

(Q. 1-A-a.) Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. If  $\{a_n\}$  is convergent then prove that its limit is unique. [3 marks]

**Answer:** Let, if possible, the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converge to two different real numbers, say  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , and let  $3\delta = |L_1 - L_2|$ . [1 mark]

Then for  $\delta$  we have  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|L_i - a_n| < \delta \quad \forall n \geq N_i$ . [1 mark]

By choosing  $N$  to be the maximum of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , we get a contradiction, thus  $L_1 = L_2$ . [1 mark]

(Q. 1-B-a.) Let  $\{b_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. If  $\{b_n\}$  is convergent then prove that its limit is unique. [3 marks]

(Q. 1-C-a.) Let  $\{c_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. If  $\{c_n\}$  is convergent then prove that its limit is unique. [3 marks]

(Q. 1-D-a.) Let  $\{d_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. If  $\{d_n\}$  is convergent then prove that its limit is unique. [3 marks]

(Q. 1- · -b.) State the sandwich theorem for sequences. [3 marks]

**Answer:** Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  be sequences of real numbers such that [1 mark]

$$a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \quad \forall n.$$

Assume that  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  are convergent with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \alpha$ , say. [1 mark]

Then (the sequence  $\{b_n\}$  is also convergent and)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \alpha$ . [1 mark]

(Note: The convergence of the middle sequence,  $\{b_n\}$ , is a part of the conclusion here. If you assume it in the beginning then your statement is incorrect.)

(Q. 2-A.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{7-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{7+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 7 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** The function is continuous in the interval  $(2, 4)$ , because the exponential function is continuous on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $1/x$  is continuous for  $x \neq 0$ . [2 marks]

(Note: If the derivative of the function  $f$  is computed correctly and then it is said that  $f$  is continuous then 2 marks are to be awarded for the first step.)

Consider  $g(x) := f(x) - \frac{1}{2}$ , and note that  $g$  is also continuous on  $(2, 4)$ .

Observe that

$$g(2) = f(2) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7-4}{7+4} - \frac{1}{2} < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(4) = f(4) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7-2}{7+2} - \frac{1}{2} > 0. \quad [1 \text{ mark each}]$$

Therefore by the intermediate value theorem, there is some  $c \in (2, 4)$  such that  $g(c) = 0$ , or  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [2 marks]

(Q. 2-B.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{5-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{5+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{4}$ . [6 marks]

(Q. 2-C.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{9-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{9+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 9 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

(Q. 2-D.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{11-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{11+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 11 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{7-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{7+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 7 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$  if and only if  $\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^c = 16$ . [2 marks]

Note that  $(\frac{7}{3})^2 < 16 < (\frac{7}{3})^4$  as  $2 < \frac{7}{3} < 4$ . [2 marks]

The function  $x \mapsto (\frac{7}{3})^x$  is continuous and by intermediate value theorem a required  $c \in (2, 4)$  exists. [2 marks]

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(Q. 2-D.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{11-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{11+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 11 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

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Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$  if and only if  $\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^c = 16$  if and only if  $c = \log_{\frac{7}{3}} 16$ . [2 marks]

We observe that  $\log$  is an increasing function and hence  $\log 2 < \log(\frac{7}{3}) < \log 4$ . [2 marks]

Therefore,  $2 = \log_4 16 < c = \log_{\frac{7}{3}} 16 < 4 = \log_2 16$  and hence  $c \in (2, 4)$ . [2 marks]

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{5-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{5+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

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(Q. 2-C.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{9-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{9+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 9 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

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(Q. 2-D.) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{11-(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{11+(16)^{\frac{1}{x}}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 11 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that there is a point  $c$  such that  $2 < c < 4$  and  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$ . [6 marks]

(Q. 3-A, C.) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as follows:

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

- (a) Compute the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  at  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ . [2 marks]

**Answer:** When  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{x^4 y \cos(xy) + 4xy^2 \sin(xy) - y^5 \cos(xy)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = \frac{x^5 \cos(xy) - xy^4 \cos(xy) - 4x^2 y \sin(xy)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

- (b) Compute the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ . [2 marks]

**Answer:**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) \quad [1 \text{ mark each}]$$

(Note: A justification is needed for showing this, just writing the above equalities do not guarantee any marks.)

- (c) Explain with justification if any of the second order differentials  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . [3 marks]

**Answer:** We compute the second order differentials at  $(0, 0)$ . They are

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) = 1. \quad [1 \text{ mark each}]$$

Since these values are not equal, by the mixed partials theorem, none of the second order differentials  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . [1 mark]

(If a student calculates the second order differentials explicitly and concludes, by giving a valid argument, that none of them is continuous at the origin, then the three marks are to be given.)

