



The exam consists of 6 problems. You have 180 minutes to answer the questions. You can achieve 100 points which includes a bonus of 10 points.

1. [6+6+3=15 Points] Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

- (a) Is  $f$  continuous at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ? Justify your answer.  
 (b) For which unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = v\mathbf{i} + w\mathbf{j}$  with  $v^2 + w^2 = 1$ , does the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(0, 0)$  exist?  
 (c) Is  $f$  differentiable at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ? Justify your answer.
2. [7+8=15 Points.] Let  $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x, y, z) \mapsto u(x, y, z)$  be a  $C^2$  function. By defining spherical coordinates according to  $(x, y, z) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$ , the function  $u(x, y, z)$  can be considered as a function  $f(\rho, \theta, \phi)$ .

- (a) Express  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$  in terms of partial derivatives with respect to  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  of the function  $u$ .  
 (b) Conversely the function  $f(\rho, \theta, \phi)$  can be considered as a function  $u(x, y, z)$ . Suppose that the function  $f$  depends only on  $\rho$  (i.e.  $f$  is independent of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ ). Show that in this case

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} u(x, y, z) = \frac{2}{\rho} f'(\rho) + f''(\rho).$$

3. [4+4+7=15 Points.] Consider the helix parametrized by  $\mathbf{r} : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = a \cos t \mathbf{i} + a \sin t \mathbf{j} + bt \mathbf{k},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants.

- (a) Determine the length of the helix and its parametrization by arclength  $s$ .  
 (b) At each point on the helix, determine the unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}$  and the curvature of the helix  $\kappa$ .  
 (c) Let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the unit vector with direction  $\frac{d}{ds}\mathbf{T}$  and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the unit vector defined as  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N}$ . Compute  $\mathbf{B}$  and show that  $\frac{d}{ds}\mathbf{B} = -\tau\mathbf{N}$  for some  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . Determine  $\tau$ .

4. [3+6+6=15 Points] Let  $S$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .
- Compute the tangent plane of  $S$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, -1/\sqrt{3})$ .
  - Use the Implicit Function Theorem to show that near the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, -1/\sqrt{3})$ , the sphere  $S$  can be considered to be the graph of a function  $f$  of  $x$  and  $y$ . Compute the partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  and show that the tangent plane found in (a) coincides with the graph of the linearization of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0) = (1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$ .
  - Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to determine the points on  $S$  where  $f(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3$  has maxima and minima, respectively.

5. [5+5+5=15 Points] For constants  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , define the vector field  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  as

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = ax \sin(\pi y) \mathbf{i} + (x^2 \cos(\pi y) + bye^{-z}) \mathbf{j} + y^2 e^{-z} \mathbf{k}.$$

- Show that  $\mathbf{F}$  to be conservative requires  $a = 2/\pi$  and  $b = -2$ .
- Determine a scalar potential for  $\mathbf{F}$  for the values of  $a$  and  $b$  given in part (a).
- For the values of  $a$  and  $b$  given in part (a), compute the line integral  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $C$  is the curve parametrized by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos t \mathbf{i} + \sin^2 t \mathbf{j} + \sin(2t) \mathbf{k}$$

with  $t \in [0, \pi/2]$ .

6. [8+7=15 Points] For  $r > 0$ , let  $S_r$  denote the sphere of radius  $r$  with center at the origin, oriented with outward normal. Suppose  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is of class  $C^1$  and is such that

$$\oiint_{S_r} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = ar + b \quad (1)$$

for fixed constants  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (a) Compute

$$\iiint_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \, dV,$$

where  $D = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 25 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 49\}$ .

- (b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{G}$  for some vector field  $\mathbf{G} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  of class  $C^2$  and Equation (1) holds for any  $r > 0$ . What conditions does this place on the constants  $a$  and  $b$ ?

