

MAS231 Geometry II

Test

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The duration of this test is 45 minutes. Write your name and student number in the spaces below.

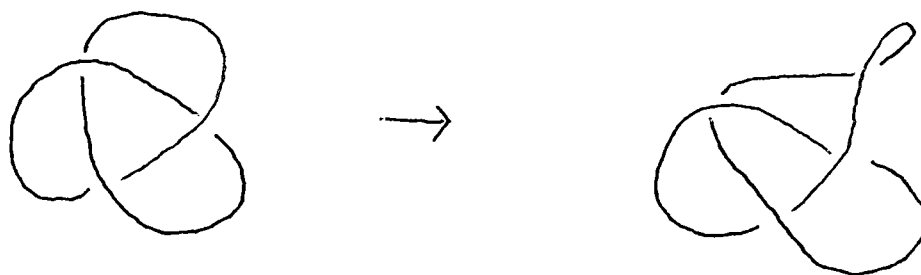
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Answer all questions. Write all answers in the spaces provided. If you run out of space for an answer, continue on the back of the page.

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1.



- (a) **5marks** Which Reidemeister move is used in the transition between the two knot diagrams above?
- (b) **7marks** Either find a tricolouring of the knot diagram on the right in the two knot diagrams above or prove that no tricolouring exists.
- (c) **8marks** Find the writhe of the knot diagram on the right in the two knot diagrams above. Do you expect it to be the same as the writhe of the knot diagram on the left in the two knot diagrams above?

2.

- (a) 6marks State the inductive definition of the Kauffman bracket B .

- (b) 7marks Find the Kauffman bracket of the knot diagram



- (c) 7marks Using the result in part (b), find the Kauffman Bracket of this link:



3. 6marks Define the Jones polynomial $J(t)$ of a knot diagram in terms of its writhe W and Kauffman Bracket. State what is the Jones polynomial $J_R(t)$ of the mirror image of a knot in terms of the Jones polynomial $J(t)$ of the knot itself.

4. 6marks Suppose that $\gamma(t)$ and $\mu(t)$ are curves in $\mathbb{R}^3$ and define $\dot{\gamma}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\gamma(t)$ and $\dot{\mu}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\mu(t)$. Prove that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma(t) \cdot \mu(t)) = \dot{\gamma}(t) \cdot \mu(t) + \gamma(t) \cdot \dot{\mu}(t)$$

5. 8marks Prove that if $\gamma(t)$ is a unit-speed curve with curvature $K = 0$, then $\gamma(t)$ is contained in a line.

6.

- (a) 5marks Sketch the curve $\gamma(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t), t)$ where $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ and determine its arc length for $t \geq 0$ starting from $\gamma(0)$.
- (b) 6marks Use your answer to part (a) to find a unit-speed reparametrization $\tilde{\gamma}(s)$ of the curve in (a).
- (c) 9marks Find the curvature K , torsion T , and the orthonormal vectors $\vec{\tau}, \vec{\nu}, \vec{\beta}$ for the curve $\gamma(t)$ in (a).

7.

- (a) 6marks Define the *signed curvature* K_S of a planar curve in the x - y plane and compute it for the curve $\gamma(t) = (t, 1/t^2, 0)$, $t \in (0, \infty)$.

- (b) 6marks State a result relating the angular change of a curve and an integral involving K_S . Use this with the curve in part (a) to show that $\int_0^\infty \frac{6t^2}{4+t^6} dt = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

- (c) 8marks If a planar curve $\gamma(t)$ in the x - y plane is unit-speed, then use the definition of K_S to show that $\ddot{\gamma} = K_S \vec{n}$ where $\vec{n} = \vec{k} \times \dot{\gamma}$ where $\vec{k}$ is the vector $\vec{k} = (0, 0, 1)$.