

1. (a) The vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = 3(x^2 + z^2)\mathbf{i} + (2z^2y)\mathbf{j} + (6xz + 2y^2z)\mathbf{k}$$

is the gradient of a scalar function  $\phi(x, y, z)$ . Determine  $\phi$ . Hence or otherwise evaluate the line integral

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

where  $C$  is a curve from the origin to the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

- (b) Calculate the directional derivative of  $\phi$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  in the direction  $(2, 2, -2)$ .

- (c) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

where  $C_1$  is a straight line from the origin to the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  and

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F} + 4y^3\mathbf{i} \quad .$$

2. (a) State, without proof, the divergence theorem satisfied by a differentiable vector field  $\mathbf{E}$  in a simply connected volume  $V$  bounded by a surface  $S$ . For the vector field

$$\mathbf{G} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} \quad ,$$

what is  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{G}$ ? Verify the divergence theorem for the vector field  $\mathbf{G}$  when the simply connected volume is a sphere of radius  $a$  centered at the origin.

- (b) Using Stokes' Theorem show that

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 2\pi$$

where

$$\mathbf{H} = -y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} + \sin(z)\mathbf{k}$$

and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit outward normal vector to the curved surface  $S$  of the hemisphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$  with  $z \geq 0$ .

3. (a) Curvilinear coordinates  $(u, v, w)$  are defined in terms of the cartesian coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  by the relations

$$x_1 = uv \cos w \quad x_2 = uv \sin w \quad x_3 = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2)$$

with  $-\pi < w \leq \pi$ . Using the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathbf{x} &= (h_1 \delta u) \mathbf{e}_1 + (h_2 \delta v) \mathbf{e}_2 + (h_3 \delta w) \mathbf{e}_3 \\ \delta \mathbf{x} &= \delta x_1 \mathbf{i} + \delta x_2 \mathbf{j} + \delta x_3 \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

or otherwise, calculate the scale factors  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and  $h_3$ . Express each of the unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$  and  $\mathbf{e}_3$  in terms of the cartesian unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$ .

- (b) A scalar field  $\phi$  is given in terms of the curvilinear coordinates by

$$\phi = \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2)^2 \quad .$$

Find  $\nabla \phi$  in terms of  $u, v, w, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2$  and  $\mathbf{e}_3$ . Express the function  $\phi$  in terms of the cartesian coordinates and re-calculate  $\nabla \phi$  in terms of the cartesian coordinate system. Show that the two expressions for  $\nabla \phi$  are consistent.

You may quote, without proof, the following result for a generalized coordinate system  $(q_1, q_2, q_3)$

$$\nabla f(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1} \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_2} \mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_3} \mathbf{e}_3 \quad .$$

4. In spherical polar coordinates  $(r, \theta, \lambda)$ , axially symmetric functions do not depend on  $\lambda$ . State, without proof, the set of separable solutions, which are axially symmetric, of the Laplace equation  $\nabla^2\psi = 0$ , where  $\psi = \psi(r, \theta)$ .

The function  $\phi(r, \theta)$  satisfies the Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2\phi = 3, \quad \text{for } r \leq a,$$

together with the boundary condition

$$\phi = a^2 \cos(2\theta), \quad \text{at } r = a.$$

Show that a particular solution in the region  $r \leq a$  of the Poisson equation is  $\phi_p = Kr^2$  where the constant  $K$  should be determined. Show that  $a^2 \cos(2\theta)$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the Legendre polynomials  $P_0$ ,  $P_1(c)$ , and  $P_2(c)$  with  $c = \cos \theta$ .

Determine the solution for  $\phi(r, \theta)$  in the region  $r \leq a$ .

You may quote, without proof the results:  $P_0 = 1$ ,  $P_1(c) = c$  and  $P_2(c) = \frac{1}{2}(3c^2 - 1)$ . Also, it may be assumed that the Laplacian of a radially symmetric function  $\phi_p(r)$  is

$$\nabla^2\phi_p(r) = \frac{d^2\phi_p(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\phi_p(r)}{dr}$$

5. (a) State the transformation law satisfied by a tensor of rank 2. Prove the identity

$$T'_{ij}T'_{ij} = T_{ij}T_{ij},$$

where  $T'_{ij}$ ,  $T_{ij}$  denote the components of a tensor with respect to right handed cartesian coordinate systems  $S'$  and  $S$ .

- (b) Use tensor notation to establish the identities

- (i)  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{u}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \mathbf{u} + \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})$
- (ii)  $\nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{u}) = (\nabla \phi) \times \mathbf{u} + \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$
- (iii)  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$