

COURSE TITLE: VECTOR ANALYSIS

COURSE CODE: SMA 202; TIME: 2 HOURS

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION 1

(a) Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2yz + 4xz^2$ at $(1, -2, -1)$ in the direction $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$. [5mks]

(b) Find the projection of vector $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ on the vector $\mathbf{B} = 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ [4mks]

(c) A particle moves along a curve whose parametric equations are $x = e^{-t}$; $y = 2\cos 3t$ and $z = 2\sin 3t$ where t is the time. Determine the magnitude of the acceleration at $t = 0$. [4mks]

(d) Find the angle θ between the vectors $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1, -1)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (3, -4, 1)$ [4mks]

(e) Given that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = y\mathbf{i} + x^2\mathbf{j}$, evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \, d\mathbf{r}$$

for the following parabolic curve;

$C_1 : r_1(t) = (4-t)\mathbf{i} + (4t-t^2)\mathbf{j}$, $0 \leq t \leq 3$ [6mks]

(f) Find the volume of the parallelepiped with adjacent sides $\mathbf{u} = (2, 1, 3)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 3, 2)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, -2)$ [4mks]

(g) If $\mathbf{A} = (3x^2 + 6y)\mathbf{i} - 14yz\mathbf{j} + 20xz^2\mathbf{k}$, evaluate; $\int \mathbf{A} \, d\mathbf{r}$ from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$ along the following path; $x = t$, $y = t^2$, $z = t^3$ [3mks]

QUESTION 2

(a) A particle moves so that its position vector is given by $\mathbf{r} = \cos\omega t\mathbf{i} + \sin\omega t\mathbf{j}$ where ω is a constant. Show that

(i) the velocity \mathbf{v} of the particle is perpendicular to \mathbf{r} [4mks]

(ii) the acceleration \mathbf{a} is directed towards the origin and has magnitude proportional to the distance from the origin [3mks]

(iii) $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}$ is a constant vector [4mks]

(b) (i) Find the unit tangent on the curve $x = t^2 + 1$, $y = 4t - 3$, $z = 2t^2 - 6t$ [6mks]

(ii) Determine the unit tangent vector at a point where $t = 2$ [3mks]

QUESTION 3

(a) Prove that $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 0$ [4mks]

(b) If $\mathbf{r}_1 = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{r}_3 = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r}_4 = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, find scalars a, b, c such that: $\mathbf{r}_4 = a\mathbf{r}_1 + b\mathbf{r}_2 + c\mathbf{r}_3$. [4mks]

(c) Find the constants a, b , and c such that;

$\mathbf{v} = (x + 2y + az)\mathbf{i} + (bx - 3y - z)\mathbf{j} - (4x + cy + 2z)\mathbf{k}$ is irrotational. [6mks]

(d) If $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{r}$, prove that $\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Curl} \mathbf{v}$ where \mathbf{w} is a constant vector. [6mks]

QUESTION 4

(a) Given that in the xy -plane, a force $F = x^2yi + xy^2j$ acts on a body as it moves between $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$

Determine the work done when the path is

(i) along the line $y = x$ [3mks]

(ii) along the curve $y = x^n$ [3mks]

(iii) along the x -axis to the point $(1, 0)$ and then along the line $x = 1$ [4mks]

(b) Verify Stokes theorem for $\mathbf{A} = (2x - y)\mathbf{i} - yz^2\mathbf{j} - y^2z\mathbf{k}$

where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is its boundary [10mks]

QUESTION 5

(a) Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\mathbf{i} + x^2\mathbf{j} + 3xz^2\mathbf{k}$ is a conservative force field.

Find the work done in moving an object in this field from $(1, -2, 1)$ to

$(3, 1, 5)$ [10mks]

(b) Given that $\vec{F} = 2xz\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j} + y^2\mathbf{k}$, evaluate

$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\mathbf{v}$, where v is the region bounded by the surfaces $x = 0, x = 2,$

$y = 0, y = 6, z = x^2, z = 4$ [10mks]