

Multivariable Calculus MATH20901, Exam Solutions, January 2018

1. (a) (*First part of course. Bookwork definition & basic example.*)

Definition of linearity:

$$\mathbf{F}(\alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{y}) = \alpha\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) + \beta\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$$

for all \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} and scalars α, β .

(Can add: as a *consequence* of linearity $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for a constant matrix A .)

- (i) Is non-linear

$$\mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/x_2 & -x_1/x_2^2 \\ 2x_1 & 2x_2 \\ e^{x_1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (ii) Is linear

$$\mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) (*Following notes, examples in class & examples on worksheets. Also similar Q on 2015 exam.*)

First, normalise direction as $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2)/\sqrt{5}$, then method 1 is:

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1/x_2 + 2x_1/x_2^2 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 \\ e^{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and method 2 is:

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{G} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{x_1 + t/\sqrt{5}}{x_2 - 2t/\sqrt{5}}, (x_1 + t/\sqrt{5})^2 + (x_2 - 2t/\sqrt{5})^2, e^{x_1 + t/\sqrt{5}} \right)_{t=0}$$

which results in same answer.

- (c) (i) (*Bookwork & same as in 2016 exam*)

Jacobian is

$$J_{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Jacobian determinant is $|J_{\mathbf{r}}| = r$, so invertible if $r \neq 0$.

- (ii) (*Bookwork & same as in 2016 exam*)

First,

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} \bigg/ \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} \right| = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

and

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} \bigg/ \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} \right| = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$$

with scale factors $h_r = 1$, $h_{\theta} = r$. The gradient is (from the formula in lectures)

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{h_r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{h_{\theta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

(iii) (New, though done something similar on a problem sheet for spherical polars)

$$\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \cdot F_r \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial r} + F_r \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta} + F_r \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta}$$

Since $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ does not depend on r , $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = 1$, $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = 0$ and $\partial \hat{\mathbf{r}} / \partial \theta = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = 1$ we end up with the answer given.

(iv) (Unseen)

The Laplacian is $\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi$ and $\nabla \phi = \partial \phi / \partial r \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ so use $F_r = \partial \phi / \partial r$ and $F_\theta = 0$ in result above to give

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}.$$

The equation given (now just an ODE¹) can be written

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = r$$

and integrating up twice gives

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{9} r^3 + A \log r + B$$

2. (a) (On set homework, used in lectures)

Written in component form

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \epsilon_{ijk} u_j v_k = v_k \epsilon_{kij} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - u_j \epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial x_i} = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$$

where product rule and properties of ϵ_{ijk} have been used.

(b) (i) (Unseen but basic calculation)

$$\text{First } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z^2 - y^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 - z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y^2 - x^2) = 0.$$

$$\text{Second, } \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = (2y + 2z)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2z + 2x)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (2x + 2y)\hat{\mathbf{z}}.$$

(ii) (Unseen example, but integrals along triangular contours like this done on problems sheets and in problems classes. The bit on cyclic rotation is unseen.)

Do the integral along segment C_1 say from $(0, 0, 1)$ to $(1, 0, 0)$ first.

Parametrise C_1 by $\mathbf{p}(t) = (t, 0, 1 - t)$ for $0 < t < 1$. Then $\mathbf{p}'(t) = (1, 0, -1)$ and $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}(t)) = ((1 - t)^2, t^2 - (1 - t)^2, -t^2)$ so

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 ((1 - t)^2, t^2 - (1 - t)^2, -t^2) \cdot (1, 0, -1) dt = \frac{2}{3}$$

The other two line segments come to the same value because they just involve rotations about the origin in which $x \rightarrow z$, $z \rightarrow y$, $y \rightarrow x$ and the components of the vectors follow the same cyclic rotation $F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \dots$

So the answer is $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 2$. The direction of C is $(0, 0, 1)$ to $(1, 0, 0)$ to $(0, 1, 0)$ to $(0, 0, 1)$.

¹Students may recall the definition of the Laplacian in polars and use it here without having derived it

(iii) (*Bookwork*)

Stokes' theorem is

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

Given that the surface points towards the origin, need to make sure the orientation of C is aligned with direction of surface via RH thumb rule. Here it isn't, so answer from (ii) needs to be negated. Thus

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -2$$

(iv) (*As per comments made in (ii)*)

Surface is parametrised by, say, $\mathbf{s}(u, v) = (u, v, 1 - u - v)$ where $(u, v) \in D = \{0 < u < 1, 0 < v < 1 - u\}$. Now normal to surface is

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{s}_u \times \mathbf{s}_v = (1, 0, -1) \times (0, 1, -1) = (1, 1, 1)$$

However, need to negate because of definition of surface towards origin, so $\mathbf{N} = -(1, 1, 1)$.

Then, using result of part (b)(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= -2 \int_0^1 du \int_0^{1-u} dv (v + 1 - u - v, u + 1 - u - v, u + v) \cdot (1, 1, 1) \\ &= -2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-u} 2dv du = -2 \end{aligned}$$

(since area of D is a half – i.e. don't even need to do double integral).

(c) (*Unseen*)

The key is spotting that the LHS is

$$\int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} dV = \int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = - \int_V \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) dV$$

by part (a). Then use the divergence theorem to get the RHS.