

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Examination for the Degree of B.Sc. and M.Sci. (Level 5)

**MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS**

MATH 20901

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*This paper contains **two** questions. Both answers are used for assessment.*

*Calculators are **not** permitted in this examination.*

*On this examination, the marking scheme is indicative and is intended only as a guide to the relative weighting of the questions.*

*Do not turn over until instructed.*

1. (a) (6 marks)

A function  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  maps  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  into  $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, \dots, F_n)$ . Define the derivative of the map,  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})$ . What is special about  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})$  if  $\mathbf{F}$  is a linear map ?

(b) (6 marks)

If  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1 x_2^2 / x_3, \cos(x_1 x_3))$ , calculate  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})$ .

(c) Two functions  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$  map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ .

(i) (8 marks)

Define  $\nabla(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x})$ .

(ii) (10 marks)

By considering  $\mathbf{u} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$  and  $\mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$  show that

$$\nabla(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}).$$

(d) Let  $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a map defining the transformation  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ .

(i) (6 marks)

Compute the Jacobian determinant of the transformation,  $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$ . When is the map invertible ?

(ii) (6 marks)

Construct a local basis  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  in the new coordinate system.

(iii) (8 marks)

For a scalar function  $f(x, y)$  derive the expression for  $\nabla f$  in the local basis  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ . Hence, or otherwise show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\right)^2$$

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2. (a) (8 marks)

Calculate the gradient of the function  $f(\mathbf{r}) = \sin(xz) - \sin(yx)$  where  $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)$  and confirm in this case that  $\nabla \times \nabla f = 0$ .

(b) (6 marks)

For any scalar functions  $f, g$ , prove that  $\nabla \times (f\nabla g) = \nabla f \times \nabla g$ .

(c) (8 marks)

You are given that a vector field  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$  is everywhere parallel to the normals of a family of surfaces  $g(\mathbf{r}) = \text{constant}$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

(d) In this part of the question, consider the vector field  $\mathbf{f} = (2z, x, y^2)$  and the surface  $S$  described by the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  in  $z \geq 0$ .

(i) (6 marks)

Calculate  $\nabla \times \mathbf{f}$ .

(ii) (12 marks)

Calculate the surface integral

$$\int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

in which  $d\mathbf{S}$  is directed outwards from the surface of the paraboloid.

(iii) (10 marks)

State Stokes's theorem and use it to make an independent calculation of the integral.

*End of examination.*