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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF
M.A. AND B.Sc.

Mathematics 2A - Multivariable Calculus

An electronic calculator may be used provided that it does not have a facility for either textual storage or display, or for graphical display.

Candidates must attempt all questions.

1. (i) The function f is defined by $f(x, y) = e^x \sin 2y$. Compute all second order partial derivatives of f and verify that f solves the Helmholtz equation

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$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + 3f = 0.$$

- (ii) Let $F(x, y) = g(r(x, y))$. Using the chain rule, express the partial derivatives of F in terms of the derivatives of g and r . Use your result to calculate the derivatives $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ in the case $r(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $g(u) = \log u$.

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- (iii) Consider the following partial differential equation

$$y \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (x^2 + y^2)f,$$

for $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. By writing $f(x, y) = F(u(x, y), v(x, y))$ with $u(x, y) = xy$ and $v(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$, construct the general solution to the PDE.

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2. (i) Let $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and $r : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a vector and scalar field respectively, with $r(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. Let $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function of one variable. Establish the result

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi(r)\mathbf{f}) = \phi(r)\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} + \phi'(r)\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{f}$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = (x, y, z)/r$.

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- (ii) Use your result from part (i) to evaluate to a real number the expression

$$\nabla \cdot (r^2(\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}))$$

where $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is a constant vector.

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3. (i) Let \mathcal{D} be the region of the annulus between circles centred at the origin with radii 1 and 3, lying between the lines $y = x$ and $y = -x$ with $y \geq 0$. Decide whether \mathcal{D} is regular or not and give reasons for your answer. By making a change to polar coordinates, evaluate the integral

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$$\iint_{\mathcal{D}} xy \, dx dy.$$

- (ii) Define what is meant by the notation, $\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)}$. Let \mathcal{A} be the region between the y -axis, the x -axis, the curve $y = 1/x$ and the curves $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ and $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$. Sketch \mathcal{A} in the x - y plane. Change variables to $u = xy$ and $v = (y^2 - x^2)/2$ and sketch \mathcal{A} in the u - v plane. Hence evaluate the integral

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$$\iint_{\mathcal{A}} (x^3 y + y^3 x) \, dx dy.$$

- (iii) Evaluate the volume integral

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{V}} z \, dx dy dz,$$

where \mathcal{V} is the region between the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and $x + y + z = 1$.

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4. (i) State Green's Theorem. Use it to evaluate the integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r},$$

where the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (e^{-x} + y^2, e^{-y} + x^2)$ and the curve \mathcal{C} consists of the arc of $y = \sin x$ from $(0, 0)$ to $(\pi, 0)$ and the line segment from $(\pi, 0)$ to $(0, 0)$.

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- (ii) Evaluate the surface integral

$$\iint_{\mathcal{S}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dS,$$

where \mathcal{S} is the cone-shaped surface given by the equations $z = 4 - 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $0 \leq z \leq 4$.

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- (iii) State Gauss' Divergence Theorem. Use it to evaluate the integral

$$\iint_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS,$$

where the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (xz^2, x^2y - z^3, y^2z + z^2/2)$ and \mathbf{n} is the outward pointing unit normal to the surface \mathcal{S} of the region bounded by the hemisphere $z = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2}$ with radius a and the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $z = 0$.

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