
UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION, 2017/2018

B.Sc. III, B.Ed III, B.Eng III, BASS III

Title of Paper : Vector Analysis

Course Number : M312/MAT312

Time Allowed : Three (3) Hours

Instructions

1. This paper consists of TWO (2) Sections:
 - a. SECTION A (40 MARKS)
 - Answer **ALL** questions in Section A.
 - b. SECTION B
 - There are FIVE (5) questions in Section B.
 - Each question in Section B is worth 20 Marks.
 - Answer **ANY THREE (3)** questions in Section B.
 - If you answer more than three (3) questions in Section B, **only the first three questions answered in Section B will be marked.**
2. Show all your working.

Special Requirements: None

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SECTION A [40 Marks]: Answer ALL Questions

A1. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the point $(2, 1, -3)$ and is normal to the vector $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$. (5)

A2. Express the vector $\vec{F} = (-y, x, 0)$ in spherical coordinates. (6)

A3. Given the paraboloid of revolution $x^2 + y^2 - z = 1$. Find the unit normal at the point $(1, 1, 1)$. (5)

A4. Show that the vector $\vec{F} = 3yz^2\hat{i} + 4x^3z^2\hat{j} - 3x^2y^2\hat{k}$ is solenoidal. (4)

A5. Find the total work done in moving a particle in a force field $\vec{F} = 3xy\hat{i} - 5z\hat{j} + 10x\hat{k}$ along a curve $x = t^2 + 1, y = 2t^2, z = t^3$ from $t = 1$ to $t = 2$. (5)

A6. (a) Apply the Green's theorem to show that the area bounded by a simple closed curve c is given by $\frac{1}{2} \oint xdy - ydx$. (b) Use line integral to find the area enclosed by the curves $y = x$ and $y^2 = 4x$ (5)

A7. Verify divergence theorem for a sphere of radius R with center at the origin and with

$$\vec{A} = xi + yj + 2k, \quad |\vec{A}| = R$$

Hint: Volume of sphere $\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$, surface area $4\pi R^2$. (5)

SECTION B: Answer Any THREE Questions

QUESTION B1 [20 Marks]

B1. (a) Find the equation of the plane which contains the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{4} \text{ and } \frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-4}{-2} = \frac{z-2}{1}. \quad (6)$$

(b) Find the acute angle between the planes $2x - y + z + 8 = 0$ and $3x + 2y - z = 0$ (5)

(c)

(i) Find the directional derivative of $f = xyz^2$ at point $(1, 0, 3)$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

(ii) Compute the greatest rate of change of f .

(iii) The direction of the maximum rate of increase of f . (5,2,2)

QUESTION B2 [20 Marks]

B2. (a) Consider the toroidal curvilinear coordinates R, θ, φ which are defined in terms of rectangular cartesian coordinates x, y, z by

$$x = (a - R \cos \theta) \cos \varphi, \quad y = (a - R \cos \theta) \sin \varphi, \quad z = R \sin \theta$$

where $a = \text{constant}$ and $R < a$.

(i) Show that it is an orthogonal system of coordinates.

(ii) Find the Lamé parameters. (6,4)

(b) Given an arbitrary system of curvilinear orthogonal coordinates q_1, q_2, q_3 . Derive the formulas for

(i) Velocity,

(ii) Acceleration. (3,7)

QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]

B3. (a) Prove the following formulae

(i) $\nabla \times (f\bar{A}) = f\nabla \times \bar{A} + \nabla f \times \bar{A}$.

(ii) $\nabla \times \bar{r} = 0$

(iii) $(\bar{A} \cdot \nabla)\bar{r} = \bar{A}$ (4,2,3)

(b) Consider a vector field

$$\bar{F} = (y^2 + 2xz^2 - 1)\hat{i} + 2xy\hat{j} + 2x^2z\hat{k}.$$

(i) Is \bar{F} irrotational? Explain

(ii) Is \bar{F} conservative? Explain

(iii) If so, find a scalar potential (4,2,5)

QUESTION B4 [20 Marks]

B4. (a) If $\bar{U} = (x, 2y, 3z)$, evaluate

(i) $\int_0^A \bar{U} \cdot d\bar{r}$,

(ii) $\int_0^A \bar{U} \times d\bar{r}$,

(iii) $\int_0^A \bar{U} ds$

along the curve $\bar{r} = \left(t, \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{t^3}{3}\right)$ from the origin to the point $A(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{3})$. (5,3,4)

(b) Verify Stoke's theorem for

$$\bar{A} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k},$$

where S is half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$, and C is its boundary. (8)

QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]

B5. Apply the divergence theorem

(a) To derive theorem of the gradient

$$\int \int_V \int \nabla \varphi dV = \int \int_S \varphi d\bar{S}. \quad (6)$$

(b) To derive Green's first identity

$$\int \int_V \int (u \nabla^2 w + \nabla u \cdot \nabla w) dV = \int \int_S (u \nabla w) \cdot d\bar{S}. \quad (6)$$

(c) To transform the following double integral to a triple integral for the specified closed surface S .

$$\int \int_S (x^3 dydz + x^2 y dzdx + x^2 z dx dy),$$

S is a surface of a cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4, 0 \leq z \leq 2$, and the circular disks $z = 0$ and $z = 2$ ($x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$). (8)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER
