PHYS2170 Mathematical Methods 4(J A Dunningham)Assignment 2Due date: 1pm, Wednesday 8 March 2006

Please complete these questions, showing your working. Assignments should be handed in at the lecture or to my office (9.84). Total possible marks [30].

- 1. Compute $I = \int_{S} dA \, 2 \, x^2$, where S is the region between a circle of **diameter** 6 centered at the origin and a square with **sides of length** 6 centered at the origin [**Hint:** Express the integral as a difference of two integrals] [5]
- 2. Consider the following line integral:

$$J = \int_C \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{r}, \qquad \mathbf{V} = y e^{xy} \mathbf{\hat{i}} + (x e^{xy} + 1) \mathbf{\hat{j}}$$

where C is the curve from x = 6 to x = 1 along the line $y = x^3$

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- (a) Evaluate this integral explicitly.
- (b) Show by taking the curl that V is conservative.
- (c) Integrate V to find the corresponding potential ϕ , such that

$$V_x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \qquad \qquad V_y = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

- (d) Calculate J by evaluating ϕ at the endpoints of C, hence obtaining the same result as in (a).
- 3. Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the following line integral:

$$I = \oint_C \mathbf{W} \cdot d\mathbf{r}, \qquad \mathbf{W} = yx^2 \,\hat{\mathbf{i}} - (xy^2 + z) \,\hat{\mathbf{j}} + xye^{-z^2} \hat{\mathbf{k}},$$

where C is the **counterclockwise** path around a loop in the x - y plane. Let the loop traverse 1/3 of a circle of radius 3 centered at the origin, in the direction from (0,0,0) to (3,0,0) to $(3\cos\frac{2\pi}{3}, 3\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}, 0)$ to (0,0,0). [5]

4. Calculate the following surface integral both explicitly (over the surface area) and by the divergence theorem (over the volume):

$$I = \oint_{S} \left\{ x \, dy \, dz + y \, dx \, dz + z \, dx \, dy \right\},\,$$

where S is the surface of a sphere of radius 2 [Hint: Write the integrand in vector form, $\mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{dS}$, and convert to spherical coordinates]. [6]

5. Gauss's Law for the electric field is:

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho,$$

where ρ is the charge per unit volume at a given point.

- (a) Integrate this equation over an arbitrary volume and use the divergence theorem to relate a surface integral of the electric field \mathbf{E} to the total charge Q enclosed inside a volume.
- (b) Now we'll apply the divergence theorem (Gauss's Law) to calculate the electric field and potential around a wire. Assume a wire of infinite length aligned in the $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ direction, with charge per unit *length* λ . What direction does the electric field point? [Use cylindrical coordinates (ρ, z, ϕ)]
- (c) Assuming the electric field points in this direction with a magnitude E_0 , perform the surface integral you obtained in (a), where the surface is a cylinder of radius R and length L encircling the wire, and hence find E_0 as a function of λ and R[You'll have to express the total charge enclosed in terms of λ]. Draw a picture!
- (d) The electrostatic potential ψ is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \psi$$

Integrate the electric field you found in (c) from $\rho = \infty$ to $\rho = R$, assuming $\psi(\infty) = 0$, and hence find the electrostatic potential around a wire.

$$\left\{ \text{recall that} \quad \nabla \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \right\}$$