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**MTH 332, VECTOR AND TENSOR ANALYSIS**

Answer any Five Questions

1(a) If  $\vec{f}(t)$  and  $\vec{g}(t)$  are differentiable vector functions of  $t$ , simplify the following:

(i)  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d^2 \vec{f}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^3 \vec{f}}{dt^3} \cdot \frac{d^4 \vec{f}}{dt^4} \right), \quad (ii) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{d^3 \vec{f}}{dt^3} \cdot \frac{d \vec{f}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{f}}{dt^2} \right)$

(b) If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ , are vectors, find constants  $\alpha, \mu$  and  $\gamma$  such that  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} = \alpha\vec{a} + \gamma\vec{b} + \mu\vec{c}$

2(a) Using tensor indicial notations, evaluate

$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ .

(b) Show that

$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} + (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times \vec{a} + (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$

(c) Parametrize the following curve with respect to arc length  $s$ .

$x = \sin 3t - 3t \cos 3t + 5$

$y = \cos 3t + 3t \sin 3t + 7, \quad z = 9t^2 + 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$

3. Find the line integral of the tangential component of

$\vec{f} = (x + 2y + z^2)\hat{i} + (y^2 + 2xy + z^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\hat{k}$   
 along the curve  $C$  given by

$x = t, \quad y = 2t^2, \quad z = t^3, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$

4(a) Find a potential  $\phi(x, y, z)$  for the vector field

$\vec{f} = (9x^2ye^z - Z\sin x + 6ze^x + 5)\hat{i}$   
 $+ (3x^3e^z + Z\cos y - y^3z^4 + 7)\hat{j}$   
 $+ (3x^3ye^z + \cos x + \sin y - y^4z^3 + 6e^x + 9)\hat{k}$

*Corrected =  $\frac{\sin 2x}{2}$*

(b) Parametrize the curve below with respect to arc length

$$x = t, y = \sin 3\pi t, z = \cos 3\pi t, 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

5. Find the line integral of

$$\vec{f} = (x^2 + y^2 + 2xy + 1)\mathbf{i} + (2x + y^2 + 2)\mathbf{j}$$

from the point  $(-1, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$  along the following curves

(a) along the  $x$ -axis, (b) along the upper part of the semi-circle

$$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}.$$

6(a) A charged particle of mass 1kg moves along a curve given by

$$r = \frac{1}{1 + 3\cos\theta}, \frac{d\theta}{dt} = e^{-\alpha t} \cos\beta t, \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$$

By differentiating  $\vec{r} = r\hat{U}_r$  (where all terms have their usual meanings),

find (i)  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ , (ii)  $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$ .

(b) Find the Coriolis acceleration.