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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) (10 marks)

What condition must a general function  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  satisfy to be linear ?

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ . Which of the following is a linear map ? In each case find the derivative.

$$(i) \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1/x_2, x_2^2 + x_1^2, e^{x_1}), \quad (ii) \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)$$

(b) (10 marks)

Find the directional derivative of  $\mathbf{G}$  in the direction  $(1, -2)$  using two different methods.

(c) Let  $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the mapping  $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \equiv (x, y)$ .

(i) (6 marks)

Calculate the Jacobian of the mapping,  $\partial(x, y)/\partial(r, \theta)$ . When is the mapping invertible ?

(ii) (8 marks)

Construct a local basis  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  as functions of  $(r, \theta)$  and define the gradient operator in terms of the local basis.

(iii) (10 marks)

Use the definition of the gradient operator to show that the divergence of  $\mathbf{F} = F_r(r, \theta)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  is

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial r} + \frac{F_r}{r}.$$

(iv) (6 marks)

Find the most general function  $\phi(r)$  satisfying  $\Delta\phi = r$ .

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2. (a) (10 marks)

For two general vector fields  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})$ ,  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$  prove that  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$ .

(b) For this part let  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = (z^2 - y^2, x^2 - z^2, y^2 - x^2)$ .

(i) (6 marks)

Calculate  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ .

(ii) (10 marks)

Let  $C$  be the closed curve that is the boundary of the triangle with vertices at the points  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$ . Specify a direction along  $C$  and consider the closed-loop integral

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

Explain why the contribution to the integral is the same from each edge of  $C$ , and evaluate the integral above.

(iii) (6 marks)

State Stokes' theorem and use it to evaluate the surface integral

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where  $S$  is the triangle formed by the plane  $x + y + z = 1$  with  $C$  as its boundary. The normal to the surface points towards the origin.

(iv) (10 marks)

Verify your result by a direct calculation of the surface integral in part (b)(iii).

(c) (8 marks)

Let  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  be vector fields in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which also depend on time,  $t$ , and let them satisfy the relations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E}.$$

Show that, for any fixed volume  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  enclosed by a surface  $S$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \frac{1}{2} (|\mathbf{E}|^2 + |\mathbf{B}|^2) dV = - \int_S (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{S},$$

stating any results used.

*End of examination.*