Further, if a student makes an error in computing  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0)$  but writes the final conclusion correctly then we give one mark.)

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- (a) Compute the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  at  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ . [2 marks]

**Answer:** When  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{-x^4 y \cos(xy) - 4xy^2 \sin(xy) + y^5 \cos(xy)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = \frac{-x^5 \cos(xy) + xy^4 \cos(xy) + 4x^2 y \sin(xy)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

- (b) Compute the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ . [2 marks]

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**Answer:** We compute the second order differentials at  $(0, 0)$ . They are

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) = -1. \quad [1 \text{ mark each}]$$

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(Q. 4-A, C.) Find the radius and the height of the cylindrical can with a lid, which contains 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> of water and which has the smallest total surface area. [6 marks]

**Answer:** We need to design a cylindrical can whose surface area is the smallest among all cylindrical cans of volume 1000 cm<sup>3</sup>. Let us denote the base radius of the can by  $r$  and the height by  $h$ . We will ignore the unit, cm, here by assuming that all the lengths are measured in the centimeters.

We want to minimise  $f(r, h) = 2\pi(r^2 + rh)$  subject to  $g(r, h) = \pi r^2 h = 1000$ . [1 mark]

Then  $\nabla f = 2\pi[2r + h, r]$  and  $\nabla g = \pi[2rh, r^2]$ . [1 mark]

The equation  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  gives us two equalities

$$\lambda rh = 2r + h, \quad \lambda r^2 = 2r. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

The second equality (and  $r \neq 0$  since  $g \neq 0$ ) gives us that  $\lambda = 2/r$ . [1 mark]

Putting this value in the first equality we get  $2r = h$ . [1 mark]

Finally, the equality  $g(r, h) = 1000$  gives us that  $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{500}{\pi}}$  and  $h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4000}{\pi}}$ . [1 mark]

(Q. 4-B, D.) Find the radius and the height of the cylindrical can with a lid, which contains 2000 cm<sup>3</sup> of water and which has the smallest total surface area. [6 marks]

**Answer:** We need to design a cylindrical can whose surface area is the smallest among all cylindrical cans of volume 2000 cm<sup>3</sup>. Let us denote the base radius of the can by  $r$  and the height by  $h$ . We will ignore the unit, cm, here by assuming that all the lengths are measured in the centimeters.

We want to minimise  $f(r, h) = 2\pi(r^2 + rh)$  subject to  $g(r, h) = \pi r^2 h = 2000$ . [1 mark]

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Then  $\frac{df}{dr} = 2(2\pi r - 1000/r^2)$ . [1 mark]

Hence  $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{500}{\pi}}$  is a critical point for the function  $f$ . [1 mark]

Further,  $\frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} = 4\pi + \frac{4000}{r^3}$  [1 mark]

and,  $\frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{500}{\pi}} \right) = 12\pi > 0$ . [1 mark]

Hence  $r$  as above is the required radius and  $h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4000}{\pi}}$  is the required height. [1 mark]

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By the AM-GM inequality<sup>1</sup>  $f(r) \geq 3\sqrt[3]{2\pi r^2 \times \frac{1000}{r} \times \frac{1000}{r}} = A$ , say. [2 marks]

Further,  $f(r) = A$ , that is,  $f(r)$  attains the minimal value exactly when  $2\pi r^2 = \frac{1000}{r}$  [2 marks]

or when  $r = \frac{10}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}}$  and then  $h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4000}{\pi}}$ . [1 mark]

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or when  $r = \frac{10}{\sqrt[3]{\pi}}$  and then  $h = \frac{20}{\sqrt[3]{\pi}}$ . [1 mark]

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<sup>1</sup>The inequality we are using here is  $\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{abc}$  and the equality holds exactly when  $a = b = c$ .

(Q. 5.) Find the mass  $M$  of a metal plate  $R$  bounded by  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ , with density given by  $\delta(x, y) = 1 + xy$  kg/meter<sup>2</sup>. [6 marks]

(Note that  $M = \iint_R \delta(x, y) dA$ .)

**Answer:** We observe that the integrand is continuous, so we can compute this integration by using the iterated integration.

$$M = \iint_R \delta(x, y) dA = \iint_R (1 + xy) dx dy \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x (1 + xy) dy dx \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= \int_0^1 (y + xy^2/2) \Big|_{y=x^2}^{y=x} dx \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= \int_0^1 (x - x^2 + x^3/2 - x^5/2) dx \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= (x^2/2 - x^3/3 + x^4/8 - x^6/12) \Big|_0^1 \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= 5/24 = 0.208 \text{ kg} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

(Note: If the limits in the integration are taken in the other way,  $\int_x^{x^2}$ , leading to the answer  $-5/24$  then we have still given the full marks.)

