Assignment 18 MAT 257

Q2a: It is known that the 2 form xdx + ydy + zdz vanishes everywhere on  $S^2$ . Hence by wedging with dx, we see that

$$(xdx + ydy + zdz) \wedge dx = 0 \implies ydy \wedge dx + zdz \wedge dx = 0 \implies ydx \wedge dy = zdx \wedge dz$$

Similarly, when we wedge with dy, we see that

$$(xdx + ydy + zdz) \wedge dy = 0 \implies xdx \wedge dy + zdz \wedge dy = 0 \implies xdx \wedge dy = zdy \wedge dz$$

Lastly, when we wedge with dz we get

$$(xdx + ydy + zdz) \wedge dz = 0 \implies xdx \wedge dz + ydy \wedge dz = 0 \implies xdz \wedge dx = ydx \wedge dz$$

Q2b: We can write  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 - z^2$  on  $S^2$ , and since  $x, y \neq 0$  division by these quantities makes sense. Hence, we see that

$$\omega = \frac{x(1-z^2)}{x^2+y^2} dy \wedge dz + \frac{y(1-z^2)}{x^2+y^2} dz \wedge dx + \frac{z(1-z^2)}{x^2+y^2} dx \wedge dy$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dy \wedge dz + \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} dz \wedge dx + \frac{z}{x^2+y^2} dx \wedge dy \right] - \frac{z}{x^2+y^2} \left[ xzdy \wedge dz + yzdz \wedge dx + z^2 dx \wedge dy \right]$$

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(by 2a)
$$= \left[ \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dy \wedge dz - \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} dx \wedge dz + \frac{z}{x^2+y^2} dx \wedge dy \right] - \frac{z}{x^2+y^2} \left[ (x^2+y^2+z^2) dx \wedge dy \right]$$

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(since on  $S^2$ )
$$= \left( \frac{xdy}{x^2+y^2} - \frac{ydx}{x^2+y^2} \right) \wedge dz$$

As desired.

Q2c: Suppose we have a spherical bread being sliced into n slices. Each slice will have a height of  $h = \frac{2}{n}$ . We wish to integrate  $\left(\frac{xdy-ydx}{x^2+y^2}\right) \wedge dz$  on the chain whose image is given by  $A = \{\}$