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All unnecessary electronics must be turned off and out of sight. This means no calculator, cellular phones, iPods, wearing of headphones, or anything of the sort. This is a closed book and closed notes test.

Problem 1: (10 points) [Divergence theorem] Let D be the cube cut from the first octant by the planes $x = 1$, $y = 1$, and $z = 1$. Find the outward flux of the vector field $\vec{F} = x^2 \hat{i} + y^2 \hat{j} + z^2 \hat{k}$ across the surface of the cube.

Solution: Let S be the surface of the cube D . We notice that S is a closed surface. Then the outward flux across the surface of the cube is $\oiint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) d\sigma$. Using the Divergence theorem, we have

$$\oiint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) d\sigma = \iiint_D (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) dV.$$

We compute

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = 2x + 2y + 2z.$$

Therefore the outward flux of the vector field \vec{F} across the surface of the cube is

$$\begin{aligned} \oiint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) d\sigma &= \iiint_D (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) dV \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (2x + 2y + 2z) dz dy dx \\ &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2: (10 points) [Stokes' theorem] Suppose $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$, where

$$\vec{A} = (y + \sqrt{z}) \hat{i} + e^{xyz} \hat{j} + \cos(xz) \hat{k}.$$

Determine the flux of \vec{F} outward through the hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0$.

[Hint: Boundary of the hemisphere is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0$.]

Solution: Let us denote the hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0$ by S . From the definition of flux, the outward flux of \vec{F} through the surface of S is $\iint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) d\sigma$, where \hat{n} is the outward unit normal vector to S . But it is given that $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$. Therefore using the Stokes' theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) d\sigma &= \iint_S [(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot \hat{n}] d\sigma \\ &= \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}, \quad (\text{Stokes' theorem}) \end{aligned}$$

where C is the boundary of the hemisphere S .

We observe that the boundary of the hemisphere S is the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0$ on the xy -plane, which can be parametrized as

$$\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

Note that the above circle is oriented counter-clockwise. Since we are finding the outward flux through the hemisphere, the unit normal vector \hat{n} is pointed towards the outward direction, which matches with the counter-clockwise rotation of a screw on the surface. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin t \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (-\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin^2 t + \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2t) + \cos t \right] dt \\ &= -\pi. \end{aligned}$$