(Q. 6-A.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (3x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (10y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  on the entire plane which is simply connected. [1/2 + 1/2 marks]  
Therefore  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.

Let  $f(x, y)$  be a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . By definition,

$$f_x = 3x^2 - y, \quad (A)$$

$$f_y = 10y - x. \quad (B)$$

[1 mark]

We integrate both sides of equation (A) with respect to  $x$ , and obtain

$$f = x^3 - xy + \phi(y), \quad (C)$$

where  $\phi(y)$  is a function of  $y$ .

[1 mark]

Differentiating equation (C) with respect to  $y$ , we get

$$f_y = -x + \phi'(y).$$

Comparing with equation (B), we get  $\phi'(y) = 10y$ , [1 mark]

or  $\phi(y) = 5y^2 + K$ , where  $K$  is a constant independent of  $x$  and  $y$ . [1 mark]

Therefore  $f(x, y) = x^3 - xy + 5y^2 + K$  is a required potential function for the given vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ . [1 mark]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 6-B.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (5x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (8y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  on the entire plane which is simply connected. [1/2 + 1/2 marks]  
Therefore  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.

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$$f_x = 5x^2 - y, \quad (A)$$

$$f_y = 8y - x. \quad (B)$$

[1 mark]

We integrate both sides of equation (A) with respect to  $x$ , and obtain

$$f = \frac{5}{3}x^3 - xy + \phi(y), \quad (C)$$

where  $\phi(y)$  is a function of  $y$ .

[1 mark]

Differentiating equation (C) with respect to  $y$ , we get

$$f_y = -x + \phi'(y).$$

Comparing with equation (B), we get  $\phi'(y) = 8y$ , [1 mark]

or  $\phi(y) = 4y^2 + K$ , where  $K$  is a constant independent of  $x$  and  $y$ . [1 mark]

Therefore  $f(x, y) = \frac{5}{3}x^3 - xy + 4y^2 + K$  is a required potential function for the given vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ . [1 mark]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 6-C.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (6x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (9y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  on the entire plane which is simply connected. [1/2 + 1/2 marks]  
Therefore  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.

Let  $f(x, y)$  be a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . By definition,

$$f_x = 6x^2 - y, \quad (A)$$

$$f_y = 9y - x. \quad (B)$$

[1 mark]

We integrate both sides of equation (A) with respect to  $x$ , and obtain

$$f = 2x^3 - xy + \phi(y), \quad (C)$$

where  $\phi(y)$  is a function of  $y$ .

[1 mark]

Differentiating equation (C) with respect to  $y$ , we get

$$f_y = -x + \phi'(y).$$

Comparing with equation (B), we get  $\phi'(y) = 9y$ , [1 mark]

or  $\phi(y) = \frac{9}{2}y^2 + K$ , where  $K$  is a constant independent of  $x$  and  $y$ . [1 mark]

Therefore  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 - xy + \frac{9}{2}y^2 + K$  is a required potential function for the given vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ . [1 mark]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 6-D.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (10x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (3y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . [6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  on the entire plane which is simply connected. [1/2 + 1/2 marks]  
Therefore  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.

Let  $f(x, y)$  be a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . By definition,

$$f_x = 10x^2 - y, \quad (A)$$

$$f_y = 3y - x. \quad (B)$$

[1 mark]

We integrate both sides of equation (A) with respect to  $x$ , and obtain

$$f = \frac{10}{3}x^3 - xy + \phi(y), \quad (C)$$

where  $\phi(y)$  is a function of  $y$ .

[1 mark]

Differentiating equation (C) with respect to  $y$ , we get

$$f_y = -x + \phi'(y).$$

Comparing with equation (B), we get  $\phi'(y) = 3y$ , [1 mark]

or  $\phi(y) = \frac{3}{2}y^2 + K$ , where  $K$  is a constant independent of  $x$  and  $y$ . [1 mark]

Therefore  $f(x, y) = \frac{10}{3}x^3 - xy + \frac{3}{2}y^2 + K$  is a required potential function for the given vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ . [1 mark]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 6-A.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (3x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (10y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ .  
[6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  on the entire plane which is simply connected. [1/2 + 1/2 marks]  
Therefore  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.

