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**Tutorial Sheet: 7**

Topics covered: *Differentiation of vectors, gradient, directional derivative, divergence, curl, and Line integrals.*

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1. Find the directional derivative of the given scalar functions at the given points in the indicated directions.
- (a)  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  at  $(1, 4, 3)$  in the direction of the line from  $(1, 2, 3)$  to  $(1, -1, -3)$ .
- (b)  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2$  at  $(1, 1, 2)$  in the direction of  $\text{grad}(f)$ .

**Ans:** (a)  $-\frac{11}{\sqrt{5}}$ . (b)  $6\sqrt{2}$ .

2. If the maximum value of the directional derivative of a scalar field  $\phi = ax^2y + by^2z + cz^2x$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  is in the direction parallel to the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$  and has magnitude 15, then find the values of the parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

**Ans:**  $a = 5$ ,  $b = -5$ ,  $c = 5/2$ .

3. Find the angle between the two surfaces at the indicated point of intersection.
- (a)  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and  $z = 2x^2 - 3y^2$  at  $(2, 1, 5)$ .
- (b)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z + 3 = x^2 + y^2$  at  $(-2, 1, 2)$ .

**Ans:** (a)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{21}{101}\right)$ . (b)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{3\sqrt{21}}\right)$ .

4. Show that the following vector fields are irrotational and hence find their scalar potentials.
- (a)  $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z) = \cos(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k})$ .
- (b)  $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z) = 3x^2y^2z^4\mathbf{i} + 2x^3yz^4\mathbf{j} + 4x^3y^2z^3\mathbf{k}$ .

**Ans:** Let  $\mathbf{f} = \nabla\phi$  then (a)  $\phi = \sin(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)/2$ . (b)  $\phi = x^3y^2z^4$ .

5. Show that the following vector fields  $\mathbf{f}$  are solenoidal.
- (a)  $(2x + 3y)\mathbf{i} + (x - y)\mathbf{j} - (x + y + z)\mathbf{k}$ .
- (b)  $e^{x+y-2z}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ .

**Ans:** Since  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} = 0$ , the fields are solenoidal.

6. Prove the following identities:

- (a)  $\text{curl}(f\mathbf{v}) = (\text{grad } f) \times \mathbf{v} + \text{curl } \mathbf{v}$ .
- (b)  $\text{div}(\text{grad } f) = \nabla^2 f$ , where  $\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$  is the Laplacian operator.
- (c)  $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \mathbf{v}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$ .

**Ans:** Refer to Example 15.24 on page 15.23 of the textbook.

7. Find the area of one side of the *wall* standing orthogonally on the curve  $y = x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , and beneath the curve on the surface  $f(x, y) = x + \sqrt{y}$ .

$$\text{Ans: } A = \int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_0^2 (t + \sqrt{t^2}) \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int_0^2 (2t) \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right\| dt = \frac{1}{6} (17^{3/2} - 1).$$

8. Find the mass of a wire that has (linear) density  $\rho = \rho_0(1 + z)$  and is in the shape of the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (t \cos t)\mathbf{i} + (t \sin t)\mathbf{j} + (2\sqrt{2}/3)t^{3/2}\mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\text{Ans: } M = \int_C \rho ds = \rho_0 \int_0^1 \left( 1 + (2\sqrt{2}/3)t^{3/2} \right) (1 + t) dt = \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{35} \right) \rho_0.$$

9. Find the work done by the force  $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} - z\mathbf{k}$  in moving a particle from the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$  to the point  $(2\pi, 0, 2\pi)$  along the conic-helical curve:  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t \cos t)\mathbf{i} + (t \sin t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$  with  $t$  between 0 and  $2\pi$ .

$$\text{Ans: } W = \int_C \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 2t dt = 4\pi^2.$$

10. Find the circulation of the vector field  $\mathbf{F} = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$  around the closed path consisting of the following three curves traversed in the direction of increasing  $t$ :

$$C_1 : \mathbf{r}(t) = \cos t\mathbf{i} + \sin t\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi/2.$$

$$C_2 : \mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{j} + (\pi/2)(1 - t)\mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$C_3 : \mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + (1 - t)\mathbf{j}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int_{C_1} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^{\pi/2} (2t) dt = \frac{\pi^2}{4}, \int_{C_2} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 1/2\pi^2(-1 + t) dt = -\frac{\pi^2}{4}, \text{ and } \int_{C_3} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 (-2 + 4t) dt = 0. \text{ Thus, by path-additivity property, the circulation is 0.}$$

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