## MA 302: Practice Exam 1

- (1) Let  $F(x, y) = (x^2y, y^2x, 3x 2yx)$ . Find the derivative of F.
- (2) Let F(x,y) = (x y, x + y) and let  $G(x,y) = (x \cos y, x \sin y)$ . Find the derivative of  $F \circ G$  using the chain rule.
- (3) Suppose that a rotating circle of radius 1 is travelling through the plane, so that at time t seconds the center of the circle is at the point (t, sin t). Let P be the point on the circle which is at (0, 1) at time t = 0. If the circle makes 3 revolutions per second, what is the path x(t) taken by the point P?
- (4) A rotating circle of radius 1 follows a helical path in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  so that at time t the center of the circle is at  $(\sin t, \cos t, t)$ . At each time t, the circle lies in the osculating plane. (That is, the circle lies in the plane spanned by the unit tangent and the unit normal vectors.) Let P be the point on the circle which is at (1,0) at time t = 0. The circle completes one rotation every  $2\pi$  seconds. Find a formula  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  for the path taken by the point P.
- (5) Explain what it means for curvature to be an intrinsic quantity.
- (6) Prove that the curvature at any point of a circle of radius r is 1/r.
- (7) A particle is following the path  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$  for  $1 \le t \le 5$ . Find an integral representing the distance travelled by the particle after t seconds.
- (8) Let  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (t^2, 3t^2)$  for  $t \ge 1$ . Reparameterize  $\mathbf{x}$  by arc length.
- (9) Suppose that x(t) is a path in ℝ<sup>n</sup> such that x(0) = a and x(1) = b (that is, x is a path joining a to b.) Find a path which has the same image as x but which joins b to a.
- (10) Let x: [a, b] → ℝ<sup>n</sup> be a path with x'(t) ≠ 0 for all t. Let y = x ∘ φ be an orientation reversing reparameterization of x. Suppose that f: ℝ<sup>2</sup> → ℝ is integrable. Prove that ∫<sub>x</sub> f ds = ∫<sub>x</sub> f ds.
- (11) Let  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (t \cos t, t \sin t)$  for  $0 \le t \le 2\pi$ . Let  $f(x, y) = y \cos x$ . Let F(x, y) = (-y, x). Find one-variable integrals representing  $\int_{\mathbf{x}} f \, ds$  and  $\int_{\mathbf{x}} F \cdot d\mathbf{s}$ .

- (12) The gravitation vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $F(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}/||\mathbf{x}||^3$ . Find an integral representing the amount of work required to move an object through the vector field F along the path  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (t \cos t, t \sin t, t)$  for  $1 \le t \le 2\pi$ .
- (13) Let F(x, y) = (ax+by, cx+dy) be a transformation of space, where a, b, c, d are constants such that  $ad bc \neq 0$ . Suppose that an object is moving in a circle  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$ . Let  $\mathbf{y}(t) = F(\mathbf{x}(t))$ . If all forces stop acting on an object following the path  $\mathbf{y}$  at time  $t = \pi$ , where will the object be 3 seconds later?
- (14) Let F(x, y) = (-x, y)
  - (a) Sketch a portion of the vector field F(x, y) = (-x, y).
  - (b) Sketch a flow line for the vector field starting at (1, 1).
  - (c) Find a parameterization for the flow line starting at (1, 1).
  - (d) The vector field F is a gradient field. Find the potential function.
- (15) Let R be the region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by the lines x = 0, y = x and y = -x + 2. Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ . Find  $\iint_R f \, dA$ .
- (16) Let  $f(x, y) = ye^x$ . Find the gradient of f.
- (17) Let  $F(x, y, 0) = (ye^x, xe^{y^2}, 0)$ . Find the divergence of F.
- (18) Let  $F(x, y, z) = (xyz, xe^{y} \ln(z), x^{2} + y^{2} + z^{2})$ . Find the curl of F.
- (19) Find the curl of your answer to problem 16.
- (20) Find the divergence of your answer to problem 18.