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Multivariable Calculus

2.1 Limits and Continuity

Problem 2.1.1 (Fa94) Let the function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfy the following two conditions:

- (i) $f(K)$ is compact whenever K is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n .
- (ii) If $\{K_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence of compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , then

$$f\left(\bigcap_1^\infty K_n\right) = \bigcap_1^\infty f(K_n).$$

Prove that f is continuous.

Problem 2.1.2 (Sp78) Prove that a map $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous only if its graph is closed in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Is the converse true?

Note: See also Problem 1.2.14.

Problem 2.1.3 (Su79) Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set. Suppose that the map $h : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a homeomorphism from U onto \mathbb{R}^n , which is uniformly continuous. Prove $U = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Problem 2.1.4 (Sp89) Let f be a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^2 with the following properties:

1. For each y_0 in \mathbb{R} , the function $x \mapsto f(x, y_0)$ is continuous.

2. For each x_0 in \mathbb{R} , the function $y \mapsto f(x_0, y)$ is continuous.
3. $f(K)$ is compact whenever K is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Prove that f is continuous.

Problem 2.1.5 (Sp91) Let f be a continuous function from the ball $B_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| < 1\}$ into itself. (Here, $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm.) Assume $\|f(x)\| < \|x\|$ for all nonzero $x \in B_n$. Let x_0 be a nonzero point of B_n , and define the sequence (x_k) by setting $x_k = f(x_{k-1})$. Prove that $\lim x_k = 0$.

Problem 2.1.6 (Su78) Let N be a norm on the vector space \mathbb{R}^n ; that is, $N : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} N(x) &\geq 0 \text{ and } N(x) = 0 \text{ only if } x = 0, \\ N(x + y) &\leq N(x) + N(y), \\ N(\lambda x) &= |\lambda|N(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. Prove that N is bounded on the unit sphere.
2. Prove that N is continuous.
3. Prove that there exist constants $A > 0$ and $B > 0$, such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A\|x\| \leq N(x) \leq B\|x\|$.

Problem 2.1.7 (Fa97) A map $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is proper if it is continuous and $f^{-1}(B)$ is compact for each compact subset B of \mathbb{R}^n ; f is closed if it is continuous and $f(A)$ is closed for each closed subset A of \mathbb{R}^m .

1. Prove that every proper map $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed.
2. Prove that every one-to-one closed map $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is proper.

Problem 2.1.8 (Sp83) Suppose that $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous and satisfies

$$\|F(x) - F(y)\| \geq \lambda\|x - y\|$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and some $\lambda > 0$. Prove that F is one-to-one, onto, and has a continuous inverse.

Note: See also Problem 1.2.12.

2.2 Differential Calculus

Problem 2.2.1 (Sp93) Prove that $\frac{x^2 + y^2}{4} \leq e^{x+y-2}$ for $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$.

Problem 2.2.2 (Fa98) Find the minimal value of the areas of hexagons circumscribing the unit circle in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Note: See also Problem 1.1.12.

Problem 2.2.3 (Sp03) Define $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $f(x, 0) = 0$ and

$$f(x, y) = \left(1 - \cos \frac{x^2}{y} \right) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

for $y \neq 0$.

1. Show that f is continuous at $(0, 0)$.
2. Calculate all the directional derivatives of f at $(0, 0)$.
3. Show that f is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

Problem 2.2.4 (Fa86) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^{4/3} \sin(y/x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Determine all points at which f is differentiable.

Problem 2.2.5 (Sp00) Let F , with components F_1, \dots, F_n , be a differentiable map of \mathbb{R}^n into \mathbb{R}^n such that $F(0) = 0$. Assume that

$$\sum_{j,k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial F_j(0)}{\partial x_k} \right|^2 = c < 1.$$

Prove that there is a ball B in \mathbb{R}^n with center 0 such that $F(B) \subset B$.

Problem 2.2.6 (Fa02) Let p be a polynomial over \mathbb{R} of positive degree. Define the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $f(x, y) = (p(x + y), p(x - y))$. Prove that the derivative $Df(x, y)$ is invertible for an open dense set of points (x, y) in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem 2.2.7 (Fa02) Find the most general continuously differentiable function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that the function $h(x, y) = g(x)g(y)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 is constant on each circle with center $(0, 0)$.

