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**MA1104   Multivariable Calculus**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. This is a closed book examination. Each student is allowed to bring two pieces of A4-size help sheets into the examination room.
2. This examination paper contains a total of **ELEVEN (11)** questions and comprises **SIX (6)** printed pages.
3. Answer **ALL** questions. The marks for each question are indicated at the beginning of the question.
4. Candidates may use calculators. However, they should lay out systematically the various steps in the calculations.

**Question 1.** [13 marks]

Let  $A(1, 1, -1)$ ,  $B(5, 4, -3)$ ,  $C(1, -2, 0)$  and  $D(7, 9, -3)$  be four points.

- (i) Let  $ax + by + cz = 1$  be the equation of the plane containing the triangle  $ABC$ . Determine  $a, b, c$ .
- (ii) Compute the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .
- (iii) Find the distance from  $D$  to the plane in (i).
- (iv) Determine the point  $P$  on the plane in (i) which is nearest to the point  $D$ .

**Warning.** A mistake in (i) will give wrong answers in (ii), (iii) and (iv).

**Question 2.** [12 marks]

**State clearly** if each of the following limits exists:

- (i)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^3}{x^4 + 4y^6}.$
- (ii)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 \cos(x) \sin^3(y)}{x^4 + 4y^6}.$
- (iii)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^\alpha |y|^\beta}{x^4 + 4y^6}$  where  $\alpha = \frac{23}{10}$  and  $\beta = \frac{27}{10}.$

If the limit does not exist, give a proof.

If the limit exists, compute its value.

**Question 3.** [7 marks]

Given  $z = f(x, y)$  satisfies

$$xy^2z + z^3 - 2x + 7 = 0.$$

- (i) Find the equation of the tangent plane at  $P(1, 2, -1)$ .  
Express your answer in the form  $z = ax + by + c$ .
- (ii) Approximate  $f(1.021, 1.993)$ .  
Express your answer to 3 decimal places.

**Question 4.** [8 marks]

Let

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}.$$

- (i) Does  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$  exist?  
If it exists, compute its value.  
If it does not exist, give a proof.
- (ii) Is  $f(x, y)$  a differentiable function at  $(0, 0)$ ?  
Justify your answer.

**Remark.** A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *differentiable* function at  $(0, 0)$  if the partial derivatives  $f_x(0, 0)$  and  $f_y(0, 0)$  exist, and there exist functions  $\epsilon_1(x, y)$  and  $\epsilon_2(x, y)$  such that

$$f(x, y) = f(0, 0) + xf_x(0, 0) + yf_y(0, 0) + x\epsilon_1(x, y) + y\epsilon_2(x, y)$$

where  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \epsilon_1(x, y) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \epsilon_2(x, y) = 0$ .

**Question 5.** [10 marks]

Find all the local maximum points, local minimum points and saddle points of the graph

$$z = 16x^3 - 108xy^3 + 81y^6.$$

**Question 6.** [10 marks]

Given two surfaces  $z = 6x + 8y$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2$ .

- (i) Let  $C$  be the curve which is the intersection of the two surfaces.

Let

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 8, 4, 80 \rangle + t\langle a, b, c \rangle.$$

be the equation of the tangent line of  $C$  at the point  $P(8, 4, 80)$ .

Determine  $a, b, c$ .

- (ii) Compute the volume of the solid bounded by the two surfaces.

**Question 7.** [10 marks]

Let

$$D = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0, x + y + z \leq 1\}$$

denote the tetrahedron.

We consider the change of coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u - uv, \\ y &= uv - uvw, \\ z &= uvw. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Compute the Jacobian  $J(u, v, w)$ .
- (ii) Let  $a, b, c$  be three non-negative integers. Using (i) or otherwise, compute the following triple integral in terms of  $a, b, c$ :

$$\iiint_D x^a y^b z^c dx dy dz.$$

**Hint:** For (ii) you may assume that for a pair of positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the integral

$$\int_0^1 t^m (1-t)^n dt = \frac{m!n!}{(m+n+1)!}$$

where  $m! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots m$ .

**Question 8.** [5 marks]

Let  $D$  be a domain in the first quadrant in the  $xy$ -plane.

We suppose  $D$  has density 1. Let  $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  denote the center of mass of  $D$ .

Let  $V$  be the solid region generated by rotating  $D$  about the  $y$ -axis.

Let  $C$  denote the circle which is the path of  $P$  as  $D$  rotates about the  $y$ -axis.

Prove the Theorem of Pappus:

$$\text{Volume}(V) = \text{Length}(C) \times \text{Area}(D).$$

**Question 9.** [10 marks]

Let

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 3x^2y + 3\sin(yz), x^3 + 3xz\cos(yz), 3xy\cos(yz) \rangle$$

be a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (i) Determine if  $\mathbf{F}$  is a conservative field.  
 If it is a conservative field, find a potential function  $f(x, y, z)$ , i.e.  $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$ .  
 If it is not a conservative field, give a proof.
- (ii) Let  $C$  denote the directed segment  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t(t+1), t^3, (1-t^2)\sin(\pi t) \rangle$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2$ .  
 Compute the line integral

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

**Question 10.** [10 marks]

Let

$$P = \frac{x - y}{x^2 + 4y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \frac{x + 4y}{x^2 + 4y^2}.$$

- (i) Compute  $\oint_{C_1} Pdx + Qdy$  where  $C_1$  is the directed closed path which is an ellipse given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, \sin t \rangle$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .
- (ii) Compute  $\oint_{C_2} Pdx + Qdy$  where  $C_2$  is the directed circle  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 30 \cos t, 30 \sin t \rangle$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .  
(Hint: Do not compute directly.)

**Question 11.** [10 marks]

- (i) Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x^3, y^3, z^3 \rangle$  be a vector field.

Compute  $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  where  $S$  is the unit sphere

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}.$$

- (ii) Let  $\mathbf{G}(x, y, z) = \langle x^2, y^2, z^2 \rangle$  be a vector field.

Compute  $\iint_{S_1} \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  where  $S_1$  is the ellipsoid

$$S_1 = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \frac{(x - 5)^2}{2^2} + \frac{(y - 6)^2}{3^2} + (z + 8)^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

You may assume that the volume of the ellipsoid is  $8\pi$ .

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