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TITLE OF PAPER : VECTOR ANALYSIS

COURSE NUMBER : M312

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF  
SEVEN QUESTIONS.  
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS : NONE

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

### QUESTION 1

- (a) Find the outward unit normal vector to the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad a, b > 0,$$

at the point  $P\left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ . [10]

- (b) Find the area of the surface cut from the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  by the plane  $z = 0$ . [10]

### QUESTION 2

- (a) The path of a highway and an exit ramp are superimposed on a rectangular coordinate system such that the highway coincides with the  $x$ -axis. The exit ramp begins at the origin  $O$ . After following the graph of  $y = -x^4/4$  from  $O$  to the point  $P(1, -1/4)$ , the path follows the arc of a circle in such a way that the ramp is *continuous*, *smooth*, and has *continuous curvature*. Find the equation of this circle. [10]
- (b) Find a parametrization of the first-octant portion of the cone  $z = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}$  between the planes  $z = 0$  and  $z = 3$ . [10]

QUESTION 3

(a) Express the following in cylindrical coordinates:

(i)  $\text{grad}\phi$ ;

(ii)  $\text{div}F$ ;

(iii) the volume element  $dV$ , and

(iv) the Jacobian.

[10]

(b) Let  $D$  be the region in the  $xyz$ -space defined by the inequalities

$$1 \leq x \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq xy \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1.$$

Evaluate

$$\iiint_D (x^2y + 3xyz) dx dy dz$$

by applying the transformation

$$u = x, \quad v = xy, \quad w = 3z$$

and integrating over the appropriate region  $G$  in the  $uvw$ -space.

[10]

QUESTION 4

(a) Let  $\mathbf{F} = (6xy + z^3)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (3x^2 - z)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (3xz^2 - y)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  be a vector field.

(i) Show that  $\mathbf{F}$  is irrotational. [3]

(ii) Find  $\text{div curl } \mathbf{F}$ . [2]

(b) Let  $\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) = y\hat{\mathbf{i}} - x\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  and  $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  be vectors in space.

(i) Compute the divergence and the curl of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . [8]

(ii) Find the flow lines of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . [7]

QUESTION 5

(a) Determine the directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  at the point  $(1, 0)$  in the direction of  $\frac{2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}}}{2\sqrt{2}}$ . [6]

(b) Find a unit normal to the surface  $2x^2 + 4yz - 5z^2 = -100$  at  $P(2, -2, 3)$ . [6]

(c) Verify that the parametric equations

$$x = \rho^2 \cos \theta, \quad y = \rho^2 \sin \theta, \quad z = \rho$$

could be used to represent the surface  $x^2 + y^2 - z^4 = 0$ . Hence compute the unit normal to this surface at any point. [8]

QUESTION 6

(a) If  $\mathbf{A} = (3x^2 - 6yz)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (2y + 3xz)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (1 - 4xyz^2)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ , evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$  along the following paths  $C$ :

(i)  $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$ ;

(ii) the straight lines from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(0, 0, 1)$ , then to  $(0, 1, 1)$ , and then to  $(1, 1, 1)$ ;

(iii) the straight line joining  $(0, 0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1, 1)$ . [12]

(b) Verify Green's theorem in the plane for

$$\oint_C [2x dx - 3y dy],$$

where  $C$  is the closed curve (described in the positive direction) of the region bounded by the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y^2 = x$ . [8]

QUESTION 7

(a) Evaluate  $\iint_S [xz^2 dy dz + (x^2y - z^3) dz dx + (2xy + y^2z) dx dy]$ , where  $S$  is the entire surface of the hemispherical region bounded by  $z = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2}$  and  $z = 0$

(i) by the divergence theorem (Green's theorem in space),

(ii) directly. [12]

(b) Verify Stokes' theorem for  $\mathbf{A} = 3y\hat{\mathbf{i}} - xz\hat{\mathbf{j}} + yz^2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ , where  $S$  is the surface of the paraboloid  $2z = x^2 + y^2$  bounded by  $z = 2$  and  $C$  is its boundary. [8]

END OF EXAMINATION