

Homework 1 - Review material.
Not to be handed in

Linear algebra

Notation: $(\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$ are the unit basis vectors of the Cartesian coordinate system.

1. The angular momentum vector \vec{H} of a particle of mass m is defined by $\vec{H} = \vec{r} \times (m\vec{v})$, where $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$.

(a) Using the result,

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c},$$

show that if \vec{r} is perpendicular to $\vec{\omega}$, then $\vec{H} = mr^2\vec{\omega}$.

(b) Given that $m = 100$, $\vec{r} = 0.1(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{\omega} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, calculate $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega}$ and \vec{H} .

2. Given $\vec{a} = -1\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = q\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + q\hat{k}$,

(a) Calculate $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$.

(b) Determine the values of q for which \vec{a} is perpendicular to \vec{b} .

(c) Determine the values of q for which $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{0}$.

Integration

3. Evaluate the following,

$$\text{a) } \int_0^1 x\sqrt{2x+1} dx \quad \text{b) } \int \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{x} dx \quad \text{c) } \int_1^e (\ln x)^2 dx$$

4. Evaluate the following, where R is bounded by $0 \leq x \leq 1, x^2 \leq y \leq x$,

$$\iint_R \frac{x}{y} e^y dx dy.$$

Differentiation

5. Given a scalar function $F(x(t), y(t))$, that depends on two variables (x, y) that are themselves functions of t ,

(a) Determine the Taylor polynomial approximation of $F(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y)$ up to and including first-order terms in Δx and Δy .

(b) Calculate the derivative of $F(x(t), y(t))$ with respect to t : dF/dt .

6. Find the one-parameter family of solutions for the following differential equations,

$$\text{a) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{b) } \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{e^y \sin^2 \theta}{y \sec \theta}$$