Math 10C - Fall 2009 - Midterm I

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**Instructions:**

Please print your name, student ID and section time.

During the test, you may not use books or telephones. You may use a "cheat sheet" of notes which should be a page, front only.

Read each question carefully, and show all your work. Answers with no explanation will receive no credit, even if they are correct.

There are 5 questions which are worth 50 points. You have 50 minutes to complete the test.

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Problem 1. [8 points.]

Consider the vectors
\[ \mathbf{v} = i + 2j, \quad \mathbf{w} = 3i - j. \]

(i) [3 points] Draw the two vectors \( \mathbf{v} \) and \( \mathbf{w} \) in standard position, and draw their sum \( \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \).

(ii) [2 points] Compute the vector \( 2\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w} \).

(iii) [3 points] Find the unit vector \( \mathbf{u} \) in the direction of \( \mathbf{w} \).
Problem 2. [10 points.]

Consider the function

\[ f(x, y) = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2. \]

(i) [5 points] Draw the contour diagram for \( f(x, y) \) and clearly label the level curves. Show the contours for at least three levels.

(ii) [5 points] Draw the graph of \( z = f(x, y) \).
Problem 3. [10 points.]

(i) [5 points] Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a linear function of $x$ and $y$, with slope 3 in the $x$ direction and slope $-2$ in the $y$ direction. A change of .1 in $x$ and $-.2$ in $y$ produces what change in $z$?

(ii) [5 points] The graph of a linear function $z = g(x, y)$ passes through the point $(1, 2, 5)$. The graph intersects the $xz$ plane along the line $z = 3x + 6$. Determine the linear function $g$. 
Problem 4. [10 points.]

(i) [3 points] Write the following sum in a simpler form
\[
\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \ldots + \frac{3}{2^{2009}}.
\]

(ii) [3 points] Find the value of \( z \) for which
\[
1 - z + z^2 - z^3 + \ldots = \frac{3}{4}.
\]
(iii) [4 points] Find the quadratic Taylor polynomial (around 0) for the function $f(x) = \ln(x^2+1)$.

**Problem 5.** [12 points.]

The outcome $x$ of an experiment has the cumulative density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 
  c \left( 1 - \frac{4}{x^2} \right) & \text{for } x \geq 2, \\
  0 & \text{for } x < 2.
\end{cases}$$

(i) [3 points] Sketch the graph of $f(x)$. Show that we must have $c = 1$. 
(ii) [3 points] Determine the probability density function.

(iii) [3 points] What is the median outcome of the experiment?

(iv) [3 points] Find the mean value for the outcome of the experiment.