Problem 2.2.8 (Sp80, Fa92) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuously differentiable. Assume the Jacobian matrix $(\partial f_i / \partial x_j)$ has rank n everywhere. Suppose f is proper; that is, $f^{-1}(K)$ is compact whenever K is compact. Prove $f(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Problem 2.2.9 (Sp89) Suppose f is a continuously differentiable map of \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2 . Assume that f has only finitely many singular points, and that for each positive number M , the set $\{z \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |f(z)| \leq M\}$ is bounded. Prove that f maps \mathbb{R}^2 onto \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem 2.2.10 (Fa81) Let f be a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^n of class C^2 . A point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a critical point of f if all the partial derivatives of f vanish at x ; a critical point is nondegenerate if the $n \times n$ matrix

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (x) \right)$$

is nonsingular:

Let x be a nondegenerate critical point of f . Prove that there is an open neighborhood of x which contains no other critical points (i.e., the nondegenerate critical points are isolated).

Problem 2.2.11 (Su80) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function whose partial derivatives of order ≤ 2 are everywhere defined and continuous.

1. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a critical point of f (i.e., $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(a) = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$). Prove that a is a local minimum provided the Hessian matrix

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)$$

is positive definite at $x = a$.

2. Assume the Hessian matrix is positive definite at all x . Prove that f has, at most, one critical point.

Problem 2.2.12 (Fa88) Prove that a real valued C^3 function f on \mathbb{R}^2 whose Laplacian,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2},$$

is everywhere positive cannot have a local maximum.

Problem 2.2.13 (Fa01) Let the function u on \mathbb{R}^2 be harmonic, not identically 0, and homogeneous of degree d , where $d > 0$. (The homogeneity condition means that $u(tx, ty) = t^d u(x, y)$ for $t > 0$.) Prove that d is an integer.

Problem 2.2.14 (Su82) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and assume that 0 is a regular value of f (i.e., the differential of f has rank 2 at each point of $f^{-1}(0)$). Prove that $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus f^{-1}(0)$ is arcwise connected.

Problem 2.2.15 (Sp87) Let the transformation T from the subset $U = \{(u, v) \mid u > v\}$ of \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2 be defined by $T(u, v) = (u + v, u^2 + v^2)$.

1. Prove that T is locally one-to-one.
2. Determine the range of T , and show that T is globally one-to-one.

Problem 2.2.16 (Fa91) Let f be a C^1 function from the interval $(-1, 1)$ into \mathbb{R}^2 such that $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) \neq 0$. Prove that there is a number ε in $(0, 1)$ such that $\|f(t)\|$ is an increasing function of t on $(0, \varepsilon)$.

Problem 2.2.17 (Fa80) For a real 2×2 matrix

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{pmatrix},$$

let $\|X\| = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2$, and define a metric by $d(X, Y) = \|X - Y\|$. Let $\Sigma = \{X \mid \det(X) = 0\}$. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the minimum distance from A to Σ and exhibit an $S \in \Sigma$ that achieves this minimum.

Problem 2.2.18 (Su80) Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ denote the ellipsoidal surface defined by

$$2x^2 + (y - 1)^2 + (z - 10)^2 = 1.$$

Let $T \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be the surface defined by

$$z = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}.$$

Prove that there exist points $p \in S$, $q \in T$, such that the line \overline{pq} is perpendicular to S at p and to T at q .

Problem 2.2.19 (Sp80) Let P_2 denote the set of real polynomials of degree ≤ 2 . Define the map $J : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$J(f) = \int_0^1 f(x)^2 dx.$$

Let $Q = \{f \in P_2 \mid f(1) = 1\}$. Show that J attains a minimum value on Q and determine where the minimum occurs.

Problem 2.2.20 (Su79) Let X be the space of orthogonal real $n \times n$ matrices. Let $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Locate and describe the elements of X , where the map

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(A) = \langle v_0, Av_0 \rangle$$

takes its maximum and minimum values.

