

Math 240: Syllabus and Vector Functions

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Outline

- 1 Syllabus Highlights
- 2 Vector Valued Functions
- 3 Del, Grad

Welcome

Adding the Course

Speak to Robin Toney in the Math office on the 4th floor of DRL.

Space is limited.

Syllabus Highlights

- 1 My contact info
- 2 TA's contact info
- 3 Three lectures and 1 recitation a week

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If the need to do any of the above becomes too great please step outside

Course Webpage

<http://www.math.upenn.edu/~ryblair/Math240S12/index.html>

Here you will find

- 1 Lecture slides
- 2 Homework assignments
- 3 A copy of the syllabus
- 4 A link to Blackboard (where your quiz homework and test scores are posted)
- 5 Other useful links

Email

- 1 Include Math 240 in the subject line
- 2 Send it from a Penn account
- 3 The body should include your name and your recitation number
- 4 Allow 24 hrs for a reply
- 5 Direct homework and quiz questions to your TA, everything else to me

Text

Advanced Engineering Mathematics, 3rd Ed. Dennis Zill and Michael Cullen,

ISBN-13: 978-0-7637-4591-2

No bundle necessary.

Grading

- 1 10% Homework
- 2 10% Quizzes
- 3 20% Midterm 1
- 4 25% Midterm 2
- 5 35% Final

Homework

- 1 Homework will be assigned each Monday based on that week's lectures.
- 2 You can find the current homework assignment on the course website.
- 3 Homework will be collected each Friday's lecture 11 days after it is assigned.
- 4 Half the homework score is based on completeness and half on correctness.

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Exams

Mark your calendars

- 1 Midterm 1: Feb. 10
- 2 Midterm 2: Mar. 23
- 3 Final: May 4

Vector Valued Functions

Goals

- 1 Review vector valued functions.
- 2 Introduce del and grad .

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Important: These are the parameterized curves we will integrate along

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In the case $z = f(x, y)$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ is the slope of the curve of intersection between $z = f(x, y)$ and $y = c$ where c is some constant.

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Example: Guess the gradient of $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ at $(1, 1, 1)$ by interpreting the function as volume of a box.