

Calculus: further exercises

*This sheet must not be used in isolation. It does **not** aim to cover everything in the exam - only to give you an idea of what to expect. You need to thoroughly revise the material covered in lectures and exercise sheets as well. The examination questions do **not** remind you of any relevant formulae nor do they contain any hints.*

This sheet does not have the actual format of the examination paper. In the actual exam you will answer 4 questions from 6, and each question is broken up into sub-questions with no further choice.

Please further note that **Q1-6** below are not technically part of this syllabus any more. However I leave them here because the techniques involved to answer them come up in other topics that **are** in the current syllabus.

1. Calculate $(1, 3, -2) \times (-1, 5, 7)$ and $(1, 3, -2) \cdot (-1, 5, 7)$
2. Find a unit vector that is perpendicular to both $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$.
3. Find the equation of the plane that contains the point $(-1, 2, 7)$ and is parallel to the vectors $2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{k}$.
4. Find the distance from the point $(2, -1, 3)$ to the plane $2x + 4y - z + 1 = 0$.
5. Find the cartesian equation of the plane through the points $(1, 2, 1)$, $(3, 1, -2)$ and $(2, 1, 4)$.
6. If two planes are parallel, with normal vector \mathbf{n} , show that the distance between them is

$$\frac{|\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1)|}{|\mathbf{n}|}$$

where \mathbf{a}_1 is the position vector of a point on one of the planes, and \mathbf{a}_2 the position vector of a point on the other plane.

7. Let $w = f(u, v)$ where $u = x/y$ and $v = z/y$. Show that

$$x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0.$$

8. Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ at $(-2, 2)$ in the direction $-\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$.
9. Find the stationary points of the function $z = 3xy - x^3 - y^3 + 2$ and determine their nature.
10. Evaluate $\iint_D \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} dA$ where D is the region bounded by the lines $y = x$, $y = 2x$, $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
11. Sketch the region of integration giving rise to the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_y^{2-y} \frac{x+y}{x^2} e^{x+y} dx dy.$$

Show that the transformation $u = x + y$, $v = y/x$ transforms the integral into

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^2 e^u du dv$$

and hence evaluate it.

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12. Show that

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b (y-x)(f(y) - f(x)) dx dy = (b-a) \left(2 \int_a^b xf(x) dx - (b+a) \int_a^b f(x) dx \right).$$

Deduce that if f is increasing on $[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0$ then

$$\frac{\int_a^b xf(x) dx}{\int_a^b f(x) dx} > \frac{a+b}{2}.$$

13. In terms of spherical polar coordinates describe the region V , where V is (a) the region inside the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$, (b) the region inside the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$ and above the plane $z = 3$.

14. Use cylindrical polar coordinates to find the volume of the solid bounded by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ and the plane $z = 9$.

15. Let k be some given constant. Find the maximum value of the function $f(x, y, z) = (xyz)^{1/3}$ subject to the constraint that the nonnegative numbers x, y and z satisfy $x + y + z = k$. Use your result to show that

$$(xyz)^{1/3} \leq \frac{x+y+z}{3}.$$

16. Let C be a closed curve in the (x, y) plane and D be the region enclosed by C . If u and v are functions of x and y show that

$$\int_C (u \nabla v) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) dA.$$

17. Show that if f is harmonic (i.e. it satisfies Laplace's equation $\nabla^2 f = 0$) then

$$\iint_{\partial V} f \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_V |\nabla f|^2 dV.$$

18. Show that

$$\iint_{\partial V} (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_V (f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f) dV.$$

19. Show that

$$\iint_{\partial V} (\nabla f \times \nabla g) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0.$$

20. Evaluate $\iint_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$ where $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} - 2xy\mathbf{j} + 3xz\mathbf{k}$ and V is the part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4$ which lies in the first octant.

Answers/hints:

1. $(31, -5, 8), 0$

2. $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}(1, -5, -1)$ or $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}(-1, 5, 1)$

3. $15x + 11y + 3z = 28$

4. $2/\sqrt{21}$

5. $6x + 9y + z = 25$

6. Draw a diagram. Let A_1 be the point with position vector \mathbf{a}_1 , and P the point on the other plane closest to A_1 . Let A_2 be the point with position vector \mathbf{a}_2 . Consider the round trip

$O \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow P \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow O$. Proceed similarly to the proof of the formula for the minimum distance between skew lines.

8. $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

9. $(0, 0)$ saddle, $(1, 1)$ maximum

10. Do the integration with respect to y first. Answer: $(\tan^{-1} 2 - \pi/4) \ln 2$, which can be simplified to $(\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}) \ln 2$.

11. Region of integration is the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(2, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. Answer: $e^2 - 1$.

12. Start by expanding out the integrand.

13. (a) $0 \leq r \leq 5$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$. (b) $3 \sec \theta \leq r \leq 5$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$, $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$.

14. $81\pi/2$

15. $k/3$

16. Use Green's theorem.

17-18. Apply Gauss's theorem with \mathbf{F} chosen suitably.

19. Apply Gauss's theorem and then use some of the formulae for div and curl presented in lectures.

20. Apply Gauss's theorem. You then need to find $\iiint_V 3x \, dV$. Do this by transforming to spherical polars. Answer: 3π .