Fall 2011 1

Topics for Exam 1

1. Euclidean Space

- 1.1 Definition of n-Dimensional Euclidean Space
- 1.2 Spans, Lines and Planes
- 1.3 Dot Product and Euclidean Norm
- 1.4 Orthogonality and Projections
- 1.5 The Cross Product in \mathbb{R}^3

2. Continuous Functions

- 2.1 Vector fields, scalar fields and paths
- 2.2 Definition of continuous function
- 2.3 Compositions of Continuous Functions
- 2.4 Limits and continuity

3. Differentiability

3.1 Differentiability of paths

Relevant sections in the text: Sections 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.5, 4.1 and 4.2.

Relevant chapters in the online class notes: Chapters 2, 3 and Section 4.5.1.

Important Concepts: Euclidean space, dot product, orthogonal projections, cross product, continuous function, derivative of a path.

Important Skills: Know how to compute projections; know how to find equations of lines and planes; know how to show that a function is continuous or not; know how to compute the derivative of a path.