

**Math 550**  
**Homework 9**  
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1. Professor Doofus gives the following “rule” for canceling differential forms  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega^\ell(\mathbf{R}^n)$ :

$$\text{If } \omega \wedge \alpha = \omega \wedge \beta, \text{ then } \alpha = \beta.$$

Give an example which shows that Doofus is mistaken.

2. Compute the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  by integrating an appropriate 2-form over the unit sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
3. Suppose  $C$  is a 1-dimensional manifold in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , oriented by a parameterization  $c : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ . Prove that  $\int_{[a,b]} c^* ds = \int_a^b [\sum_{i=1}^n (c'_i(t))^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} dt$ .
4. Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , and let  $\omega_X^1$  and  $\omega_X^2$  denote the associated 1- and 2-forms, respectively. Let  $f : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a 0-form.

(a) Show that:  $df = \omega_{\text{grad } f}^1$ ,  $d(\omega_X^1) = \omega_{\text{curl } X}^2$ , and  $d(\omega_X^2) = \text{div } X \, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$ .

(b) Prove that  $\text{curl grad } f = 0$  and  $\text{div curl } X = 0$ .

5. For a vector field  $X = (f_x, f_y)$  on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , we may define an associated 1-form, different from the one in class, by

$$\star \omega_X^1 = -f_y \, dx + f_x \, dy.$$

We may also define

$$\text{div } X = \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y}.$$

- (a) Let  $M$  be a compact 2-dimensional manifold with boundary in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Show that for all points  $p \in \partial M$ , the equation  $\star \omega_X^1 = X \cdot n \, ds$  holds.
- (b) Prove the following *Divergence form of Green's Theorem*: Let  $M$  be a 2-dimensional manifold-with-boundary in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , and let  $X$  be a vector field on  $M$ . Then

$$\int_M \text{div } X \, dA = \int_{\partial M} X \cdot n \, ds.$$

6. Let  $M$  be a compact 3-dimensional manifold-with-boundary in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , with  $(0,0,0) \in M - \partial M$ . Consider the vector field  $X(p) = \frac{p}{\|p\|^3}$  defined on  $\mathbf{R}^3 - \{(0,0,0)\}$ . Prove that

$$\int_{\partial M} X \cdot N \, dA = 4\pi.$$