

MATH 202: VECTOR CALCULUS
CAES 9.8
HOMEWORK DUE FRIDAY WEEK 11

Problem 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega &= d(fdx + gdy + hdz) \\
 &= (D_1fdx + D_2fdy + D_3fdz) \wedge dx \\
 &\quad + (D_1gdx + D_2gdy + D_3gdz) \wedge dy \\
 &\quad + (D_1hdx + D_2hdy + D_3hdz) \wedge dz \\
 &= (D_2fdy + D_3fdz) \wedge dx \\
 &\quad + (D_1gdx + D_3gdz) \wedge dy \\
 &\quad + (D_1hdx + D_2hdy) \wedge dz && \text{since } dx_i \wedge dx_i = 0 \\
 &= (D_2h - D_3g)dy \wedge dz \\
 &\quad + (D_3f - D_1h)dz \wedge dx \\
 &\quad + (D_1g - D_2f)dx \wedge dy && \text{since } dx_i = dx_j \iff (-1)^{kl}dx_j = dx_i
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Problem 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega &= d(fdy \wedge dz + gdx \wedge dx + hdx \wedge dy) \\
 &= (D_1fdx + D_2fdy + D_3fdz) \wedge dy \wedge dz \\
 &\quad + (D_1gdx + D_2gdy + D_3gdz) \wedge dz \wedge dx \\
 &\quad + (D_1hdx + D_2hdy + D_3hdz) \wedge dx \wedge dy \\
 &= D_1fdx \wedge dy \wedge dz + D_2gdy \wedge dz \wedge dx + D_3hdz \wedge dx \wedge dy && \text{since } dx_i \wedge dx_i = 0 \\
 &= (D_1f + D_2g + D_3h)dx \wedge dy \wedge dz && \text{since } dx_i = dx_j \iff (-1)^{kl}dx_j = dx_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. a) We can see that,

$$f_1 = D_1\phi \quad f_2 = D_2\phi \quad f_3 = D_3\phi$$

b) From Problem 1,

$$g_1 = (D_2f_3 - D_3f_2) \quad g_2 = (D_3f_1 - D_1f_3) \quad g_3 = (D_1f_2 - D_2f_1)$$

c) From Problem 2,

$$h = (D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3)$$

Problem 4.

$$\nabla \times F = (D_2f_3 - D_3f_2, D_3f_1 - D_1f_3, D_1f_2 - D_2f_1) = \text{curl}F \quad \text{by definition of cross product}$$

$$\langle \nabla, G \rangle = D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3 = \text{div}G \quad \text{by definition of inner product}$$

Problem 5. First we will show,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\phi & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & (f_1, f_2, f_3) \\
\downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow \cdot \vec{ds} \\
\phi & \xrightarrow{d} & f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz
\end{array}$$

which we can see as, the $\text{grad}(\phi)$ gives us $(D_1\phi, D_2\phi, D_3\phi) = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ from **Problem 3a** then, applying $\cdot \vec{ds}$ gives us

$$(f_1, f_2, f_3) \cdot \vec{ds} = f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz$$

which is equivalent to applying $d(\phi)$ as,

$$d(\phi) = f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz$$

by definition. Thus the diagram commutes.

Then we show,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(f_1, f_2, f_3) & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & (g_1, g_2, g_3) \\
\downarrow \cdot \vec{ds} & & \downarrow \cdot \vec{dn} \\
f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz & \xrightarrow{d} & g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy
\end{array}$$

We can see the curl from **Problem 4** is $(D_2f_3 - D_3f_2, D_3f_1 - D_1f_3, D_1f_2 - D_2f_1)$ then applying $\cdot \vec{dn}$ gives us,

$$g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy.$$

From **Problem 3b** and **Problem 1** that

$$d(f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz) = g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy,$$

thus the diagram commutes.

and finally,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(g_1, g_2, g_3) & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & h \\
\downarrow \cdot \vec{dn} & & \downarrow dV \\
g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy & \xrightarrow{d} & h dx \wedge dy \wedge dz
\end{array}$$

We can see that the div from **Problem 4** gives us, $D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3$, then applying dV we see,

$$(D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3)dV = (D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3)dx \wedge dy \wedge dz.$$

From **Problem 3c** and **Problem 2** we can see that

$$d(g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy) = (D_1g_1 + D_2g_2 + D_3g_3)dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

as desired, and so the diagram commutes.

Finally, we can glue the diagrams together for the desired result.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\phi & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & (f_1, f_2, f_3) & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & (g_1, g_2, g_3) & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & h \\
\downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow \cdot \vec{ds} & & \downarrow \cdot \vec{dn} & & \downarrow dV \\
\phi & \xrightarrow{d} & f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz & \xrightarrow{d} & g_1 dy \wedge dz + g_2 dz \wedge dx + g_3 dx \wedge dy & \xrightarrow{d} & h dx \wedge dy \wedge dz
\end{array}$$

Problem 6. We can see using the commutative diagram and the nilpotence of d that,

$$d(d(\phi)) = (\text{curl} \circ \text{grad})(\phi) \cdot \vec{dn} \implies (\text{curl} \circ \text{grad})(\phi) = 0$$

$$d(d((f_1, f_2, f_3) \cdot \vec{ds})) = (\text{div} \circ \text{curl})(\phi) dV \implies (\text{div} \circ \text{curl})(\phi) = 0$$

Finally,

$$\text{grad}(\phi) = (D_1\phi, D_2\phi, D_3\phi) \implies \text{div}(\text{grad}(\phi)) = \text{div}(D_1\phi, D_2\phi, D_3\phi) = D_1\phi + D_2\phi + D_3\phi$$

thus

$$\text{div}(\text{grad}(\phi)) = 0 \implies D_1\phi + D_2\phi + D_3\phi = 0$$

or the **harmonic equation**, as desired.