

Homework #1 (10 points) - Show all work on the following problems:

Problem 1 (1 point): Find the gradients of the following functions:

(a) $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^3 + z^4$.

(b) $f(x, y, z) = e^x \sin(y) \ln(z)$

Problem 2 (1 point): Find the divergence and the curl of the following function:

$$\vec{A}(x, y, z) = xy\hat{x} + 2yz\hat{y} + 3zx\hat{z}$$

Problem 3 (1 point): Prove that the divergence of a curl is always zero.

Problem 4 (3 points): Calculate the line integral of the function $\vec{A}(x, y, z) = x^2\hat{x} + 2yz\hat{y} + y^2\hat{z}$ over each of the following three paths:

(a) $(0,0,0) \rightarrow (1,0,0) \rightarrow (1,1,0) \rightarrow (1,1,1)$

(b) $(0,0,0) \rightarrow (0,0,1) \rightarrow (0,1,1) \rightarrow (1,1,1)$

(c) Along the direct straight line from $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$

Problem 5 (2 points): Check Stokes' theorem $\iint (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{da} = \oint \vec{A} \cdot \vec{dl}$ for the function $\vec{A}(x, y, z) = xy\hat{x} + 2yz\hat{y} + 3zx\hat{z}$, for a triangular area with ordered vertices $(0,0,0)$, $(0,2,0)$, and $(0,0,2)$.

Problem 6 (2 points): Check the divergence theorem $\iiint (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) dV = \oiint \vec{A} \cdot \vec{da}$ for the function $\vec{A}(r, \theta, \phi) = r^2\hat{r}$, using as your volume a sphere of radius R centered at the origin.