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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT : MATH1402A**  
**PATTERN**

**MODULE NAME : Mathematical Methods 2**

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**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours 0 Minutes**

All questions may be answered, but only marks obtained on the best **four** questions will count. The use of an electronic calculator is **not** permitted in this examination.

1. a) Write down the formula of the linear Taylor's approximation of a function  $f(x, y)$  near a point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .  
What can we say about the rate of this approximation?
- b) Show that the tangent plane to the graph of a function  $f(x, y)$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$  is a horizontal plane if and only if  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \mathbf{0}$ .
- c) For the function  $f(x, y) = x + e^{xy}$  find the equation of its tangent plane at the point  $(1, 0, 2)$ .
- d) For the function  $f$  from Part (c), find a vector  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  which is orthogonal to  $\nabla f(1, 0)$ .

2. a) Let  $R$  be a region on the  $xy$ - plane defined by

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, \quad x \geq 0, \quad y \leq 0.$$

Find the integral

$$\iint_R e^{(x^2+y^2)} x^2 dx dy.$$

- b) Let the surface  $S$  be the graph of the function  $f(x, y) = \exp(x + y)$ , where  $(x, y)$  satisfy

$$|x| + |y| \leq 2.$$

Find the surface integral

$$\iint_S z^2 dS.$$

[Hint: Use the change of variables:  $u = x + y$ ,  $v = x - y$ .]

3. a) State the Divergence Theorem carefully.
- b) Let  $D$  be a cylinder,

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq z \leq 2.$$

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a vector field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (1 - a^2)x^3\mathbf{i} + (1 - a^2)y^3\mathbf{j} + (x^2 + y^2)z\mathbf{k},$$

where  $a$  is a real number. Find the flux of  $\mathbf{F}$  through  $S$ , where  $S$  is the surface surrounding  $D$ .

- c) Let  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $S$  be as in Part (b). Find the values of  $a$  when the flux is equal to 0.
- d) Use the Divergence Theorem to prove the First Green's identity:

$$\iiint_V (f \nabla^2 g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g) \, dx dy dz = \iint_S f \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \, dS.$$

Here  $f(x, y, z)$ ,  $g(x, y, z)$  are smooth functions in a bounded domain  $V \subset \mathcal{R}^3$ ,  $S$  is a smooth surface surrounding  $V$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  is an outward-looking unit normal to  $V$ .

4. a) State Stoke's Theorem carefully.  
b) Verify Stoke's Theorem for the vector field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = y\mathbf{i} + 2z\mathbf{j} + xz\mathbf{k}$$

and the surface  $S$  defined by

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25, \quad z \geq 4.$$

5. a) State Green's Theorem in the plane carefully.  
b) Sketch the closed curve  $C$  which is described as follows: Begin at point  $(0, 0)$  and go to the point  $(\pi, 0)$  along the straight line. Then go back to  $(0, 0)$  along the curve described by the equation  $y = \sin(x)$ . This description also gives a correct orientation of  $C$ .  
c) Let

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = y\mathbf{i} + (x^2y + \exp(y^2))\mathbf{j}.$$

Use Green's Theorem to calculate the circulation of  $\mathbf{F}$  around  $C$ .

6. a) Describe the necessary and sufficient conditions such that, for any  $\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_1 \in \mathcal{R}^3$ , the integral  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  is independent of the choice of  $C$  and depends only on  $\mathbf{X}_0$  and  $\mathbf{X}_1$ .  
b) Let

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{2xz}{1+x^2z}\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + \frac{x^2}{1+x^2z}\mathbf{k}.$$

Show that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$  and find a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ .

c) Let

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{2xz}{1+x^2z} \mathbf{i} + (x+y)\mathbf{j} + \frac{x^2}{1+x^2z} \mathbf{k}.$$

Let  $C$  be a unit circle centered at  $\mathbf{O} = (0, 0, 0)$  lying in the plane  $y = z$ .

Find

$$\oint_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

[Hint: Use Part (b).]