

Topic of this homework: Line, surface and volume integrals,
 Grad: $\nabla()$, Div: $\nabla \cdot ()$, Curl: $\nabla \times ()$,
 Laplacian, Helmholtz theorem,
 Green's, Stokes and Divergence Thms

Deliverables: Show your work. Numerical results are not sufficient, expect when specifically requested.

There are two different methods of defining vectors: a) $\vec{Z} = [1, 2, 3]^T$, where as before, the script T is transpose of the row-vector to a column, and b) $\mathbf{Z} = \hat{x} + 2\hat{y} + 3\hat{z}$. They represent exactly the same thing, and the rules of computation are identical. An arrow over the top, or the bold font, both indicate a column vector. You must adapt to these two equivalent representations.

Several of problems are adapted from (Greenberg, 1988; Allen, 2017).

1 Scalar fields and ∇ :

- Let $T(x, y)$ be a scalar temperature field in 2 dimensions. Describe or sketch the iso-temperature contours at $T=10, 20, 30$ degrees.
 - $T = x^2 + y^2$
 - $T = 10(x - y)$
- Compute the gradient of $T = x^2 + y^2$.
- Given some scalar field $\phi(x, y, z)$, find the rate of change, in the direction of maximum change. Hint: Take the gradient.
- Define and then describe the meaning of the *directional derivative*

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \tag{1}$$

in the direction of unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$.

2 Vector fields

Let $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = x\hat{x} - y\hat{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

- Describe (or sketch) $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$.
- Find the curves of constant scalar speed $s(\mathbf{x})$ of $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$, defined as the norm of the velocity $s(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$.

3 Divergence

1. Find the divergence of the following vector fields:

(a) $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + xy\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \log(z)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

(b) $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + xy\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \log(z)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ evaluated at $\mathbf{x} = [1, 2, 3]^T$.

(c) $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + xy\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \log(z)\hat{\mathbf{z}} + t(\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \hat{\mathbf{y}})$

2. Gauss' Law

Given a closed surface \mathcal{S} , the area is denoted as $|\mathcal{S}|$, and the volume enclosed as $||\mathcal{S}||$ (see the class notes, Lecture 39, Sect. 1.5.10).

(a) In words, explain:

$$\iiint_{||\mathcal{S}||} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} ||d\mathcal{S}|| = \iint_{|\mathcal{S}|} \mathbf{D} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d|\mathcal{S}|. \quad (1)$$

(b) In words, explain:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \lim_{|\mathcal{S}| \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{D} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d|\mathcal{S}|}{|\mathcal{S}|} \right\} = \rho(x, y, z). \quad (2)$$

(c) If $\phi(x, y) \equiv x + y$, find the unit vector pointing perpendicular (\perp) to plane $\phi = 1$

(d) Explain the relationship between $\int_a^b F' dx = F(x)|_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$ and the Divergence Thm.

3. Assuming some vector potential field $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x})$, evaluate $I = \int_{|\mathcal{S}|} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}) d|\mathcal{S}|$. Explain your reasoning. Hint: DoC/CoG.

4 Curl and Stokes Thm

The curl may be defined as the limit of the integral

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} \equiv \lim_{|\mathcal{S}| \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S}} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H} d|\mathcal{S}|}{|\mathcal{S}|} \right\}. \quad (1)$$

Stokes' theorem (law) says

$$\iint_{\mathcal{S}} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d|\mathcal{S}| = \oint_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}. \quad (2)$$

1. Expand the formula for the curl in rectangular coordinates, about the top row.

2. If $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \nabla(1/x + 1/y + 1/z)$, find $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}(x, y, z)$.

3. One of Maxwell's Equations, under steady state conditions, is $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$, where \mathbf{H} [amps/m] is the magnetic field strength and \mathbf{J} [amps/m²] is the current density. Apply Stokes' Thm to this equation, and explain the result.

- Determine when $\nabla \times \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x})$ is independent of $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x})$ Hint: Consider the definition of the triple product $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$.
- Prove CoG: $\nabla \times \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- Prove DoC: $\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0$

5 Laplacian

- If $\vec{v}(x, y, z) = \nabla(1/x + 1/y + 1/z)$, then what is $\nabla \cdot \vec{v}(x, y, z)$? What does this mean?
- For $u = xe^y$ evaluate

$$\nabla^2 u = \nabla^2 xe^y$$

and

$$\nabla \times \nabla u =$$

- For $\vec{v} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, evaluate

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{v}) =$$

and

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{v}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) - \nabla^2 \vec{v} = .$$

6 Compression-Rotation decomposition Thm.

Helmholtz decomposition theorem: Every vector field [e.g., $\vec{v}(x, y, z)$] may be defined as the sum of the gradient of a *scalar potential* $\Phi(x, y, z)$, and the curl of a *vector potential* $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$:

$$\vec{v}(x, y, z) \equiv \nabla \Phi(x, y, z) + \nabla \times \vec{A}(x, y, z).$$

Given the two vector identities CoG $\nabla \times \nabla \Phi = 0$ and DoC $\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \vec{A} = 0$ what can you say about Φ and \vec{A} ?

- First take the (a) divergence and second (b) the curl of $\vec{v}(x, y, z)$. Give an example from Maxwell's equations (or fluid flow) of the meaning of each result.
- When is a field *irrotational*?
- Classify $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} - y\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ as (in)compressible and (ir)rotational by computing $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$ and finding its potential $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ (i.e., $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \Phi$).
- When is a field *incompressible*?

6.1 Field classification:

Provide your reasoning. Hint: look at Fig. 1.33 of Lec. 40, Sect. 1.5.11.

- Classify the following fields as (in)compressible or (ir)rotational?

(a) $\vec{v}(x, y, z) = \nabla(3x^3 + y \cos(xy))$

(b) $\vec{v}(x, y, z) = xy\hat{\mathbf{x}} - z\hat{\mathbf{y}} + f(z)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

- Define the purely rotational (i.e., incompressible) field, and provide your reasoning.

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