
UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, 2017/2018

B.Sc. III, B.Eng III, B.Ed 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 $(1, 2, 3)$ and is normal to the vector $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. (5)

A2. Express the vector $\overline{F}(-y, x, 0)$ in cylindrical coordinates. (5)

A3. Find the unit vector normal to the surface $xyz = 2$ at the point $(1, -1, -2)$. (5)

A4. Show that the vector

$$\overline{F} = (x^3z - 2xyz)\hat{i} + (xy - 3x^2z)\hat{j} + (yz^2 - xz)\hat{k}$$

is solenoidal. (5)

A5. Find the work done by force $\overline{F} = 3xy\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j}$ along the curve

$$C = \{x, y : y = 2x^2, \text{ from } (0, 0) \text{ to } (1, 2)\}$$

(5)

A6. (a) Apply the Green's theorem to show that the area bounded by a simple closed curve C is given by $\frac{1}{2} \oint_C xdy - ydx$. (5)

(b) Use line integral to evaluate the area enclosed by the straight lines $y = x, y = -x, y = 4$ (5)

A7. Let $\overline{A} = \nabla f$ and $\nabla^2 f = -4\pi\rho$. Apply the divergence theorem to show that

$$\int \int_S \overline{A} \cdot \overline{n} ds = -4\pi \int \int \int_V \rho \, dv.$$

(5)

SECTION B: Answer Any *THREE* Questions

QUESTION B1 [20 Marks]

B1. (a) Find the equation of the plane containing the point $(-2, -5, 2)$ and the line

$$\frac{x-7}{1} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z-1}{-5}$$

(6)

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

(c)

(i) Find the direction along which the directional derivative of $f = x^2yz^3$ at point $(2, 1, -1)$ is greatest.

(ii) Determine this greatest value.

(iii) Find the rate of change of this f at the same point in the direction of a positive z -axis (4,2,3)

QUESTION B2 [20 Marks]

B2. (a) Elliptical curvilinear coordinates ξ, η, ζ are such that the position vector is given by

$$\bar{r} = (\cos h\xi \cos \eta, \sin h\xi \sin \eta, \zeta),$$

where $0 \leq \xi < \infty, \pi < \eta \leq \pi, -\infty < \zeta < \infty$.

(i) Show that this system is orthogonal.

(ii) Find the Lamé parameters.

(6,4)

(b) For the curvilinear orthogonal coordinates system of q_1, q_2, q_3 the velocity and the components of acceleration are given by

$$\bar{V} = \sum_{l=1}^3 H_l \dot{q}_l \bar{e}_l, \quad a_l = \frac{1}{H_l} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_l} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_l} \right].$$

in the usual notations.

Pass the spherical coordinates. Derive the formulas for

(i) Velocity,

(ii) Acceleration.

(3,7)

QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]

B3. (a) Prove the following formulae

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

(ii) $(\nabla \times \nabla f) = 0$.

(iii) $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{A}) = 0$.

(3,2,4)

(b) Consider a vector field

$$\bar{F} = (\sin y + z)\hat{i} + (x \cos y - z)\hat{j} + (x - y)\hat{k}.$$

(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) Evaluate

$$\int_C z d\bar{r}$$

where C is the curve $\bar{r} = (a \cos t, b \sin t, ct)$ from the point $t = 0$ to the point $t = 2\pi$. (7)

(b) Evaluate

$$\int_C (y - \sin x)dx + \cos x dy,$$

where C is a triangle with the vertices

$(0, 0)$, $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ and $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$

(i) Directly,

(ii) by Green's theorem.

(6,7)

QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]

B5. (a) Apply the divergence theorem to show that for any differentiable vector $\bar{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ it follows

$$\int \int_S (A_x dydz + A_y dzdx + A_z dxdy) = \int \int \int_V \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz$$

in the usual notations.

(5)

(b) Evaluate $\int \int_S \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$ where

$$\bar{A} = 4xz\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j} + yz\hat{k},$$

and S is the surface of the cube bounded by $x = 0, x = 1, y = 0, y = 1, z = 0, z = 1$

(i) Directly.

(ii) Apply the divergence theorem to pass to the triple integral.

(8,7)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER