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# MATHEMATICS I AND II EXAM

**for students of Earth Sciences, Food Science,  
Agricultural Science and Environmental Sciences**

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**Important:**

- Lay your ETH-Card visible on the table.
- Fill in the heading of the front page.
- Note all intermediate results and approaches to the solution.
- Write your name on each additional sheet.
- After each exercise there is its maximally reachable number of points.
- Use a blue or a black pen.

**Permitted aid material:**

- written notes (40 A4-pages)
- **no** calculator
- **no** mobile phone

Good Luck!

1. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ -2 & -4 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Is the system

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

solvable?

3 points

b) Solve the system

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}.$$

3 points

c) What is the dimension of the space of solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ?

2 points



2. We consider the family of matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are real parameters.

a) Compute the inverse  $A^{-1}$ , when  $a = b = 1$ .

3 points

b) For which values  $a$  and  $b$  is  $A$  invertible?

You do **not** have to determine the inverses.

3 points

c) What is the rank of  $A$ , when  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ ?

2 points



3. We consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= -x(t) - 2y(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= 3x(t) + 4y(t) \end{cases}$$

a) Determine the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the coefficient matrix of this system.

4 points

b) Determine the general solution of this system.

2 points

c) Is the origin a stable or an unstable equilibrium point? Do not forget to justify your answer.

2 points





4. We consider differential equations of the form

$$y'' + 4y' + 13y = f(x),$$

where  $y(x)$  is an unknown real function and  $f(x)$  is a given real function.

a) Determine the zeros of the characteristic polynomial.

2 points

b) Determine the general solution of the differential equation, when

$$f(x) = -40 \sin x.$$

4 points

c) Can a nontrivial solution of the homogeneous differential equation (that is with  $f(x) \equiv 0$ ) be periodic? Do not forget to justify your answer.

2 points



5. Let  $f(x)$  be the function defined for  $x > 0$  with

$$f'(x) = x \ln x \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 0.$$

a) What is the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \ln x}{\sin(x - 1)} \quad ?$$

2 points

b) What is the smallest value of  $f(x)$ ?

3 points

c) Determine  $f(x)$ .

3 points



6. The position of a particle at time  $t$  is given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \\ t \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

a) Give a parametrisation of the tangent line to this path at time  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

2 points

b) What is the length of the part of the curve between the points

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ \pi \end{pmatrix}?$$

3 points

c) This particle moves in the gradient vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Give a potential function of  $\vec{F}$ .

What is the work of  $\vec{F}$  from point  $A$  to point  $B$  from part (b) along this curve?

3 points



7. Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^4 - 2y^2 + 1.$$

a) Determine all critical points of  $f$ .

2 points

b) Classify the critical points of  $f$  (as saddle point, local minimum, local maximum).

3 points

c) Determine the maximal and the minimal value, that  $f$  achieves on the line segment given by

$$y = x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

3 points





8. Let  $V$  be the solid body above the plane

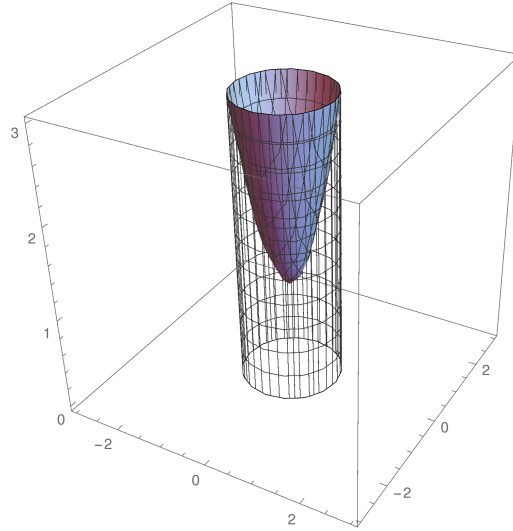
$$z = 0,$$

below the paraboloid

$$z = 1 + 2x^2 + 2y^2,$$

and within the cylinder

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$



a) Compute the volume of  $V$ .

4 points

b) Determine the divergence of

$$\vec{G}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{z}{y^2+1} + 2xyz \\ \sin(xz) - y^2z \\ x^2 + y^2 + z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Can  $\vec{G}$  be the rotation of another vector field  $\vec{F}$ ? Do not forget to justify your answer.

2 points

c) Compute the outwards flux of the above vector field  $\vec{G}$  through the surface of  $V$ .

2 points



9. We consider the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} = u_t + 2u \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(2\pi, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

- a) After applying separation of variables  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  this partial differential equation splits into a system of ordinary differential equations for  $X(x)$  and  $T(t)$  depending on a parameter  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

What is the corresponding system?

3 points

- b) Determine a series of eigenfunctions

$$u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

of the homogeneous part of this problem.

3 points

- c) Solve the initial-boundary value problem for

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 2\pi - x, & \pi < x \leq 2\pi \end{cases},$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \cos((2k+1)x)$$

is the cosine-series of  $f(x)$ .

2 points



10. We consider the temperature distribution  $u(x, t)$  in a bar, which is modelled by the following partial differential equation:

$$u_t = 4u_{xx}.$$

- a) Let  $L = 2$  be the length of the bar and let the ends be kept at constant temperature  $-1$  and  $1$ . Solve the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 4u_{xx} \\ u(-1, t) = -1, \quad u(1, t) = 1 \\ u(x, 0) = x + 7 \sin(3\pi x). \end{cases}$$

Hint: You may use eigenfunctions of the corresponding homogeneous problem without deriving them.

