

Spring, 2015

**MATH 4250/6250**  
**PROBLEM SET #1**

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**Instructions:** Turn in (at least) five problems of your choice, but **including any underlined problem(s)**. Graduate students should include at least one “pyramid” problem.

*Problems to work but not hand in:* #A.1.1, A.1.4, A.2.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.4, 1.1.6, 1.1.8, 1.2.1c.



#A.2.2, A.2.3, 1.1.5, 1.1.7, 1.2.1ab\*.

**A.** Show that every circle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (or in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for  $n > 3$ ) can be parametrized by a function of the form  $\beta(t) = P_0 + (\cos t)\mathbf{v}_1 + (\sin t)\mathbf{v}_2$  for some pair  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  of vectors satisfying  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}_1\| = \|\mathbf{v}_2\|$ . Explicitly so parametrize the intersection of the sphere of radius 5 centered at the origin with the plane  $x + 2y + 2z = 9$ .



#1.1.9, 1.1.10, 1.2.7.



#1.1.13, 3.4.8 **and** 3.4.10<sup>†</sup>.

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\*Note that these count as a single problem.

<sup>†</sup>Especially for students interested in physics. This combination will count as 1.5 problems.