Problem 2.2.21 (Fa78) Let $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open connected set and f a real valued function on W such that all partial derivatives of f are 0. Prove that f is constant.

Problem 2.2.22 (Sp77) In \mathbb{R}^2 , consider the region A defined by $x^2 + y^2 > 1$. Find differentiable real valued functions f and g on A such that $\partial f/\partial x = \partial g/\partial y$ but there is no real valued function h on A such that $f = \partial h/\partial y$ and $g = \partial h/\partial x$.

Problem 2.2.23 (Sp77) Suppose that $u(x, t)$ is a continuous function of the real variables x and t with continuous second partial derivatives. Suppose that u and its first partial derivatives are periodic in x with period 1, and that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}.$$

Prove that

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right) dx$$

is a constant independent of t .

Problem 2.2.24 (Su77) Let $f(x, t)$ be a C^1 function such that $\partial f/\partial x = \partial f/\partial t$. Suppose that $f(x, 0) > 0$ for all x . Prove that $f(x, t) > 0$ for all x and t .

Problem 2.2.25 (Fa77) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous partial derivatives and satisfy

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x) \right| \leq K$$

for all $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Prove that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \sqrt{n}K \|x - y\|$$

(where $\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$).

Problem 2.2.26 (Fa83, Sp87) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function which is continuously differentiable and whose partial derivatives are uniformly bounded:

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right| \leq M$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$. Show that if $n \geq 2$, then f can be extended to a continuous function defined on all of \mathbb{R}^n . Show that this is false if $n = 1$ by giving a counterexample.

Problem 2.2.27 (Sp79) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Suppose

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x)$$

exists for each $j = 1, \dots, n$.

1. Can f be extended to a continuous map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} ?

2. Assuming continuity at the origin, is f differentiable from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} ?

Problem 2.2.28 (Sp82) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have directional derivatives in all directions at the origin. Is f differentiable at the origin? Prove or give a counterexample.

Problem 2.2.29 (Fa78) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have the following properties: f is differentiable on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, f is continuous at 0, and

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) = 0$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Prove that f is differentiable at 0.

Problem 2.2.30 (Su78) Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a convex open set and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a differentiable function whose partial derivatives are uniformly bounded but not necessarily continuous. Prove that f has a unique continuous extension to the closure of U .

Problem 2.2.31 (Fa78) 1. Show that if $u, v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuously differentiable and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, then $u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, $v = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ for some $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

2. Prove there is no $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Problem 2.2.32 (Su79) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that

$$f^{-1}(0) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \|v\| = 1\}.$$

Suppose f has continuous partial derivatives of orders ≤ 2 . Is there a $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with $\|p\| \leq 1$ such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(p) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(p) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}(p) \geq 0 ?$$

Problem 2.2.33 (Sp92) Let f be a differentiable function from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that there is a differentiable function g from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} having no critical points such that $g \circ f$ vanishes identically. Prove that the Jacobian determinant of f vanishes identically.

Problem 2.2.34 (Fa83) Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth functions with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) \neq 0$. Consider the equation $f(x) = tg(x)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. Show that in a suitably small interval $|t| < \delta$, there is a unique continuous function $x(t)$ which solves the equation and satisfies $x(0) = 0$.
2. Derive the first order Taylor expansion of $x(t)$ about $t = 0$.

Problem 2.2.35 (Sp78) Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + y - z + u^4 &= 0 \\ x - y + 2z + u &= 0 \\ 2x + 2y - 3z + 2u &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

1. Prove that for some $\varepsilon > 0$, the system can be solved for (x, y, u) as a function of $z \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$, with $x(0) = y(0) = u(0) = 0$. Are such functions $x(z)$, $y(z)$ and $u(z)$ continuous? Differentiable? Unique?
2. Show that the system cannot be solved for (x, y, z) as a function of $u \in [-\delta, \delta]$, for all $\delta > 0$.

Problem 2.2.36 (Sp81) Describe the two regions in (a, b) -space for which the function

$$f_{a,b}(x, y) = ay^2 + bx$$

restricted to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, has exactly two, and exactly four critical points, respectively.

