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1 Suppose P(x,y,z), Q(x,y,q), and R(x,y,z) are C^{∞} functions on \mathbb{R}^3 which vanish identically if $|x| \geq 5$, $|y| \geq 5$, or $|z| \geq 5$. Prove that the volume integral

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$$\int_{-6}^{6} \int_{-6}^{6} \int_{-6}^{6} d(Pdy \wedge dz + Qdx \wedge dz + Rdx \wedge dy) = 0$$

(Do this directly, not by quoting Stokes' Theorem: this is a special case of the proof of Stokes' Theorem!)

- 2 Suppose that $V = P(x,y,z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Q(x,y,z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + R(x,y,z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ is a C^{∞} vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 with $V \neq \vec{0}$ at the origin. Find a necessary and sufficient condition for there to exist a C^{∞} function $\lambda(x,y,z)$ in some neighborhood of the origin such that λV is the gradient of a C^{∞} function on the neighborhood.
- 3 Let $T_t: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the right-hand rule rotation around the positive z-axis by t degrees and $S_s: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the right-hand rule rotation around the positive x-axis by t degrees.
- 3.1 Find the infinitesimal generators of the flows T_t and S_t , i.e., the vector fields X and Y, respectively, on \mathbb{R}^3 whose flows are $\{T_t\}$ and $\{S_t\}$.
- 3.2 Compute the commutator

$$T_{-t} \circ S_{-t} \circ T_t \circ S_t$$
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- 3.3 Compare the result of 3.2 (lowest order non-identically zero term) with the Lie bracket [X, Y].
- 4 Take as given that a C^{∞} 2-form ω on S^2 is of the form $d\theta$ for some C^{∞} 1-form θ if and only if $\int_{X^2} \omega = 0$. Use this to show that every C^{∞} 2-form Ω on $\mathbb{R}P^2$ has the form $d\Lambda$ for some C^{∞} 1-form Λ . (Do not just quote DeRham's Theorem here.)

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5.1 Suppose $F: S^1 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is a C^{∞} function such that dF is nowhere zero (on S^1). Prove that there is a two-dimensional subspace P of \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\pi_P \circ F: S^1 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ has nowhere vanishing differential, where $\pi_P =$ orthogonal projection on P.

- 5.2 Show by example a picture with explanation is all right) that there is such an F that is also 1 to 1 (injective) but is such that, for all P, $\pi_P \circ F$ fails to be injective.
- 5.3 Show that if $F: S^1 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ is C^{∞} and injective then there is a three-dimensional subspace H of \mathbb{R}^4 such that $\pi_H \circ F$ is injective, where $\pi_H =$ orthogonal projection on H.
- 6.1 Suppose $F: S^n \to S^n$ is fixed-point free (i.e. for all $p \in S^n$, $p \neq F(p)$). Show that F is homotopic to the antipodal map $p \to -p$, $p \in S^n$.
- 6.2 Use part 6.1 to show that every vector field on (tangent to) S^{2n} , n = 1, 2, 3, ... vanishes somewhere on S^{2n} (i.e. has a zero).
- 7.1 Discuss carefully how to obtain the long exact sequence in homology from a short exact sequence of chain complexes. (Include definitions of the maps in the long exact sequence.)
- 7.2 If the short exact sequence is

$$0 \to C_1 \to C_2 \to C_3 \to 0,$$

prove exactness of the long exact sequence at $H_k(C_3)$ [in $\cdots H_k(C_2) \to H_k(C_3) \to H_{k-1}(C_1) \cdots$]

8.1 Suppose $F:T^2\to T^2$ (where $T^2=S^1\times S^1$ is a continuous function such that F(p)=p for some $p\in T^2$ and

$$F_*: \pi_1(T^2, p) \to \pi_1(T^2, p)$$

is the identity map. Is F necessarily homotopic to the identity map from T^2 to itself?

- 8.2 Is a C^{∞} map $F: T^2 \to T^2$ of degree 1 necessarily homotopic to the identity map of T^2 to itself? Explain / prove your answer.
- 9.1 Discuss the (a) representation of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ as a simplicial complex.
- 9.2 Use part (a) to find the homology of $\mathbb{C}P^n$: prove carefully that your calculation is correct.
- 10.1 Let X= the space obtained by attaching two discs to S^1 , the first disc being attached by $S^1=\partial D_1\to S^1$ being the 7 times around (counterclockwise) map, e.g., $z\mapsto z^7,\ |z|=1,\ z\in\mathbb{C}$ and the second being attached by $S^1=\partial D_2\to S^1$ being the 5 times around map $z\to z^5$. Find the homology of X.
- 10.2 Can X be made a C^{∞} manifold? Why or why not?