

MATH2004B — Test 4: 16:35–17:25, Nov 8

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Total: 15 points. No partial marks for Questions 1-3.

Closed book! Non-programmer calculators are allowed!

1. (1 point) Find the constant k such that the vector field $\vec{F} = (\sin x + kxy, x^2 - e^y)$ is conservative.

(a) -1 (b) 1 (c) -3 (d) 2 (e) 5

Solution: (d)

Let $P = \sin x + kxy$, $Q = x^2 - e^y$. Then $P_y = kx$, $Q_x = 2x$. Since $P_y = Q_x$, $k = 2$.

2. (1 point) Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \ln(2x + z)\vec{i} + xy^3\vec{j} + xyz\vec{k}$. Find $\operatorname{div} \vec{F}(1, 1, -1)$.

(a) 1 (b) -3 (c) 5 (d) 6 (e) -5

Solution: (d).

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} = \frac{2}{2x + z} + 3xy^2 + xy.$$

3. (1 point) Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = xz\vec{i} + xy^3\vec{j} + xyz\vec{k}$. Find $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}(1, 2, -3)$.

(a) $-3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$ (b) $-3\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$ (c) $-3\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ (d) $3\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ (e) $3\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$

Solution: (a).

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} &= \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k} \\ &= (xz) \vec{i} + (x - yz) \vec{j} + (y^3) \vec{k}. \end{aligned}$$

4. (5 points) Find the potential function $f(x, y, z)$ of the vector field

$$\vec{F} = (e^{3z}, 2yz^3 + 1, 3xe^{3z} + 3y^2z^2).$$

Solution: Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a potential function. Then $F = (f_x, f_y, f_z) = (e^{3z}, 2yz^3 + 1, 3xe^{3z} + 3y^2z^2)$,

$$f_x = e^{3z}, f_y = 2yz^3 + 1, f_z = 3xe^{3z} + 3y^2z^2.$$

(1 point)

$$\begin{aligned} f_x = e^{3z} &\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = xe^{3z} + g(y, z) \Rightarrow \\ f_y = g_y = 2yz^3 + 1 &\Rightarrow g(y, z) = y^2z^3 + y + h(z), \Rightarrow \\ f(x, y, z) = xe^{3z} + y^2z^3 + y + h(z) &\Rightarrow \\ f_z = 3xe^{3z} + 3y^2z^2 + y + h'(z) = 3xe^{3z} + 3y^2z^2, &\Rightarrow \\ h'(z) = 0 &\Rightarrow h(z) = \text{constant, say, } C. \end{aligned}$$

(3 points)

Hence,

$$f = xe^{3z} + y^2z^3 + y + C.$$

(1 point)

5. (7 points) Let $f(x, y, z) = x + 3y + 2z$, $g(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2$.

(i) Calculate $\nabla f(x, y, z)$ and $\nabla g(x, y, z)$.

(ii) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y, z)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 36$.

Solution: (i)

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (1, 3, 2), \quad \nabla g(x, y, z) = (4x, 4y, 2z).$$

(2 points)

(ii) We solve

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f - \lambda \nabla g &= 0 && \text{(1 point for writing this equation.)} \\ g(x, y) &= 36. \end{aligned}$$

We imply that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 4\lambda x &= 0 \\ 3 - 4\lambda y &= 0 \\ 2 - 2\lambda z &= 0 \\ 2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 &= 36. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$x = \frac{1}{4\lambda}, \quad y = \frac{3}{4\lambda}, \quad z = \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{8\lambda^2} + \frac{9}{8\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = 36,$$

which gives $\lambda = \pm\frac{1}{4}$.

When $\lambda = \frac{1}{4}$, we have $x = 1$, $y = 3$, and $z = 4$.

When $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$, we have $x = -1$, $y = -3$, and $z = -4$.

(3 points)

The maximum is $f(1, 3, 4) = 18$.

The minimum is $f(-1, -3, -4) = -18$.

(1 point)