3 points

- b) Determine the Fourier-integral of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3 points

- c) For modelling purposes let the bar be infinitely long. Determine an integral expression of the bounded solution  $u(x, t)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  of

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 4u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), \end{cases}$$

where  $f(x)$  is the function from part (b).

2 points



**11. Instructions:** Mark the correct answer. There is always only one answer correct and 2 points per question. Wrong or multiple crosses are valued with 0 points.

11.1 Which is a parametrisation of the ellipse

$$(x - 1)^2 + (2y + 2)^2 = 4 \quad ?$$

(a)  $x = 2 + \cos t, \quad y = 1 - \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$

(b)  $x = 1 + \cos t, \quad y = -1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$

(c)  $x = 2 - 2 \cos t, \quad y = -\frac{1}{2} - \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$

(d)  $x = 1 + 2 \cos t, \quad y = -1 + \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$

11.2 Which pair of conic sections does **not** intersect?

(a)  $x^2 - y^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + y^2 = 4.$

(b)  $x^2 - y^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + y^2 = 1.$

(c)  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad 4x^2 + y^2 = 4.$

(d)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 16x^2 + y^2 = 4.$



11.3 Let  $f(x, y)$  be four times continuously differentiable and with

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{2x} - y.$$

Which statement is **wrong**?

(a)  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = e^{2y} - x.$

(c)  $\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x \partial y^2} = -1.$

(b)  $\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y \partial x^2} = 2e^{2x}.$

(d)  $\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} = 0.$

11.4 The level curve

$$x^2 + y^4 - 2y^2 = 1$$

is in a neighborhood of the point  $(1, \sqrt{2})$  the graph of a function  $x = x(y)$ . What is the value of  $x'(\sqrt{2})$ ?

(a)  $-2\sqrt{2}.$

(c)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}.$

(b)  $-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}.$

(d)  $2\sqrt{2}.$

11.5 We consider the function

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y} + \sqrt{\sin z}.$$

In which direction  $\vec{u}$  is the directional derivative of  $f$  at the point  $P = (1, 1, \frac{\pi}{2})$  maximal and how big is this maximal value?

(a)  $\vec{u} = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)^T$ ,  $D_{\vec{u}}f(P) = 2$ .

(b)  $\vec{u} = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)^T$ ,  $D_{\vec{u}}f(P) = -2$

(c)  $\vec{u} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)^T$ ,  $D_{\vec{u}}f(P) = \sqrt{2}$ .

(d)  $\vec{u} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)^T$ ,  $D_{\vec{u}}f(P) = -\sqrt{2}$ .

11.6 Which is the quadratic Taylor-polynomial of

$$f(x, y) = \frac{e^x}{1+y}$$

at the origin  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ?

(a)  $1 + x + y + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + xy + y^2$ .

(b)  $1 + x - y + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - xy + y^2$ .

(c)  $1 + x + y + x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2$ .

(d)  $1 + x - y + x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2$ .

11.7 After changing the order of integration the integral

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy dx + \int_{-2}^0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2}x}^1 f(x, y) dy dx$$

is equal to

(a)  $\int_{-2}^1 \int_{2y}^2 f(x, y) dx dy.$

(b)  $\int_0^1 \int_{-2y}^2 f(x, y) dx dy.$

(c)  $\int_0^2 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx dy + \int_{-2}^0 \int_{-\frac{1}{2}y}^1 f(x, y) dx dy.$

(d)  $\int_0^1 \int_0^2 f(x, y) dx dy + \int_0^1 \int_0^{2y} f(x, y) dx dy.$

11.8 We consider the region defined by

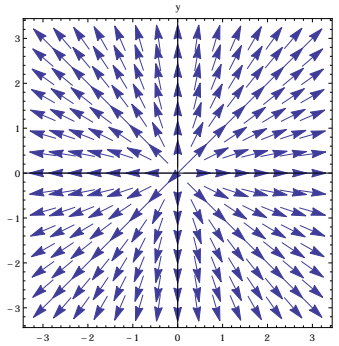
$$1 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4 \quad \text{and} \quad z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Which description in spherical coordinates corresponds to this region?

(a)  $1 \leq R \leq 2$  and  $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{4}.$        (c)  $1 \leq R \leq 4$  and  $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{4}.$

(b)  $1 \leq R \leq 2$  and  $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}.$        (d)  $1 \leq R \leq 4$  and  $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}.$

11.9 Which vector field matches this sketch?



(a)  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$ .

(b)  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$ .

(c)  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \left( \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$ .

(d)  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \left( \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$ .

11.10 Let  $\vec{H} = (H_1, H_2)$  be a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , so that  $\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}$  and the circulation of  $\vec{H}$  along the unit circle  $C_1 : x^2 + y^2 = 1$  in positive direction is  $\oint_{C_1} H_1 dx + H_2 dy = 1$ .

What is the circulation of  $\vec{H}$  along the circle  $C_2 : x^2 + y^2 = 4$  in positive direction?

(a) 1.

(c) -1.

(b) 4.

(d) -4.