Let  $f(x, y)$  be a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ . By definition,

$$f_x = 3x^2 - y, \quad f_y = 10y - x.$$

[1 mark]

From the above two equations we get

$$f(x, y) = x^3 - xy + g(y), \quad f(x, y) = 5y^2 - xy + h(x)$$

[1 + 1 marks]

This further implies that

$$x^3 - h(x) = 5y^2 - g(y) = c \quad \text{and hence} \quad h(x) = x^3 + c, \quad g(y) = 5y^2 + c.$$

[1 mark]

Hence

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + 5y^2 - xy + c.$$

[1 mark]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 6-A.) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  on the entire plane, where  $P = (3x^2 - y)$  and  $Q = (10y - x)$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a scalar potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ .  
[6 marks]

**Answer:** We fix a point  $P_0 = (0, 0)$  and let  $P_1 = (x, y)$  be any point in the plane.

Note that  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F}) = 0$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined on the whole plane (which is simply connected) so for any two paths  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  joining  $P_0$  to  $P_1$  we get

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

[1 + 1 marks]

We define

$$f(P_1) = \int_{P_0}^{P_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

[1 mark]

Then

$$f(P_1) = \int_{P_0}^{P_1} P dx + Q dy$$

[1 mark]

$$= \int_{P_0}^{P_1} (3x^2 - y) dx + (10y - x) dy = x^3 + 5y^2 - xy.$$

[1 + 1 marks]

[Note: Since the question asks for a potential function, marks should not be deducted for a final answer without the constant  $K$ . If a potential function  $f$  is computed and then it is said that " $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$  and hence  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative" then full 6 marks are to be awarded.]

(Q. 7-A.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

(Q. 7-B.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = 2z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + 2x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

(Q. 7-C.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = 3z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + 3x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

(Q. 7-D.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = 4z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + 4x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

(Q. 7.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = mz^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + mx\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = m(2z - 1)\mathbf{j}$ . [1 mark]

The unit normals to the surface  $S$  bounded the triangle are given by  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ . The orientation given by the upward normal  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$  is compatible with the counter-clockwise orientation of the boundary curve. [1 mark]

Therefore by Stokes' Theorem,

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

[1 mark]

If  $D$  is the projection of  $S$  on the  $xy$ -plane, then  $D$  is the triangle cut by the positive  $x$  and  $y$  axes and  $y = -x + 1$ . Since  $S$  is given by  $z = g(x, y) = 1 - x - y$ , we know that  $dS = \sqrt{g_x^2 + g_y^2 + 1} dA = \sqrt{3}dA$ , where  $dA$  is the area element of the plane  $D$ . Therefore, the required integral is equal to

$$\iint_D \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \sqrt{3} dA = \iint_D m(2z - 1)\mathbf{j} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) dA.$$

[2 marks]

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} m(1 - 2x - 2y) dy dx$$

[1 mark]

$$= \int_0^1 m(y - 2xy - y^2) \Big|_0^{1-x} dx = \int_0^1 m(x^2 - x) dx = -m/6.$$

[1 mark]

(Q. 7-A.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

(Q. 7-B.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = 2z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + 2x\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

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(Q. 7.) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F} = mz^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} + mx\mathbf{k}$  and  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  with counter-clockwise orientation, viewed from above. [7 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = m(2z - 1)\mathbf{j}$ . [1 mark]

Let  $O = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $A = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $B = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $C = (0, 0, 1)$ . We consider the surface  $S$  to be the union of three surfaces  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  bound, respectively, by the triangles  $OAB$ ,  $OBC$  and  $OCA$ . The orientation given by the inward normals is compatible with the counter-clockwise orientation of the boundary curve.

The inward unit normal to the surface  $S_1$  is  $\mathbf{k}$ , that to the surface  $S_2$  is  $\mathbf{i}$  and that to the surface  $S_3$  is  $\mathbf{j}$ . [1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 marks]

Then by Stokes' Theorem,

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \sum_i \iint_{S_i} \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

We observe that the integrals over the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are zero as the  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F})$  is perpendicular to the outward normals. [1 mark]

So the only surviving integral is

$$\iint_{S_3} \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iint_{S_3} m(2z - 1)\mathbf{j} \cdot (\mathbf{j}) dS. \quad [1/2 \text{ marks}]$$

$$= m \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (2z - 1) dz dx \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= -m/6. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

(Q. 8.) Consider the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . Given any point  $\mathbf{r}$  on the ellipsoid, let  $p(\mathbf{r})$  denote the perpendicular distance of the origin from the tangent plane to the ellipsoid at  $\mathbf{r}$ . Show that

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \frac{4}{3}\pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $p = p(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ , where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward unit normal.

[1 mark]

Let  $\psi = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}$ . Then  $\psi \equiv 1$  on the ellipsoid  $S$ .