Problem 2.2.37 (Fa87) Let u and v be two real valued C^1 functions on \mathbb{R}^2 such that the gradient ∇u is never 0, and such that, at each point, ∇v and ∇u are linearly dependent vectors. Given $p_0 = (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, show that there is a C^1 function F of one variable such that $v(x, y) = F(u(x, y))$ in some neighborhood of p_0 .

Problem 2.2.38 (Fa94) Let f be a continuously differentiable function from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R} . Prove that there is a continuous one-to-one function g from $[0, 1]$ into \mathbb{R}^2 such that the composite function $f \circ g$ is constant.

Problem 2.2.39 (Su84) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 and let

$$\begin{aligned} u &= f(x) \\ v &= -y + xf(x). \end{aligned}$$

If $f'(x_0) \neq 0$, show that this transformation is locally invertible near (x_0, y_0) and the inverse has the form

$$\begin{aligned} x &= g(u) \\ y &= -v + ug(u). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.2.40 (Su78, Fa99) Let $M_{n \times n}$ denote the vector space of real $n \times n$ matrices. Define a map $f : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times n}$ by $f(X) = X^2$. Find the derivative of f .

Problem 2.2.41 (Su82) Let $M_{2 \times 2}$ be the four-dimensional vector space of all 2×2 real matrices and define $f : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$ by $f(X) = X^2$.

1. Show that f has a local inverse near the point

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Show that f does not have a local inverse near the point

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 2.2.42 (Fa80) Show that there is an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that if A is any real 2×2 matrix satisfying $|a_{ij}| \leq \varepsilon$ for all entries a_{ij} of A , then there is a real 2×2 matrix X such that $X^2 + X^t = A$, where X^t is the transpose of X . Is X unique?

Problem 2.2.43 (Sp96) Let $M_{2 \times 2}$ be the space of 2×2 matrices over \mathbb{R} , identified in the usual way with \mathbb{R}^4 . Let the function F from $M_{2 \times 2}$ into $M_{2 \times 2}$ be defined by

$$F(X) = X + X^2.$$

Prove that the range of F contains a neighborhood of the origin.

Problem 2.2.44 (Fa78) Let $M_{n \times n}$ denote the vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices. Prove that there are neighborhoods U and V in $M_{n \times n}$ of the identity matrix such that for every A in U , there is a unique X in V such that $X^4 = A$.

Problem 2.2.45 (Sp79, Fa93) Let $M_{n \times n}$ denote the vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices for $n \geq 2$. Let $\det : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the determinant map.

1. Show that \det is C^∞ .
2. Show that the derivative of \det at $A \in M_{n \times n}$ is zero if and only if A has $\text{rank} \leq n - 2$.

Problem 2.2.46 (Fa83) Let $F(t) = (f_{ij}(t))$ be an $n \times n$ matrix of continuously differentiable functions $f_{ij} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and let

$$u(t) = \text{tr}(F(t)^3).$$

Show that u is differentiable and

$$u'(t) = 3 \text{tr}(F(t)^2 F'(t)).$$

Problem 2.2.47 (Fa81) Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ matrix whose entries a_{ij} are real valued differentiable functions defined on \mathbb{R} . Assume that the determinant $\det(A)$ of A is everywhere positive. Let $B = (b_{ij})$ be the inverse matrix of A . Prove the formula

$$\frac{d}{dt} \log(\det(A)) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{da_{ij}}{dt} b_{ji}.$$

Problem 2.2.48 (Sp03) 1. Prove that there is no continuously differentiable, measure-preserving bijective function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$.

2. Find an example of a continuously differentiable, measure-preserving bijective function $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$.

2.3 Integral Calculus

Problem 2.3.1 (Sp78) What is the volume enclosed by the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1?$$

Problem 2.3.2 (Sp78) Evaluate

$$\iint_{\mathcal{A}} e^{-x^2-y^2} dx dy,$$

where $\mathcal{A} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$.

