = 9y - x^2y - y^2 + 6$ .
  - (a) Compute  $\nabla f$ .
  - (b) Compute the following directional derivatives. (Recall that  $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ .)
    - i.  $D_{\mathbf{i}}f(3, -1)$
    - ii.  $D_{\mathbf{j}}f(3, -1)$
    - iii.  $D_{\mathbf{w}}f(3, -1)$ , where  $\mathbf{w}$  is a unit vector in the direction of  $\langle -2, 5 \rangle$ .
  - (c) Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $f(x, y)$  at the point  $(x, y) = (3, -1)$ .
  - (d) Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  which gives the direction of steepest ascent (fastest increase) for the function  $f(x, y)$  at the point  $(x, y) = (3, -1)$ . Then compute the rate of change of  $f$  in this direction.
  - (e) Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{v}$  which gives the direction of steepest descent (fastest decrease) for the function  $f(x, y)$  at the point  $(x, y) = (3, -1)$ . Then compute  $D_{\mathbf{v}}f(3, -1)$ .
  - (f) (Question Removed)
  - (g) Find a nonzero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which gives a direction of no change in the function  $f(x, y)$  from the point  $(x, y) = (3, -1)$ .
  - (h) Find the critical points of  $f(x, y)$ , then classify them using the second derivative test.
  - (i) **For this part only**, assume that  $x, y$  are both functions of  $t, u$ . Set up the chain rule for computing  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$ . Then compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$  if  $x = t^3u$  and  $y = tu^2$ .
2. Find a normal vector to the surface  $xy - z^2 = y^2z - 1$  at the point  $(7, 3, 2)$ . Then find the equation of the tangent plane at this point.
3. Let  $R$  be the region in the  $xy$ -plane bound by the lines  $x + y = 2$ ,  $y - x = 2$ , and  $y = 5$ . Set up a single iterated double integral to compute  $\iint_R f(x, y) dA$  using the order of integration  $dx dy$  or  $dy dx$  (whichever one is appropriate). Then compute the double integral using the function  $f(x, y) = x^2$ .

4. Reverse the order of integration of  $\int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^2 3e^{(x^3)} dx dy$ , then evaluate the integral.
5. Consider the region  $R$  in the second quadrant, bound the line  $y = -x$ , the  $x$ -axis, and curve  $y = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ . (This is a “wedge” contained in the second quadrant.) Write  $R$  in set-builder notation using polar coordinates:

$$R = \{(r, \theta) : \text{_____} \leq r \leq \text{_____} \text{ and } \text{_____} \leq \theta \leq \text{_____}\}$$

6. Convert the following double integral from Cartesian to polar coordinates. Then evaluate the integral:
- $$\int_{-3}^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \sin(\pi x^2 + \pi y^2) dy dx$$
7. Consider the region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane bound by the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 6x - 8$ . Let  $D$  be the solid lying above the region  $R$  and below the plane  $z = x$ .
- Use the appropriate double integral to compute the volume of the solid  $D$ .
  - Use the appropriate triple integral to compute the volume of the solid  $D$ .
  - Find the average value of the function  $f(x, y) = x$  over the region  $R$ .
8. Consider the solid below the paraboloid  $z = 16 - x^2 - y^2$  and above the  $xy$ -plane. A cylindrical hole is cut through this solid using the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , resulting in a new solid  $D$ . Set up a double integral in polar coordinates for computing the volume of the solid  $D$ , then compute the volume.
9. Consider the solid  $D$  bound by the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 20$  and the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  in the first octant. Set up a triple integral in cylindrical coordinates to compute the volume of this solid.
10. Let  $D$  be the top half of a ball of radius 3 centered at the origin. Find the average distance of points in  $D$  from the origin using the appropriate triple integral in spherical coordinates.

*Hint:* Set up a function  $f(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$  which gives the distance of the point  $(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$  to the origin. Then use the triple integral formula for the average of a function.

*Answers to additional review problems:*

- $\langle -2xy, 9 - x^2 - 2y \rangle$
    - 6
      - 2
      - $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$
    - $z = -11 + 6x + 2y$  or  $6x + 2y - z = 11$
    - $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \rangle$ ,  
max rate of change is  $2\sqrt{10}$
    - $\mathbf{v} = \langle -\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \rangle$ ,  
 $D_{\mathbf{v}}f(3, -1) = -2\sqrt{10}$
    - (Question removed)
    - $\langle 1, -3 \rangle$  or any nonzero scalar multiple of this vector
    - Critical points:  $(0, \frac{9}{2})$ ,  $(3, 0)$ ,  $(-3, 0)$   
 $(0, \frac{9}{2})$  is a local maximum, and the other two points are saddle points.
    - Chain rule:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$
- 2nd answer:  $-7t^6u^4 - 2tu^4 + 9u^2$

2. Normal vector:  $\langle -3, 5, 13 \rangle$  (or a nonzero scalar multiple)

$$\text{Equation: } -3x + 5y + 13z = 20$$

3. Iterated integral:  $\int_2^5 \int_{-y+2}^{y-2} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$

$$\text{2nd answer: } \iint_R x^2 \, dA = \frac{27}{2}$$

4. Iterated integral in reverse order:  $\int_0^2 \int_0^{x^2} e^{(x^3)} \, dy \, dx$

$$\text{2nd answer: } e^8 - 1$$

5.  $R = \{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 5 \text{ and } \frac{3\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$

6. 1

7. volume 4, average value 3

8.  $72\pi$

9.  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \int_{r^2}^{\sqrt{20-r^2}} r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$

10.  $\frac{9}{4}$