CMPE 330

Spring 2015

Problem Set #4

NOTE: You must show complete work for full credit.

- 1. Given vectors $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}2 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}3$, $\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}3 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}4$, and $\mathbf{C} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}3 \hat{\mathbf{z}}4$, find the following, [modified from Ulaby et al. 3.5, p. 169]
 - a. A and $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$
 - b. The component of ${\bf B}$ along ${\bf C}$
 - c. θ_{AC}
 - d. $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}$
 - e. $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$
 - f. $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$
 - g. $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{B}$
 - h. $(\mathbf{A} \times \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}$
- 2. Prove that the absolute value of the scalar triple product $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$ equals the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges correspond to the distance vectors \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} .
- 3. A plane is described by 2x + 3y + 4z = 16, find the unit vector normal to the surface in the direction away from the origin. [Ulaby et al. 3.15, p. 169]
- 4. Convert the coordinates of the following points from Cartesian to cylindrical and spherical coordinates, [modified from Ulaby et al. 3.22, p. 170.]
 - a. $P_1(1,2,0)$
 - b. $P_2(0,0,3)$
 - c. $P_3(1,1,2)$
 - d. $P_4(-3,3,-3)$
- 5. Use the appropriate expression for the surface area $d\mathbf{s}$ to determine the area of each of the following surfaces, [Ulaby et al. 3.25, p. 171]
 - a. $r = 3; 0 \le \phi \le \pi/3; -2 \le z \le 2$
 - b. $2 \le r \le 5$; $\pi/2 \le \phi \le \pi$; z = 0
 - c. $2 \le r \le 5$; $\phi = \pi/4$; $-2 \le z \le 2$
 - d. $R=2;\,0\leq\theta\leq\pi/3;\,0\leq\phi\leq\pi$
 - e. $0 \le R \le 5$; $\theta = \pi/3$; $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$

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6. Find the distance between the following pairs of points, [Ulaby et al. 3.31, p. 171]

- a. $P_1(1,2,3)$ and $P_2(-2,-3,2)$ in Cartesian coordinates
- b. $P_3(1, \pi/4, 2)$ and $P_4(3, \pi/4, 4)$ in cylindrical coordinates
- c. $P_5(2, \pi/2, 0)$ and $P_6(3, \pi, 0)$ in spherical coordinates
- 7. Find the gradient of the following scalar functions, [modified from Ulaby et al. 3.32, p. 172]
 - a. $T = 2/(x^2 + z^2)$
 - b. $V = xy^2z^3$
 - c. $U = z \cos \phi / (1 + r^2)$
 - d. $W = \exp(-R)\sin\theta$
 - e. $S = x^2 \exp(-z) + y^2$
 - f. $N = r^2 \cos \phi$
 - g. $M = R \cos \theta \sin \phi$
- 8. Vector field \mathbf{E} is characterized by the following properties: (a) \mathbf{E} points along $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$; (b) the magnitude of \mathbf{E} is a function only of the distance from the origin; (c) \mathbf{E} vanishes at the origin, and (d) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 6$, everywhere. Find an expression for \mathbf{E} that satisfies these properties. [Ulaby 3.45, p. 174]
- 9. A vector field $D = \hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3$ exists in the region between two concentric cylinder surfaces defined by r = 1 and r = 2, with both cylinders extending between z = 0 and z = 5. Verify the divergence theorem by evaluating the following, [Ulaby 3.48, p. 174]
 - a. $\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$
 - b. $\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \, dv$
- 10. For a scalar field V(x, y, z), the gradient in Cartesian coordinates is given by [See Ulaby, Eq. 3.71]

$$\nabla V = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}.$$

Derive the gradient in spherical coordinates

$$\nabla V = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

in two ways.

- a. Use partial derivative transformations in the same way that Ulaby et al.'s Eqs. (3.82) and (3.83) were derived.
- b. Use the general result on slide 7.24.