1. a)  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

which for example equals 1 for  $\theta = 0$   
and -1 for  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

So  $f$  has no limit at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and  
hence cannot be continuous at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ .

b) 
$$\frac{f(tv, tw) - f(0, 0)}{t} = \frac{\frac{t^2 v^2 - t^2 w^2}{t^2 v^2 + t^2 w^2} - 0}{t}$$

$= \frac{1}{t} (v^2 - w^2)$ . For this to have a limit for  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  
 $v = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $w = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (independently)

c)  $f$  is not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$  as  $f$  is not  
continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad a) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\
 &= -s \sin \phi \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + s \sin \phi \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\
 &= -y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \frac{df}{ds} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} \frac{df}{ds} \\
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} \frac{df}{ds} \right) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \frac{d^2 f}{ds^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{df}{ds} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \frac{d^2 f}{ds^2} + \frac{df}{ds} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2}{r^2} \frac{d^2 f}{ds^2} + \frac{df}{ds} \frac{r - \frac{x^2}{r}}{r^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

similarly for  $y$  and  $z$ .

Summing the four for  $x, y$  and  $z$  gives

$$\frac{d^2 f}{ds^2} + \left( \frac{3}{r} - \frac{r^2}{r^3} \right) \frac{df}{ds} = \frac{2}{s} f'(s) + f''(s)$$

3. (a)  $r'(t) = -a \sin t \mathbf{i} + a \cos t \mathbf{j} + b \mathbf{k} \Rightarrow$  arclength

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|r'(t)\| dt = \int_0^t (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} dt = t(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}$$

$s(t) = t(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} =$  length of the helix

parametrization by arclength.

$$\tilde{r}(s) = a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} + a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} s \mathbf{k}$$

$s \in [0, t(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}]$

b) unit tangent vector

$$T = \frac{d\tilde{r}}{ds} = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\frac{dT}{ds} = -\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} + 0 \cdot \mathbf{k}$$

curvature:

$$K = \left\| \frac{dT}{ds} \right\| = \left( \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

c)  $N = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a} \left( -\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} \right)$

$$= -\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} - \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j}$$

$$B = T \times N = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ -\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & -\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= +\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\frac{dB}{ds} = +\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{i} + \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{j} = -\tau N \Rightarrow \tau = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

4. a)  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \Rightarrow$  unit sphere:  $F(x, y, z) = 1$   
 $\nabla F(x, y, z) = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$  normal to  $S$   
 at any point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in S$ .

tangent plane:

$$\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(z + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + z + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x + y + z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

b) For  $F$  in part (a) we have  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \neq 0$ .

By IFT,  $S$  is locally the graph of a function  $f: (x, y) \mapsto z$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \bigg|_{(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = - \frac{2/\sqrt{3}}{-2/\sqrt{3}} = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \bigg|_{(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Linearization of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + f_x\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + f_y\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \left(y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \text{ equating to } z \text{ gives} \\ &\quad \text{same plane as in (a)} \end{aligned}$$

4. c) let  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and

$$g(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3$$

$(x, y, z)$  critical point of  $g$  restricted to  $F(x, y, z) = 1$  is equivalent to the existence of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lambda \nabla F(x, y, z) = \nabla g(x, y, z) \quad (*)$$

$$F(x, y, z) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2\lambda x = y^2 z^3 \\ 2\lambda y = 2xy z^3 \\ 2\lambda z = 3xy^2 z^2 \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

For  $x=0, y=0$  or  $z=0$  we have  $g(x, y, z) = 0$

On the other hand  $g\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{27} > 0$

and  $g\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -\frac{1}{3^3} = -\frac{1}{27} < 0$

So the maxima and minima cannot have  $x=0, y=0$  or  $z=0$  and we exclude such points from the solution of  $(*)$ . Then  $(*)$  gives from the first three equations:

$$\frac{y^2 z^3}{x} = 2xz^3 = 3xy^2 z$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 2x^2 \text{ and } z^2 = \frac{3}{2} y^2 = 3x^2. \text{ Putting}$$

this into  $F(x, y, z) = 1$  gives

$$x^2 + 2x^2 + 3x^2 = 1. \text{ So } x^2 = \frac{1}{6}, y^2 = \frac{1}{3}, z^2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

