

Mid Examination 2  
Applied Mathematics I(PHYS211000)  
22 May 2014, 8.00 - 10.00 am

Answer all questions. Each question carries 20 marks.

Simple calculator is allowed. No use of telephone.

You may answer in English or Chinese.

1. (i) Find the directional derivative of  $f = z^2 - x^2 - y^2$  in the direction of  $\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}$  at the point  $(0, 0, 1)$ .  
 (ii) Calculate  $\nabla \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \mathbf{x})$  and  $\nabla \times (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \mathbf{x})$  where  $\mathbf{x} = x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  is the position vector.  
 (iii) Use the index notation to prove the identities

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}.$$

2. (i) Change the order of integration in the following double integral

$$\int_0^2 dx \int_x^{2x} f(x, y) dy.$$

- (ii) Compute the surface integral

$$\iint_S z dA,$$

where  $S$  is the surface  $x = u \cos v, y = u \sin v, z = v, (0 \leq u \leq a, 0 \leq v \leq 2\pi)$ .

You may find useful:

$$\int_0^a \sqrt{1+u^2} du = \frac{1}{2} [a\sqrt{1+a^2} + \ln(a + \sqrt{1+a^2})].$$

3. (i) Consider the line integral

$$\oint_C xy^2 dy - x^2 y dx,$$

where  $C$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  whose orientation is anticlockwise. First calculate the line integral directly, and then calculate the line integral using the Green theorem.

- (ii) In order for the line integral

$$\int_{AB} F(x, y)(y dx + x dy)$$

to be independent of the path connecting the points  $A$  and  $B$ , what condition does the differentiable function  $F$  need to satisfy?

4. (i) Calculate the line integral

$$\oint_C y dx + z dy + x dz$$

where  $C$  is the intersection of the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  and  $x + y + z = 0$  and is counterclockwise when viewed from the origin.

- (ii) Evaluate the surface integral

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

where  $S$  is the surface of the cube  $0 < x < a, 0 < y < a, 0 < z < a$ .

5. (i) Use the divergence theorem to prove that:

$$\iint_S d\vec{A} = 0,$$

if  $S$  is a closed surface.

- (ii) Show that  $\int_S \mathbf{x} \times d\mathbf{A} = -\frac{1}{2} \oint_C \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 d\mathbf{x}$ , where  $S$  is the area bounded by the closed curve  $C$ .