Problem 2.3.3 (Sp98) Given the fact that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$, evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2+(y-x)^2+y^2)} dx dy.$$

Problem 2.3.4 (Fa86) Evaluate

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} (x^3 - 3xy^2) dx dy,$$

where

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x+1)^2 + y^2 \leq 9, (x-1)^2 + y^2 \geq 1\}.$$

Problem 2.3.5 (Fa98) Let $\varphi(x, y)$ be a function with continuous second order partial derivatives such that

1. $\varphi_{xx} + \varphi_{yy} + \varphi_x = 0$ in the punctured plane $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$,
2. $r\varphi_x \rightarrow \frac{x}{2\pi r}$ and $r\varphi_y \rightarrow \frac{y}{2\pi r}$ as $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow 0$.

Let C_R be the circle $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$. Show that the line integral

$$\int_{C_R} e^x (-\varphi_y dx + \varphi_x dy)$$

is independent of R , and evaluate it.

Problem 2.3.6 (Sp80) Let $\mathcal{S} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ denote the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 . Evaluate the surface integral over \mathcal{S} :

$$\iint_{\mathcal{S}} (x^2 + y + z) dA.$$

Problem 2.3.7 (Sp81) Let \vec{i} , \vec{j} , and \vec{k} be the usual unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . Let \vec{F} denote the vector field

$$(x^2 + y - 4)\vec{i} + 3xy\vec{j} + (2xz + z^2)\vec{k}.$$

1. Compute $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ (the curl of \vec{F}).
2. Compute the integral of $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ over the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$, $z \geq 0$.

Problem 2.3.8 (Sp91) Let the vector field F in \mathbb{R}^3 have the form

$$F(r) = g(\|r\|)r \quad (r \neq (0, 0, 0)),$$

where g is a real valued smooth function on $(0, \infty)$ and $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm. (F is undefined at $(0, 0, 0)$.) Prove that

$$\int_C F \cdot ds = 0$$

for any smooth closed path C in \mathbb{R}^3 that does not pass through the origin.

Problem 2.3.9 (Fa91) Let \mathcal{B} denote the unit ball of \mathbb{R}^3 , $\mathcal{B} = \{r \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \|r\| \leq 1\}$. Let $J = (J_1, J_2, J_3)$ be a smooth vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 that vanishes outside of \mathcal{B} and satisfies $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$.

1. For f a smooth, scalar-valued function defined on a neighborhood of \mathcal{B} , prove that

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} (\nabla f) \cdot \vec{J} \, dx \, dy \, dz = 0.$$

2. Prove that

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} J_1 \, dx \, dy \, dz = 0.$$

Problem 2.3.10 (Fa94) Let \mathcal{D} denote the open unit disc in \mathbb{R}^2 . Let u be an eigenfunction for the Laplacian in \mathcal{D} ; that is, a real valued function of class C^2 defined in $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$, zero on the boundary of \mathcal{D} but not identically zero, and satisfying the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \lambda u,$$

where λ is a constant. Prove that

$$(*) \quad \iint_{\mathcal{D}} |\text{grad } u|^2 \, dx \, dy + \lambda \iint_{\mathcal{D}} u^2 \, dx \, dy = 0,$$

and hence that $\lambda < 0$.

Problem 2.3.11 (Fa03) Let $\lambda, a \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a < 0$. Let $u(x, y)$ be an infinitely differentiable function defined on an open neighborhood of closed unit disc \mathcal{D} such that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \lambda u && \text{in int}(\mathcal{D}) \\ D_n u &= au && \text{in } \partial\mathcal{D}.\end{aligned}$$

Here $D_n u$ denotes the directional derivative of u in the direction of the outward unit normal. Prove that if u is not identically zero in the interior of \mathcal{D} then $\lambda < 0$.

Problem 2.3.12 (Sp92) Let f be a one-to-one C^1 map of \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{R}^3 , and let J denote its Jacobian determinant. Prove that if x_0 is any point of \mathbb{R}^3 and $Q_r(x_0)$ denotes the cube with center x_0 , side length r , and edges parallel to the coordinate axes, then

$$|J(x_0)| = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^{-3} \text{vol}(f(Q_r(x_0))) \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\|f(x) - f(x_0)\|^3}{\|x - x_0\|^3}.$$

Here, $\|\cdot\|$ is the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^3 .



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