For  $(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), g(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}$

$\Rightarrow$  maxima

For  $(x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), g(x, y, z) = -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}$

$\Rightarrow$  minima

$$5. a) \nabla \times \vec{f}(x, y, z) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ ax \sin(\pi y) & x^2 \cos(\pi y) + by e^{-z} & y^2 e^{-z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2y e^{-z} + by e^{-z}) \hat{i} + (0 - 0) \hat{j} + (2x \cos(\pi y) - a \pi x \cos(\pi y)) \hat{k}$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -2, a = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

b) let  $f$  be a potential function

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{\pi} x \sin(\pi y) \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 \cos(\pi y) - 2y e^{-z} \quad (**)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = y^2 e^{-z} \quad (***)$$

Integrating  $(*)$  w.r.t.  $x$  gives

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\pi} x^2 \sin(\pi y) + g(y, z)$$

putting in  $(**)$  gives:

$$x^2 \cos(\pi y) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = x^2 \cos(\pi y) - 2y e^{-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = -2y e^{-z} \quad \text{Integrate w.r.t. } y$$

$$\text{gives } g(y, z) = -y^2 e^{-z} + h(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\pi} x^2 \sin(\pi y) - y^2 e^{-z} + h(z)$$



Inserting in (\*\*\*), gives

$$y^2 e^{-z} + h'(z) = y^2 e^{-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(z) = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\pi} x^2 \sin(\pi y) - y^2 e^{-z} + c$$

c)  $\gamma(0) = i$

$$\gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = j$$

by Fundamental Th<sup>m</sup> of Line Integrals

$$\int_C \mathbb{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\gamma(1)) - f(\gamma(0)) = f(j) - f(i)$$
$$= -1 + c - c = -1$$

## Solutions

1. Solutions to Ex. 1.
2. Solutions to Ex. 2.
3. Solutions to Ex. 3.
4. Solutions to Ex. 4.
5. Solutions to Ex. 5.
6. (a) Note that the boundary of  $D$  is given by the union of the spheres  $S_5$  and  $S_7$ . The region  $D$  induces an orientation on  $S_7$  that corresponds with the orientation of an outward-pointing normal, and it induces an orientation on  $S_5$  that corresponds with the orientation of an *inward*-pointing normal (the orientation of  $D$  is outward, which means normal vectors pointing to the origin on  $S_5$ ). Thus Gauß's theorem gives

$$\iiint_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \, dV = \oiint_{S_7} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \oiint_{S_5} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 7a + b - (5a + b) = 2a.$$

Here the minus sign compensates for the fact that the formula only holds for a sphere with outward orientation.

- (b) For  $r > 0$ , let  $D_r = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq r^2\}$ . Then the boundary of  $D_r$  is  $S_r$ , and  $D_r$  provides  $S_r$  with the orientation from an outward-pointing normal. Hence Gauß's theorem gives

$$ar + b = \oiint_{S_r} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_{D_r} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \, dV = \iiint_{D_r} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}) \, dV = 0,$$

since  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}) = 0$ . It holds in particular for  $r = 1$ , so that  $b = -a$ . Then  $ar - a = a(r - 1) = 0$  for all  $r$ , which implies that  $a = 0$ , so that also  $b = 0$ . Thus we see that if  $\mathbf{F}$  is the curl of another vector field, we must have  $a = b = 0$ .

Another way to see that  $ar + b = 0$  for all  $r > 0$  is to use Stokes. Note that  $S_r$  has empty boundary, so that Stokes gives

$$ar + b = \oiint_{S_r} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oiint_{S_r} \nabla \times \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint_{\emptyset} \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0.$$