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \iint_S \left( \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS.$$

Note that since the surface  $S$  is a level surface of  $\psi$ ,  $\mathbf{n} = \nabla\psi/|\nabla\psi|$ .

[1 mark]

Therefore the above surface integral is given by

$$\iint_S \frac{\nabla\psi}{\mathbf{r} \cdot \nabla\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iint_S \frac{\nabla\psi}{2} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS.$$

[1 mark]

By the Divergence Theorem, this is equal to

$$\iiint_V \frac{\nabla^2\psi}{2} dV$$

[1 mark]

$$= \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \iiint_V dV = \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \text{vol}(V).$$

[1 mark]

Now, we know that the volume of the ellipsoid is given by  $\frac{4}{3}\pi abc$ . Therefore the integral is given by

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[1 mark]



(Q. 8.) Consider the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . Given any point  $\mathbf{r}$  on the ellipsoid, let  $p(\mathbf{r})$  denote the perpendicular distance of the origin from the tangent plane to the ellipsoid at  $\mathbf{r}$ . Show that

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \frac{4}{3}\pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $p = p(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ , where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward unit normal.

[1 mark]

If we take  $\mathbf{F} = \frac{x}{a^2}\mathbf{i} + \frac{y}{b^2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{z}{c^2}\mathbf{k}$  then  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{p}$ .

[1 mark]

By Gauss' divergence theorem

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \iiint_W (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) dW$$

where  $W$  is the region enclosed by the ellipsoid  $S$ .

[1 mark]

Now

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}$$

[1 mark]

Hence

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \iiint_W dW.$$

[1 mark]

This gives

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \frac{4}{3}\pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[1 mark]

(Q. 8.) Consider the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . Given any point  $\mathbf{r}$  on the ellipsoid, let  $p(\mathbf{r})$  denote the perpendicular distance of the origin from the tangent plane to the ellipsoid at  $\mathbf{r}$ . Show that

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \frac{4}{3} \pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[6 marks]

**Answer:** Note that  $p = p(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4}}}$ .

[1 mark]

The ellipsoid is given by  $\Phi(x, y) = (x, y, \pm c\sqrt{1 - (x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2)})$  defined on a subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then

$$\Phi_x \times \Phi_y = \pm \left( \frac{cx/a^2}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2)}}, \frac{cy/b^2}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2)}}, 1 \right)$$

[1 mark]

and

$$\|\Phi_x \times \Phi_y\| = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{c^2 x^2}{a^4} + \frac{c^2 y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}}{1 - (x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2)}}.$$

[1 mark]

Hence

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \iint_D \frac{c^2}{z} \left( \frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4} \right) dx dy.$$

We now use the following change of co-ordinates to compute the integral:

$$x = a \sin \phi \cos \theta, y = b \sin \phi \sin \theta, z = c \cos \phi.$$

Then

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{c}{\cos \phi} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta}{a^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta}{b^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{c^2} \right) |J| d\phi d\theta.$$

[1 mark]

Here  $|J(\theta, \phi)| = ab \sin \phi \cos \phi$

[1 mark]

and hence the required integral is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{bc}{a} (\sin^3 \phi \cos^2 \theta) d\phi d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{ac}{b} (\sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta) d\phi d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{ab}{c} (\cos^2 \phi \sin \phi) d\phi d\theta \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{ac}{b} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{ab}{c} = \frac{4\pi}{3} abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

(Q. 8.) Consider the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . Given any point  $\mathbf{r}$  on the ellipsoid, let  $p(\mathbf{r})$  denote the perpendicular distance of the origin from the tangent plane to the ellipsoid at  $\mathbf{r}$ . Show that

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \frac{4}{3}\pi abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right).$$

[6 marks]

**Answer:** Let  $\psi = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1$ ,  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla\psi}{\|\nabla\psi\|}$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{p} = \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{p^2} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}.$$

[1 mark]

Then by Gauss divergence theorem

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{p} dS = \iiint_W \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{p^2} \right) dV = 5 \iiint_W \left( \frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4} \right) dV.$$

[1 + 1 marks]

We now use the following change of co-ordinates to compute this integral:

$$x = ar \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = br \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = cr \cos \theta, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$$

where the Jacobian is given by

$$|J| = abcr^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi.$$

[1 mark]

Then the required integral is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^1 5 \left( \frac{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{a^4} + \frac{b^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{b^4} + \frac{c^2 r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{c^4} \right) abcr^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi abc \left( \frac{\sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{a^2} + \frac{\sin^3 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{b^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta}{c^2} \right) d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} abc \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]