

## Multivariable Calculus MATH20901, Exam Solutions, January 2017

1. (a) (From first part of course, revision of Calculus 1, trivial unseen example)

(i) With  $F_1 = x^2 + y^3$ ,  $F_2 = \cos x + \sin y$

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial F_1/\partial x & \partial F_1/\partial y \\ \partial F_2/\partial x & \partial F_2/\partial y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 3y^2 \\ -\sin x & \cos y \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) (Following methods in notes, worksheets)

From Taylor series around  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0) = (\frac{1}{2}\pi, 0)$

$$F_1(\mathbf{x}) = F_1(\mathbf{x}_0) + (x - \frac{1}{2}\pi) \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}_0) + y \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}_0) + h.o.t. \approx \frac{1}{4}\pi^2 + (x - \frac{1}{2}\pi)\pi$$

and

$$F_2(\mathbf{x}) = F_2(\mathbf{x}_0) + (x - \frac{1}{2}\pi) \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}_0) + y \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}_0) + h.o.t. \approx -(x - \frac{1}{2}\pi) + y$$

gives answer.

(iii) (Slightly harder part of course material. Similar examples on worksheets.)

The system

$$u = x^2 + y^3, \quad v = \cos x + \sin y$$

is invertible to get  $x = x(u, v)$  and  $y = y(u, v)$  provided the Jacobian  $J_{\mathbf{F}} \neq 0$ . Here

$$J_{\mathbf{F}} = 2x \cos y + 3y^2 \sin x.$$

Along  $x_0 = 0$   $J_{\mathbf{F}} = 0$  so not invertible. Along  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}\pi$   $J_{\mathbf{F}} = \pi \cos y + 3y^2$ . This is always positive as a quick sketch will confirm. Since it doesn't vanish, the system is invertible along this line.

- (b) (i) (First part tests path integral calculation (third part of course). V. similar to notes/examples)

Parametrise circle with  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p}(\theta) = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta)$  for  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Then  $\mathbf{p}'(\theta) = (-a \sin \theta, a \cos \theta)$  and so the integral is

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{-\sin \theta}{a}, \frac{\cos \theta}{a} \right) \cdot (-a \sin \theta, a \cos \theta) d\theta = 2\pi.$$

(ii) (One or two examples on worksheets to follow – a less well trodden part of the course)

Green's theorem in the plane states that if  $\mathbf{G} = (P, Q)$  then

$$\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_S \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

where  $S$  is the interior of  $C$ . Here we have

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

and so

$$\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_S 0 dx dy = 0.$$

(iii) (Unseen. Similar issue referenced in one question on a problem sheet)

They do not agree, but normally they should... the problem here is that  $P$  and  $Q$  are singular at the origin and non-integrable and Green's theorem in the plane (Stokes' theorem) assumes integrability.

2. Tests differential calculus (2nd part of course) and integral calculus (3rd part of course).

(a) (Bookwork)

(i)  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} = \partial x_i / \partial x_i = 3;$

(ii)  $\nabla \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = (x, y, z) / \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \mathbf{r}/r.$

(b) (i) (Homework example)

$$\nabla \cdot (f \nabla g) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} + f \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x_i^2} = \nabla f \cdot \nabla g + f \Delta g$$

(ii) (Bookwork)

By Divergence theorem and using part (i)

$$\int_S \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (f \nabla g) dS = \int_V \nabla \cdot (f \nabla g) dV = \int_V \nabla f \cdot \nabla g + f \Delta g dV$$

and then repeat with  $f$  and  $g$  interchanged and subtract to get result.

(c) (Unseen example, mixture of easier and harder bits.)

In notes we have  $\nabla f(r) = f'(r) \nabla r = f'(r) \mathbf{r}/r$  from chain rule and part (a)(ii). So for  $r < a$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = -\mathbf{r}/a^3$  and for  $r > a$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = -\mathbf{r}/r^3$ . So cts across  $r = a$ . Then for  $r < a$

$$\Delta f = (-1/a^3) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} = -3/a^3$$

whilst for  $r > a$ , using part (b)(i)

$$\Delta f = (-1/r^3) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} - \nabla(1/r^3) \cdot \mathbf{r} = -3/r^3 + 3/r^5 \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 0$$

using part (a) and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = r^2$ . So as required, with  $C = -3/a^3$ .

(d) (Unseen, intended to be more challenging)

With  $\Delta g = 0$ , choose  $f$  from part (c) so that  $\Delta f = -3/a^3$ . Now  $f = 0$  on  $r = a$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla f = (\mathbf{r}/a) \cdot (-\mathbf{r}/a^3)$  on  $r = a$  which equates to  $-1/a^2$  on  $r = a$ . Putting  $f$  and  $g$  into Green's Identity (part (b)(ii)) gives

$$(-3/a^3) \int_V g dV = (-1/a^2) \int_{\partial V} g dS$$

and hence result.

If  $g = 1$ , then  $\Delta g = 0$  and the volume integral is just  $\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3$  whilst the surface integral is  $4\pi a^2$  and hence the formula works.