

**MATH 2028 Honours Advanced Calculus II**  
**2021-22 Term 1**  
**Problem Set 9**

*due on Nov 22, 2021 (Monday) at 11:59PM*

**Instructions:** You are allowed to discuss with your classmates or seek help from the TAs but you are required to write/type up your own solutions. You can either type up your assignment or scan a copy of your written assignment into ONE PDF file and submit through Gradescope on/before the due date. Please remember to write down your name and student ID. **No late homework will be accepted.**

**Notations:** All curves, surfaces and vector fields are inside  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We will use  $U$  to denote an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Problems to hand in**

1. Prove that

- (a)  $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$  for any  $C^2$  function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (b)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times F) = 0$  for any  $C^2$  vector field  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

2. Compute the flux  $\int_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  where

- (a)  $F(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y, yz, x - z^2)$  and  $S$  is the triangle defined by the plane  $2x + y + 2z = 2$  inside the first octant, oriented by the unit normal pointing away from the origin.
- (b)  $F(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$  and  $S$  is the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  inside the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , oriented by the upward pointing normal.

3. Let  $F(x, y, z) = (ye^z, xe^z, xye^z)$  and  $C$  be a simple closed curve which is the boundary of a surface  $S$ . Show that  $\int_C F \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ .

4. Calculate the integral  $\iint_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  for the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = (-y, x^2, z^3)$  and the surface  $S$  given by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  with  $-1/2 \leq z \leq 1$ .

5. Find  $\iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  where

- (a)  $F(x, y, z) = (2x, y^2, z^2)$  and  $S$  is the unit sphere centered at the origin, oriented by the outward unit normal;
- (b)  $F(x, y, z) = (x + y, y + z, x + z)$  and  $S$  is the tetrahedron bounded by the coordinate planes and the plane  $x + y + z = 1$ , oriented by the outward unit normal.

6. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a bounded open subset with boundary  $\partial\Omega = S$  which is a closed surface, oriented by the outward unit normal  $\vec{n}$ . Let  $F(x, y, z) = \frac{(x, y, z)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$ . Assume that  $0 \notin S$ .

(a) Suppose that  $0 \notin \Omega$ . Show that

$$\iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma = 0.$$

(a) Suppose that  $0 \in \Omega$ . Show that

$$\iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma = 4\pi.$$

## Suggested Exercises

1. Compute the curl and divergence of the following vector fields:

(a)  $F(x, y, z) = (x^2, xyz, yz^2)$

(b)  $F(x, y, z) = (y \log x, x \log y, xy \log z)$

(c)  $F(x, y, z) = (x^2, \sin xy, e^x yz)$

(d)  $F(x, y, z) = (e^{xy} \sin z, e^{xz} \sin y, e^{yz} \cos x)$

2. A function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be harmonic if  $\Delta f := \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .

(a) Prove that the functions  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$  and  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + 2z$  are harmonic on their maximal domain of definition.

(b) Show that  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = 0$  if  $f$  is harmonic.

3. Let  $F(x, y, z) = \frac{(x, y, z)}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}}$  satisfies  $\nabla \cdot F = 0$  and  $\nabla \times F = 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ .

4. Prove the following identities:

(a)  $\nabla \cdot (F \times G) = G \cdot (\nabla \times F) - F \cdot (\nabla \times G)$  for any vector fields  $F, G$ .

(b)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla f \times \nabla g) = 0$  for any functions  $f, g$ .

5. Verify Stokes theorem for

(a)  $F(x, y, z) = (z, x, y)$  and  $S$  defined by  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  and  $z \geq 0$ ;

(b)  $F(x, y, z) = (x, z, -y)$  and  $S$  is the portion of the sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin with  $y \geq 0$ ;

(c)  $F(x, y, z) = (y + x, x + z, z^2)$  and  $S$  is the portion of the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  with  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ .

6. Compute the flux  $\int_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  using Stokes theorem where

(a)  $F(x, y, z) = (y, z, x)$  and  $S$  is the triangle with vertices at  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$ , oriented by the unit normal pointing away from the origin;

(b)  $F(x, y, z) = (x + y, y - z, x + y + z)$  and  $S$  is the hemisphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  with  $z \geq 0$ , oriented by the upward pointing normal.

7. Let  $C$  be the curve parametrized by

$$\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, \sin t) \quad \text{where } t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Compute the line integral

$$\int_C z \, dx + 2x \, dy + y^2 \, dz$$

(a) directly from the definition of line integrals; and (b) using Stokes Theorem.

8. Let  $C$  be a closed curve which is the boundary of a surface  $S$ . Prove that

(a)  $\int_C f \nabla g \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\nabla f \times \nabla g) \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$ ;

(b)  $\int_C (f \nabla g + g \nabla f) \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ .

9. Compute  $\iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  for the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = (xy, y^2, y^2)$  over the unit cube  $S = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , oriented by the outward normal.
10. Find  $\iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$  where
- $F(x, y, z) = (x^3, y^3, z^3)$  and  $S$  is the unit sphere centered at the origin, oriented by the outward unit normal;
  - $F(x, y, z) = (x + y, y + z, x + z)$  and  $S$  is the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  oriented by the upward unit normal;
  - $F(x, y, z) = (2x, 3y, z)$  and  $S$  is the closed surface consisting of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  and the planes  $z = 1, z = 3$ , oriented by the outward unit normal;
11. Suppose  $\Omega$  is the interior of a closed surface  $S$ . Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^2$  functions. Prove the following *Green's identities*:
- $\iint_S (f \nabla g) \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma = \iiint_\Omega (f \Delta g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g) \, dV$ ;
  - $\iint_S (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot \vec{v} \, d\sigma = \iiint_\Omega (f \Delta g - g \Delta f) \, dV$ ;

Here,  $\Delta f := \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$ .

### Challenging Exercises

1. Let  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$  vector field defined on an open subset  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . Fix  $p \in U$ . Denote  $B_r(p)$  be the closed ball of radius  $r > 0$  centered at  $p$  and  $S_r(p) = \partial B_r(p)$  be the sphere of radius  $r > 0$  centered at  $p$ , with outward pointing unit normal  $\vec{n}$ . Prove that

$$(\nabla \cdot F)(p) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(B_r(p))} \iint_{S_r(p)} F \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma.$$

2. Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a surface and  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$  vector field defined on an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  containing  $S$ . Fix  $p \in S$ . Denote  $D_r(p) := \{x \in S \mid |x - p| \leq r\}$  and  $C_r(p) = \{x \in S \mid |x - p| = r\}$ . Suppose  $S$  is oriented by the unit normal  $\vec{n}$  and so is  $C_r(p)$  as the boundary of  $D_r(p)$  (which you can assume to be  $C^1$ ). Prove that

$$(\nabla \times F)(p) \cdot \vec{n}(p) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{Area}(D_r(p))} \int_{C_r(p)} F \cdot d\vec{r}.$$